

THE APRIL 28, 2010 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 #2010-6 DATED JANUARY 6, 2010 WHICH WAS SENT TO THE RECORD BREEZE AND COURIER-POST NEWSPAPERS AS A LEGAL NOTICE. ALSO, COPIES OF RESOLUTION #2010-6 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 P. Maroccia, Township Solicitor - Present

PRESENTATIONS: (None Submitted)

CLOSED SESSION: (AS NEEDED) (None Submitted)

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

MINUTES:

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| 1. Budget Workshop Meeting | March 6, 2010 |
| 2. Regular Meeting | March 10, 2010 |
| 3. Regular/Workshop Meeting | March 24, 2010 |
| 4. Regular/Workshop Meeting Closed Session | March 24, 2010 |

Moved by Hamilton, 2nd by Finnerty to approve the minutes items #1, #2 and #3.

Poll Vote:

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

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES: (None Submitted)

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

a. Clerk Report: (March)	TOTAL	\$4,340.34
b. Construction Official Report: (March)	TOTAL	\$5,937.00
c. Court Report: (March)	TOTAL	\$26,789.15
d. Tax Collector Report - Tax Report: (March)	TOTAL	\$446,659.23
e. Tax Collector Report - Redemption Report: (March)	TOTAL	\$3,688.89
f. Tax Collector Report - Utility Report: (March)	TOTAL	\$21,973.14
g. Treasurer Report: (February)	TOTAL	\$5,163,827.20
h. Treasurer Report: (March)	TOTAL	\$3,609,030.92

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Halbert to accept the above Financial Reports as submitted.

Voice Vote:

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

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

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

(THERE WERE NO COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC)

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

APPLICATIONS:

- a. Raffle License Applications:
 - 1. Waterford Township EMS, INC. RA-498
- b. Tattooing and Body Piercing Applications:
 - 1. Backstage Tattoos

Moved by Halbert, 2nd by Hamilton to approve the above applications.

Voice Vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSIONS:

1. STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTABLES TAXES: Statement of Uncollectable Taxes for the Year 2009 as reported by the Certified Tax Collector, Anita M. Wilson

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Hamilton to acknowledge the Statement of Uncollectable Taxes as submitted by the Tax Collector.

Voice Vote:

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

2. PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER POSITION: Discussion on the hiring of a Public Works Manager for the Township of Waterford due to the retirement of the former Public Works Manager.

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Finnerty to direct the Township Administrator to advertise for the position as discussed.

Voice Vote:

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

3. CONSTRUCTION OFFICE FEES: Discussion on the increasing of the fees for the Construction Office pursuant to the recommendation of the Township Construction Official.

John Holroyd, Construction Official and Edward Toussaint, Building Inspector explained the need to increase the Construction Office Fees.

Moved by Hamilton, 2nd by Halbert to direct the Township Solicitor to prepare an ordinance to increase the Construction Office Fees as discussed.

Voice Vote:

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

4. BUDGET MATTERS: Update on Year 2010 Budget.

The Director of Finance, Ralph Condo gave an update on the Budget as it stands. He explained at the present time the Township Budget is at an eleven (11) cent increase. This increase is primarily due to reduction in State Aid and contract obligated increases.

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Finnerty to develop and implement a 10% red line on all Township Department Budgets, continue the spending freeze and work with the Township Administrator, and the Chief Financial Officer to continue searching for options for budget cuts in an effort to amend the Township Budget as discussed.

Voice Vote:

Committeeman Condo - Yes

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Halbert - Yes

Committeeman Hamilton - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

5. COMCAST OF SOUTH JERSEY, LLC: Application for Renewal of Municipal Consent to Construct and Operate a Cable TV System in the Township of Waterford.

Notation: A public hearing must be scheduled no sooner than 60 days, or later than 90 days after the filing of the application for municipal consent. The initial notice of the municipal consent application and the scheduled hearing must be published in a general circulation newspaper at least 45 days prior to the scheduled hearing. A second notice of the scheduled hearing must be published in a general circulation newspaper no sooner than 14 days, or later than 7 days prior to the scheduled hearing. Within 30 days after the end of the hearing a decision to reject or to grant consent must be made by the Township by a resolution with the reasons for the decision. If the Township grants consent it must be memorialized by an ordinance which must have annexed and incorporated the application for consent. The ordinance is the agreement.

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Hamilton to direct the Township Clerk, Virginia Chandler to proceed with the process for the renewal as discussed.

