

THE JUNE 8, 2011 REGULAR/WORKSHOP TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:35 PM BY THE MAYOR, RALPH J. CONDO.

NOTICE OF TIME AND DATE FOR THIS MEETING APPEARED IN RESOLUTION #2011-6 DATED JANUARY 2, 2011. THIS NOTICE WAS SENT TO THE RECORD BREEZE AND COURIER-POST NEWSPAPERS AS A LEGAL NOTICE AND SUNSHINE NOTICE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW". IT IS ALSO POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:****ROLL CALL:**

Committeewoman Finnerty - Present  
Committeeman Hamilton - Absent (Due to Family Emergency)  
Committeeman Hurley - Present  
Committeeman Richardson - Present  
Mayor Condo - Present

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Virginia L. Chandler, Township Clerk - Present  
Ralph J. Condo, Director of Administration - Present  
David C. Patterson, Township Solicitor - Absent  
Joseph A. Maressa, Jr., Esquire for David C. Patterson, Esquire - Present  
Christopher R. Rehmann, Adams, Rehmann & Heggan, Township Engineer - Absent  
Eric S. Jerome, Adams, Rehmann & Heggan for Christopher R. Rehmann- Present

**PRESENTATIONS:**

MS 150 CITY TO SHORE BIKE TOUR: PRESENTATION BY EDWARD MADDEN REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY ON THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2011 AND SEPTEMBER 25, 2011 MS 150 CITY TO SHORE BIKE TOUR.

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

**EMERGENCY ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA:**

Water Consumer Report to be added to the agenda under Communications.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Christopher R. Rehmann:**

Township Engineer  
Adams, Rehmann & Heggan

**CHARLES HAMILTON:** (None Submitted)  
Director of Buildings and Grounds

**PAMELA FINNERTY:**  
Director of Public Safety  
Director of Communications  
Director of Construction and Zoning & Code Enforcement

**WILLIAM HURLEY:**  
Director of Public Works  
Director of Recreation

**WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON:**  
Deputy Mayor  
Director of Finance  
Director of Environmental Affairs  
Liaison to the School

**RALPH J. CONDO:** (See Attached Statement By Mayor Condo)  
Mayor  
Director of Administration  
Library Chairman

**APPLICATIONS:** (None Submitted)

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. LIBRARY PARKING: Request from the Waterford Township Board of Trustees that half hour parking signs be posted in front of the Library on Atco Avenue to Raritan Avenue.

Kathy Banes, Library President explained the Library's request.

The Township Committee agreed to further research the matter.

2. TEMPORARY SIGNS: Request from the Zoning Officer for assistance to clean up temporary signs within the Township by holding a Sign Clean-Up Day.

The Township Committee agreed to further research the matter.

3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT: Authorization for the Mayor to sign a letter requesting the CDBG balances from the Year 30 Removal of Architectural Barriers at the Municipal Building in the amount of \$17, 323.21 and the Year 32 Street Improvements for Central Avenue and Cedar Avenue in the amount of \$26,143.39 be transferred to Residential Water Connections.

Moved by Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Finnerty to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter as stated.

Voice Vote:

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Hurley - Yes

Committeeman Richardson - Yes

Mayor Condo - Yes

**4. WATER CONSUMER REPORT:**

Moved by Hurley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richardson to authorize the Water Consumer report subject to the Solicitor approval and the Licensed Water Operator approval.

Voice Vote:

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Hurley - Yes

Committeeman Richardson - Yes

Mayor Condo - Yes

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

**MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:**

Susan Danson reported on the lighting at Burnt Mill Road and the Summer Program Theater Program.

Kathy Banes, Atco Avenue commented on the hiring of a School Board Superintendent for the Waterford Township Board of Education.

Fred Markart, Raritan Avenue spoke about the Library repairs noting a structural engineer should look at the problem.

Francis Campbell, West Atlantic Avenue noted his thanks for the improvements to the recreation complexes.

John Howarth, Anthony Road noted his thanks for the summer Program. He voiced his objection to the Township Dog License Ordinance. He voiced his approval of removing signs through the Township.

Gabe Cimino, Jackson Road noted parents should attend the next School Board Meeting regarding the hiring of a School Board Superintendent for the Waterford Township School Board verses shared services for the position.

**MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** (None Submitted)

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution #2011-173

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL RENEWALS OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES, PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES AND THE CLUB LICENSE FOR THE LICENSE TERM 2011/2012.

Resolution #2011-174

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF GRACE PERIOD FOR THIRD QUARTER 2011 TAXES.

Resolution #2011-175

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FIRST STUDENT TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION, TO AND FROM VARIOUS TRIPS FOR THE SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM.

Resolution #2011-176

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY SEASONAL HIRING OF SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS FOR THE SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM JUNE 27, 2011 TO AUGUST 19, 2011.

Moved by Hurley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Finnerty to adopt Resolution #2011-173 through Resolution #2011-176.

