

THE AUGUST 12, 2009 REGULAR/WORKSHOP TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:35 PM BY THE MAYOR, MARYANN MERLINO.

NOTICE OF TIME AND DATE FOR THIS MEETING APPEARED IN RESOLUTION #2009-6 DATED JANUARY 4, 2009 WHICH WAS SENT TO THE RECORD BREEZE AND COURIER-POST NEWSPAPERS AS A LEGAL NOTICE. ALSO, COPIES OF RESOLUTION #2009-6 WERE SENT TO THE RECORD BREEZE, COURIER-POST AND INQUIRER NEWSPAPERS, AND A COPY IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW".

OPENING PRAYER:

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

Committeeman Condo - Present
Committeewoman Finnerty - Present
Committeeman Halbert - Present
Committeeman Hamilton - Present
Mayor Merlino - Present

ALSO PRESENT:

Virginia L. Chandler, Township Clerk - Present
Lawrence C. Ruocco, Township Administrator - Present
John Kearney, Esquire for John P. Maroccia, Township Solicitor - Present
Christopher J. Noll, Environmental Resolutions, Inc., Township Engineer - Present
Barbara J. Fegley, Environmental Resolutions, Inc., COAH Matter - Present

DISPLAY OF TOWNSHIP NEW FIRE TRUCK: THE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED ONE OF THEIR NEW FIRE TRUCKS. IT IS ONE OF TWO TRUCKS ORDERED. THE SECOND TRUCK IS PRESENTLY BEING OUTFITTED FOR SERVICE. IN FRONT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON DISPLAY IS THE COMPLETED TRUCK FOR ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT IT.

PRESENTATIONS:

WELCOME HOME: TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICER RONALD TURNER FROM A TOUR OF DUTY IN IRAQ.

WELCOME HOME: TOWNSHIP RESIDENT NIKKI SIMPSON FROM TOUR OF DUTY IN KUWAIT AND NOW BEING DEPLOYED TO IRAQ IN SEPTEMBER.

PRESENTATION OF A WELCOME HOME BASKET BY THE WATERFORD TOWNSHIP WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE TO TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICER RONALD TURNER RETURNING HOME FROM A TOUR OF DUTY IN IRAQ.

PRESENTATION OF A WELCOME HOME BASKET BY THE WATERFORD TOWNSHIP WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE TO NIKKI SIMPSON RETURNING FROM A TOUR OF DUTY IN KUWAIT AND NOW BEING DEPLOYED TO IRAQ IN SEPTEMBER.

THE GOLD STAR MOTHERS PRESENTED A PIN TO THE MOTHERS OF RONALD TURNER AND NIKKI SIMPSON.

THE MAYOR DRAPED A RED, WHITE AND BLUE SCARF AROUND THE NECK OF RONALD TURNER AND NIKKI SIMPSON.

CONGRATULATIONS: TO THE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPLORERS FOR TAKING FIRST PLACE IN THE BUCKET BRIGADE CONTEST.

MAYOR'S AWARD: PRESENTED TO STEVEN GATTO FOR THE MEDALS HE RECEIVED IN THE USA COLLEGE ARCHERY PROGRAM.

EMERGENCY ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA: (None Submitted)

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES: (None Submitted)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christopher J. Noll: Township Engineer, Environmental Resolutions, Inc.:

Barbara J. Fegley: Environmental Resolutions, Inc.: COAH Matter

MARYANN MERLINO:

Mayor
Library Chairman
Director of Buildings and Grounds

ROEDER D. HALBERT:

Deputy Mayor
Director of Public Works

CHARLES HAMILTON:

Director of Public Safety

RALPH J. CONDO:

Director of Finance
Liaison to the School Board
Liaison to the Environmental Commission

PAMELA FINNERTY:

Director of Construction and Zoning & Code Enforcement
Director of Recreation

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING: (FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Charles Baumer, American Legion read a statement requesting the Township consider a quick claim deed to give Block 18, Lot 4.01 to the Legion indicating that area should be for the veterans.

Dave Thomas, War Memorial Committee noted the foundation has been placed in the ground for the Gold Star Mother's Monument. He noted the War Memorial Committee takes care of the property located on Block 18, Lot 4.01 with the assistance of two contractors that volunteer their services. He noted Rolling Thunder has gifted the monument.

Brenda Einhorn, Rolling Thunder voiced her support of the Gold Star Mothers and the Placement of the Monument on Block 18, Lot 4.01.