Voice Vote:

Committeeman Condo - Yes

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Halbert - Yes

Committeeman Hamilton - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

6. MURRAY HILL DRIVE ROADWAY RESURFACING :

The Township Engineer Environmental Resolutions, Inc. submitted a cost estimate in the amount of \$29,820.00 for repairs, including contingencies and construction management services for the area of concern which is located from the intersection of Murray Hill Drive and Gardens Avenue and continues approximately 225 feet east along Murray Hill Drive. The extremely wet conditions of the past winter have caused the heaving of the base soil and cracking of the asphalt.

Township Public Works Department submitted a cost estimate which is approximately between \$3,000.00 and \$3,500.00 to cut and patch.

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Halbert to authorize the Township Public Works Department to cut and patch Murray Hill Drive as discussed.

Voice Vote:

Committeeman Condo - Yes

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Halbert - Yes

Committeeman Hamilton - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

7. DEFEATED SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET: The School Board Budget was defeated by the voters at the polls on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 and the defeated budget has now been forwarded to the Township for review.

Representatives of the Township, the Director of Finance, the Mayor and the Township Administrator will meet with representatives from the School next Monday afternoon to look at ways to cut the School Budget. The final decision of the cuts to be made should be the decision of the School. If an agreement between the subcommittee can not be accomplished then a joint meeting between the Township and the School will be scheduled. If an impasse is met after a joint meeting, the School Budget will then be forwarded to the State of New Jersey.

8. WATERFORD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING HVAC SYSTEM: The HVAC for the Waterford Township Municipal Building is not operating and request discussion and direction.

Moved by Finnerty, 2nd by Hamilton to authorize the Township Administrator to come back to the Township Committee with recommendations on a solution to the immediate needs as well as to continue with an energy audit for the Township Municipal Building.

Voice Vote:

Committeeman Condo - Yes

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Halbert - Yes

Committeeman Hamilton - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

9. MONOPOLE COMMUNICATIONS TOWER: Steven Bosque of HPC Development, LLC has contacted the Township Administrator regarding his client Liberty Towers who would like to lease a 100 by 100 foot parcel from the Township at Block 243, Lot 10 commonly known as the Township Pit for the purpose of erecting a communications tower. The location is currently zoned as RR District and it would need a variance. If this was approved it would bring in revenue in an amount not yet determined.

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Hamilton to authorize the Township Administrator to work with the Township Solicitor in conjunction with the Planning Board, Environmental Commission and Master Plan Engineer to determine the procedure and the minimum bid for the leasing of the property as discussed.

Voice Vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CPR Classes given at the EMS Building on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM.
2. TRIAD Grant Survey distributed to Township Committee and Department Heads.
3. ARH presented the Planning Board with a questioner on Open Space and Recreation regarding the Update of the Master Plan. The Township Committee is requesting a copy of the questioner.

NEW BUSINESS: (INCLUDES RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES)

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2010-115

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVING OF THE PERMIT FEES FOR THE ATCO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR ALTERATIONS TO THEIR BUILDING FOR A NURSERY RENOVATION.

Resolution #2010-116

RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE PROVIDING FUNDING TO PAY THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION SECRETARY EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Resolution #2010-117

RESOLUTION ELIMINATING THE POSITION OF DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR EFFECTIVE APRIL 14, 2010.

Resolution #2010-118

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE SEPARATION OF THE TOWNSHIP DOCTOR FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010.

Resolution #2010-119

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SHANE'S CASTLE COUNCIL #7463 OF WATERFORD TOWNSHIP TO HOLD COIN DROPS ON SATURDAY, JULY 3, 2010 AND SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2010 ON THE WHITE HORSE PIKE AT THE CORNER OF ATCO AVENUE.

Moved by Hamilton, 2nd by Finnerty to adopt Resolution #2010-115 through Resolution #2010-119.

Poll Vote:

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: (FIRST READING) (None Submitted)

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

a.	Current Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$218,719.34
b.	Utility Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$143,075.55
c.	Animal Control/Dog Trust Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$960.00
d.	State Grant Bill List.	TOTAL	\$7,949.86

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:

Karen Johnson, Bartal Court (Waterford Township School Teacher) spoke on behalf of all the Support Staff at the School. She requested that the Township Committee try to save jobs when reviewing the School Budget. She noted her appreciation that the Waterford Township Police patrol the schools.

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

ISSUES FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE: (None Submitted)

CLOSED SESSION: (AS NEEDED) (None Submitted)

CLOSING PRAYER:

ADJOURNMENT: (9:25 PM)

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Finnerty to adjourn.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Voice Vote:

Committeeman Condo - Yes

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Halbert - Yes

Committeeman Hamilton - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Virginia L. Chandler, RMC
Township Clerk