

THE MAY 26, 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:**

Resolution #2010-152 (ADDED TO AGENDA UNDER RESOLUTIONS)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS, INC. TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2010 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT AND CERTIFICATION.

Moved by Condo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hamilton to add Resolution #2010-152 to the agenda.

Voice Vote:

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

**BUDGET MATTERS:**

Resolution #2010-140

RESOLUTION TO READ THE BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY.

Moved by Hamilton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Condo to adopt Resolution #2010-140.

Poll Vote:

Committeeman Condo - Yes

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Halbert - Yes

Committeeman Hamilton - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

**Budget Hearing:**

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Committeeman Condo, Director of Finance informed the Township is at an eleven (11) cent increase. He noted costs that are out of the Township's control, insurance increases, contract obligations, cuts in State Aid, utility costs and prior litigation. He noted eleven (11) employees have either been laid off or not replaced. He noted the Township will continue to cut cost throughout the year by Red Lining Department Budgets by 10% with the Department Heads not able to spend money unless they prove the need for the spending, this will assist the budget for next year by creating surplus. He also stated that in its review and final decisions on the budget, the Committee always kept in mind the responsibility to protect the public safety of the community while holding the line on taxes.

Committeeman Hamilton, Director of Public Safety noted the Township is short on Police Officers and the Chief of Police is doing a good job with the short staff.

Mayor Merlino noted the Township Committee worked very hard on the Township Budget.

Committeeman Condo, Director of Finance noted the Township will keep a tight hold on spending, continue to make cuts through out the year yet continue to provide services.

NO COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

MAYOR CLOSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Committeeman Halbert asked Stephen Miller, Chief Finance Officer to comment on the budget.

Stephen Miller, Chief Finance officer noted he recommends the budget as it stands and that if the budget is less this year it will impact the budget next year. He noted each cent is about a \$14.00 increase on an average house.

Committeeman Halbert noted he would still like to decrease the budget amount for this year.

Discussion ensued regarding the budget.

Resolution #2010-141

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BUDGET.

Moved by Condo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Finnerty to adopt Resolution #2010-141.

Poll Vote:

- Committeeman Condo - Yes
- Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes
- Committeeman Halbert - No
- Committeeman Hamilton - Yes
- Mayor Merlino - Yes

**MINUTES:**

- 1. Budget Meeting April 7, 2010
- 2. Regular Meeting April 14, 2010
- 3. Regular/Workshop Meeting April 28, 2010

Moved by Hamilton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Finnerty to approve the minutes items #1, #2 & #3.

Poll Vote:

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

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:** (SECOND/FINAL READING) (None Submitted)

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** (Reports for April 2010)

a. Clerk Report:	TOTAL	\$1,194.92
b. Construction Official Report:	TOTAL	\$10,859.00
c. Court Report:	TOTAL	\$20,260.88
d. Tax Collector Report - Tax Report:	TOTAL	\$1,861,307.08
e. Tax Collector Report - Redemption Report:	TOTAL	\$242,878.34
f. Tax Collector Report - Utility Report:	TOTAL	\$164,043.94
g. Treasurer Report:	TOTAL	\$2,945,773.85



2. A & B AVENUES DRAINAGE ISSUES: Environmental Resolutions, Inc. submitted preliminary cost estimates for correction of the drainage issues in the amount of \$45,922.50 for the total project. The Township Engineer has indicated that he will handle the matter with the State of New Jersey.

Lawrence Ruocco, Township Administrator noted the Township Engineer, Christopher Noll will be reporting on this matter. The State created this problem when they repaired the White Horse Pike.

3. CAMILA & GARDEN AVENUES DRAINAGE STRUCTURE REPAIR: Environmental Resolutions, Inc. submitted a cost estimate for the damage caused to the drainage structure and associated facilities as a result of an automobile accident in the amount of \$21,000.00 for the total project. The matter has been turned over to John Maroccia.

Lawrence Ruocco, Township Administrator noted there is an insurance company issue as the insurance company is not offering enough money to fix the problem. John Maroccia, Township Solicitor is addressing the issue with the insurance company.

4. WADE ENVIRONMENTAL - LEAVES AND WOOD CHIPS: Letter from Andrew Wade offering to take the Township leaves and wood chips at no charge delivered to his site.

Lawrence Ruocco, Township Administrator noted that mulch is expensive now and that Mr. Wade has offered this service at no cost to the Township. He also noted that River Front will take Township branches that are delivered to their site at no cost to the Township. He noted that when residents put branches at the curb they must be tied in bundles no longer than 4' and no larger than 2' in diameter.