Keith Pratley, Rolling Thunder voiced his support of the Gold Star Mothers and the placement of the Monument on Block 18, Lot 4.01.

Brenda Einhorn, Rolling Thunder noted the junior members of Rolling Thunder voted to donate the funds they made to the monument for Waterford Township.

Keith Pratley, Rolling Thunder noted the foundation is in the ground.

Judy Tapper, War Memorial Committee and a Gold Star Mother voiced her support of the placement of the Gold Star Mother's Monument in the location chosen by Rolling Thunder on Block 18, Lot 4.01.

William Richardson, Bartram Avenue offered to set up a meeting between the American Legion and the War Memorial Committee to assist in resolving the matter of the placement of the Gold Star Mother's Monument.

Tony Clark, War Memorial Committee voiced his support of the Gold Star Mother's and noted it should not be one organization against another organization.

John Kearney, Esquire filling in for the Township Solicitor, John Maroccia Esquire recommended the Township retain the property where the monuments are located. He noted an organization could sell the property and that is why the property where the monuments are located should remain with the Township.

Al Campbell, American Legion noted he sees nothing wrong with the location of the placement of the Gold Star Mother's Monument. He noted the foundation has already been placed in the ground. He mentioned a lack of communication between the American Legion and the War Memorial Committee. He thanked Rolling Thunder for gifting the Gold Star Mother's Monument and selecting Waterford Township for the placement of the monument. He noted the placement ceremony of the Monument is scheduled for October 4, 2009.

Keith Pratley, Rolling Thunder noted he has heard good things this evening about the Gold Star Mother's Monument.

Paul Giunta, Rolling Thunder voiced his support of the Gold Star Mother's Monument being placed on Block 18, Lot 4.01.

Bob DiClementi, American Legion noted he supports the Gold Star Mother's Monument but that he does not agree with the location of the placement of the monument. He noted that area should be reserved for veterans only.

Dennis Zorzi, American Legion noted he supports the Gold Star Mother's Monument but does not agree with the location of the placement on the monument.

Dave Srarano, Rolling thunder noted many Gold Star Mothers are also veterans.

Dave Thomas, War Memorial Committee noted the American Legion could loose their charter and that the State Legion Agent agrees the Township should own the property where the monument is to be placed.

Brenda Einhorn, Rolling Thunder noted the foundation for the monument has already been placed.

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

APPLICATIONS:

a. Contractor Registrations:

1. Handex Consulting and Remediation

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Hamilton to approve item a under applications.

Voice Vote:

Committeeman Condo - Yes

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Halbert - Yes

Committeeman Hamilton - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

COMMUNICATIONS:

AFFIDAVIT OF TAX BILL MAILING:

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Finnerty to acknowledge the Affidavit of Tax Bill Mailing submitted by Anita M. Wilson, Certified Tax Collector.

Voice Vote:

Committeeman Condo - Yes

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Halbert - Yes

Committeeman Hamilton - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CONFIRMATION OF MOTION OF MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE FROM THE JULY 22, 2009 MEETING WHERE THEY AUTHORIZED THE WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE TO PLACE THE GOLD STAR MOTHER'S MONUMENT ON THE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY ON BLOCK 18, LOT 4.01 LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE AMERICAN LEGION ON ATCO AVENUE PROVIDING THAT THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP.

THE GOLD STAR MOTHER'S MONUMENT IS BEING GIFTED BY ROLLING THUNDER CHAPTER 2 OF NEW JERSEY.

THE OWNERSHIP WAS SEARCHED BY THE TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND CONFIRMED WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN. THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR GAVE HIS OPINION THAT THE TOWNSHIP DOES OWN THE PROPERTY.

Moved by Finnerty, 2nd by Hamilton to accept the Township's Solicitor's opinion that the Township does own the property Block 18, Lot 4.01 located adjacent to the American Legion on Atco Avenue.

Voice Vote:

- Committeeman Condo - Yes
- Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes
- Committeeman Halbert - Yes
- Committeeman Hamilton - Yes
- Mayor Merlino - Yes

2. RESEARCH IS IN PROGRESS FOR REVISIONS TO ORDINANCES REGULATING ANIMALS/LIVE STOCK.

3. RESEARCH IS IN PROGRESS FOR GRANT MONEY FOR THE CLEAN UP OF PROPERTIES ON THE WHITE HORSE PIKE.

4. VERIZON HAS AGREED TO TELEVISION TOWNSHIP MEETINGS.

5. LOUDEN FIRE COMPANY ISSUE REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE LOUDEN FIRE COMPANY BUILDING AND PROPERTY.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: (None Submitted)

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2009-198

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE YEAR 2009 BUDGET (CHAPTER 159) REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 REGARDING THE RECREATION FACILITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATERFORD RECREATION COMPLEX. (REQUIRES (4) FOUR YES VOTES)

RESOLUTION #2009-199

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION GRANT (SCG) APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA).