Poll Vote:

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Hurley - Yes

Committeeman Richardson - Yes

Mayor Condo - Yes (Except Abstain on Resolution #2011-176)

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

a.	Current Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$1,284,598.51
b.	Capital Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$13,826.17
c.	Utility Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$19,209.53
d.	Animal Trust Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$1,150.00
e.	State Grant Bill List.	TOTAL	\$641.57
f.	Planning Board Escrow Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$5,599.88

Moved by Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hurley to approve and pay the above bills as submitted if documentation is present and when funds are available.

Poll Vote:

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Hurley - Yes

Committeeman Richardson - Yes

Mayor Condo - Yes

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING:**

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Ron Passarella, Almira Avenue he alleged Mayor Condo did not complete his term as Mayor in Mullica and Mayor Condo responded that was misinformation and that he did complete his term of office as Mayor in Mullica Township.

John Howarth, Anthony Road inquired about the Honda Day Issue. He noted parents should attend the next School Board Meeting regarding the hiring of a School Board Superintendent for the Waterford Township School Board verses shared services for the position. He inquired about pick-up for discarding of appliances. He voiced his support for direct election of the Mayor.

MAYOR CLOSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

**ISSUES FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:**

The Township does not support low income housing despite rumors that are going around regarding this matter.

The Township needs ratables to assist with the tax burden.

The Township adopted a zero tax increase this year for school and municipal for the first time in over 20 years.

The public was encouraged to attend the Township Committee Meetings.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** (9:20 PM)

Moved by Hurley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richardson to adjourn.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Poll Vote:

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Hurley - Yes

Committeeman Richardson - Yes

Mayor Condo - Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

Township Engineer Report - Adams, Rehmann & Heggan

Statement by Mayor Condo

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Virginia L. Chandler, RMC  
Township Clerk

**STATEMENT BY MAYOR CONDO**  
**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING ON JUNE 8, 2011**

My fellow citizens,

Let me say thank you to those who took the time and voted yesterday. To exercise this right is one of our greatest responsibilities and honors.

I would particularly like to thank those who supported Pam and me.

We have always tried to do our best, regardless of political considerations and we will continue to do that.

Yesterday a political decision was made by members of one party no one was elected to anything.

It did not and will not have any impact on how our community is governed over the next six months.

I would however, like to take a few minutes of your time to talk about something that has disturbed me for sometime but I wanted to wait until after the election to talk about it.

That something is the efforts of a very few to discredit and disgrace our community.

They have tried to scare you in believing that your family and community is in some type of danger.

Some of these efforts include the use of WEB pages, social media such as facebook and flyers handed out in the middle of the night by unknown people.

Some of these people describe themselves as “community activist” others are former elected or appointed officials.

Some are candidates for elected office.

Regardless of their titles, they all should be ashamed of themselves.

Their effort to bring down our community under the heading of “informing the public” or doing what it takes to get elected, is disgraceful, and can not be tolerated.

**I full understand the right to freedom of speech and encourage all to exercise that right. But it must be done in a positive and meaning full way.**

**There is no need to make personal attacks or deliberately lie to the public, especially if it is for political or personal gain.**

**Let me site some of those outright lies that you have been exposed to over the last few months:**

- 1. That I was forced to resign as Mayor of Mullica Township in the middle of my term because of some investigation.**

**This is a lie.**

**I completed all three terms as Mayor, there was never any investigation of wrong doing, in fact I was given a testimonial dinner at the end of my term.**

- 2. That Pam and I lost thousands of dollars of block grant money by not using it in time.**

**LIE:**

**The only reduction in block grant money received this year was due to the Federal government cutting their budget.**

- 3. Our campaign was financed by OPEC money –**

**Lie:**

**We raised funds for our campaign from business & individuals from different areas, and reported every single contribution to the State of NJ in a timely fashion. Something our opponents didn't do.**

- 4. That we have some secret plan to bring low income housing to Waterford Township.**

**Lie:**

**Not only is there no such plan, every time it was brought up by our opponents, we publicly denied it and on several occasions voted on record opposing such a plan.**

**Unlike our opponents, we did not take any contributions from any developer of such type housing. I urge you to check the State of NJ's records.**

- 5. That I was forced to leave my parish, for I guess some evil thing I did  
LIE:**

**This is the lowest and most unfair attack. My wife and I changed parishes during a time in our lives when our daughter was in a life threatening situation and we needed to feel closer to God.**

- 6. That we are controlled by some “political machine”, anyone who knows Pam and I know that not to be true.**

**I bring these things up now, not to rehash the past, but to ask you to help all of us in ridding our fine community of those self serving, mean spirited and evil people.**

**Let us denounce these types of negative actions, and pledge ourselves to open dialogue, free and honest discussion that will in the end better our community.**

**Pam and I promise you here tonight that this will be our guiding policy.**

**Thank you and God bless.**

**Ralph J. Condo  
Mayor**