5. WATERFORD PINES DEVELOPMENT STORMWATER BASIN - WESTRUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY: Environmental Resolution, Inc. sent a letter dated May 4, 2010 to Steve Mansfield of Westrum Development Company informing him the basin is not functioning as it was designed and is not draining as it has been previously. The basin should be pumped out and (desilted if necessary) by Westrum Development Company as soon as possible and all empty lots should be stabilized and graded to eliminate ponding. This should be completed by June 7, 2010.

**OLD BUSINESS:** (None Submitted)

**NEW BUSINESS:** (INCLUDES RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES)

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution #2010-142

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THOMAS GIANGIULIO, JR. TO THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD PLANNING BOARD CLASS II TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEMBER FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF VICTOR PANGIA, JR. FOR THE TERM MAY 26, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010.

Resolution #2010-143

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHERYL PRIBUS TO THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD LIBRARY BOARD FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2010 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015.

Resolution #2010-144

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RITA WOOD TO THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD LIBRARY BOARD FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2010 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015.

Resolution #2010-145

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

Resolution #2010-146

RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

Resolution #2010-147

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF INTEREST DUE FOR UTILITIES AT THE WATERFORD TOWNSHIP LIBRARY.

Resolution #2010-148

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE LEASE, INSTALLATION AND HOOK-UP OF AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY COOLING TOWER FROM AGGREKO, LLC FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD.

Resolution #2010-149

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESIDENTS OF A SECTION OF FIFTH STREET BETWEEN RARITAN AND MAPLE AVENUE TO CLOSE THAT SECTION OF THE STREET ON SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2010 FOR THEIR BLOCK PARTY, RAIN DATE SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2010.

Resolution #2010-150

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LABRADOR HILL FARM, LLC TO CLOSE CONRAD AVENUE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2010 WITH THE RAIN DATE OF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010 FOR A FUNDRAISING TRAIL RIDE JOINTLY SPONSORED BY LABRADOR HILL FARM, LLC AND THE AMERICAN COMPETITIVE TRAIL HORSE ASSOCIATION.

Resolution #2010-151

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE AUTHORIZATION TO FORWARD THE LETTER DATED MAY 24, 2010 SIGNED BY THE MAYOR REGARDING THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE WATERFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD THAT APPEARED TO BE IN CONFLICT WITH THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE WATERFORD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AT THEIR SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MAY 17, 2010 RECOMMENDING REDUCTIONS IN THE 2010/2011 PROPOSED WATERFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET.

Resolution#2010-152

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS, INC. TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2010 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT AND CERTIFICATION.

Moved by Hamilton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Condo to adopt Resolution #2010-142 through Resolution #2010-152.

Committeeman Condo, explained Resolution #2010-151 and the attached letter and noted that letter attached to Resolution #2010-151 will be posted on the Township Web Site. He noted the Township recommended to the School that no teachers be eliminated and no direct cuts in the class room, that administration should be cut. The school disregarded the Township's recommendations.

Sarah Rabinowitz Mognoni of Labrador Hill Farm explained Resolution #2010-150 regarding the fundraising trail ride.

Poll Vote:

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:** (FIRST READING)

Introduction of Ordinance #2010-5

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 235 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD ENTITLED "SOLID WASTE" REGARDING "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REFUSE CONTAINERS/DUMPSTERS".

Moved by Condo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Finnerty to approve to advertise Ordinance #2010-5 for hearing on June 23, 2010.

Poll Vote:

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

Introduction of Ordinance #2010-6

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 237 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT" REGARDING "PRIVATE STORM DRAIN INLET RETROFITTING".

Moved by Hamilton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Condo to approve to advertise Ordinance #2010-6 for hearing on June 23, 2010.

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	\$214,200.65
b.	Utility Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$13,692.61
c.	Adopt-A-Cop/Municipal Alliance Trust Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$3,500.00
d.	Youth Diversion Trust Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$25,84
e.	State Grant Bill List.	TOTAL	\$9,000.04

Moved by Condo, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 displeasure with the School Board regarding the School Board Budget. He commended the Mayor and Township Committee for a great job with the School Board Budget. He voiced his displeasure with the Superintendent, Gary Dentino. He noted that everything at the School Board is done in Closed Session before the meeting even starts.

Ed Trzaskawka, Willow Way voiced his concern about the retention pond near his property. He noted he is still pumping out his basement. He noted that years ago the County of Camden cleaned up along Raritan Avenue and Jackson Road which assisted the water problem.

MAYOR CLOSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

**ISSUES FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:** (None Submitted)

**CLOSED SESSION: (AS NEEDED)** (None Submitted)

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** (9:00 PM)

Moved by Hamilton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Condo to adjourn.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Committeeman Condo - Yes

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Halbert - Yes

Committeeman Hamilton - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution #2010-151

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Virginia L. Chandler, RMC  
Township Clerk