Resolution #2009-200

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES DUE TO APPEAL ON BLOCK 266.01, LOT 28.

Resolution #2009-201

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF TAXES FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN ON BLOCK 62, LOT 3.

Resolution #2009-202

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF TAXES FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN ON BLOCK 223.01, LOT 32.

Resolution #2009-203

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF TAXES FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN ON BLOCK 603, LOT 34.14.

Resolution #2009-204

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION AND THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR AN IRRIGATION POND AT 1672 CONRAD AVENUE IN WATERFORD TOWNSHIP.

Resolution #2009-205

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS, INC. TO PERFORM PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD REGARDING THE COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING (COAH).

Resolution #2009-206

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH AFFORDABLE PAVING CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE WEST GENNESSEE AVENUE CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT. (SIGNED PURCHASE ORDER SERVING AS THE CONTRACT)

Resolution #2009-207

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY CHANGE ORDER TO AFFORDABLE PAVING CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE WEST GENNESSEE AVENUE EMERGENCY CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT CHANGE ORDER #1/FINAL.

Resolution #2009-208

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS EXPANSION PROJECT TO MIDDLE 10 CONTRACTORS, LLC. (BASE BID ONLY)
(See Attached Bidders Spread Sheet)

Resolution #2009-209

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVING OF THE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A PERGOLA AT ROTARY PARK LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

Resolution#2009-210

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF TAXES FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VET ON BLOCK 84, LOT 6.

Resolution #2009-211

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF ESCROW FEES PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING/ZONING BOARD RECORDING SECRETARY.

Resolution #2009-212

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW WINDOWS FOR THE WATERFORD TOWNSHIP LIBRARY FROM RMI REMOLDING AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$6,400.00 CONTINGENT THAT AN INSURANCE CERTIFICATE NAMING THE TOWNSHIP AS ADDITIONAL INSURED IS SUBMITTED.

Moved by Hamilton, 2nd by Condo to adopt Resolution #2009-198 through Resolution #2009-212.

Poll Vote:

- Committeeman Condo - Yes
- Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes
- Committeeman Halbert - Yes
- Committeeman Hamilton - Yes
- Mayor Merlino - Yes

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

a.	Current Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$2,763,088.74
b.	Capital Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$2,168.00
c.	Utility Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$155,836.86
d.	Forfeited Property Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$60.00
e.	State Grant Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$9,835.89
f.	Planning Board Escrow Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$3,537.00

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Finnerty to approve and pay the above bills as submitted if documentation is present and when funds are available.

Voice Vote:

- Committeeman Condo - Yes
- Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes
- Committeeman Halbert - Yes
- Committeeman Hamilton - Yes
- Mayor Merlino - Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING:

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Ron Passarella, Almira Avenue voiced his approval of the meeting the Township held regarding the State Mandate for all School Districts to become K-12. He requested the Waterford Township Businessman’s Association be posted on the Township Web Page.

Al Campbell, Environmental Commission noted the Environmental Commission needs additional members. He noted that the public should attend the School Board Meetings and keep informed about the K-12 Matter. He inquired about the property located on Block 18, Lot 4.01 regarding the placing of the Gold Star Mother’s Monument. He thanked the Committee.

Bill Richardson, Bellevue Avenue noted the portion on the tax bills are as follows: School 50%, County 25% and Township 25%.

Paul Controvich, Hopewell Road voiced his displeasure with the cut and leave grass policy.

Robert Gardner, Oak Knoll Road voiced his support of the cut and leave grass policy.

Brian Welsh, Front Street, Sapling Way voiced his displeasure of the cut and leave grass policy.

Ron Passarella, Almira Avenue voiced his support of the cut and leave grass policy.

Judi Tapper, Raritan Avenue noted there are tires sitting on her neighbor's property and inquired about what can be done with old tires.

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

ISSUES FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:

CLOSING PRAYER:

ADJOURNMENT: (9:45 PM)

Moved by Hamilton, 2nd by Finnerty to adjourn.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Committeeman Condo - Yes

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Halbert - Yes

Committeeman Hamilton - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT – ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS, INC.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Virginia L. Chandler, RMC
Township Clerk

