

THE OCTOBER 8, 2014 REGULAR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:32 PM BY THE MAYOR, MARYANN MERLINO.

NOTICE OF TIME AND DATE FOR THIS MEETING APPEARED IN RESOLUTION #2014-6 DATED JANUARY 6, 2014. THIS NOTICE WAS SENT TO THE COURIER-POST AND CENTRAL RECORD 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:**

Committeeman Richardson – Present  
Committeeman Critelli - Absent  
Committeeman Yeatman - Present  
Committeeman Koons - Present  
Mayor Merlino - Present

**PROFESSIONALS:**

Susan E. Danson, Township Administrator - Present  
David C. Patterson, Esquire Township Solicitor - Present  
Debra L. Shaw-Blemings, Acting Township Clerk - Present  
Kijona L. Thompson, Deputy Clerk - Present  
Chris Noll, PE, CME, Township Engineer, Environmental Resolutions, Inc. - Present

**PRESENTATIONS:**

DAVID CHIDDENTON, CHAIRMAN AND SARAH HARNEY, MEMBER OF WATERFORD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION, PRESENTED AN UPDATE ON THE SUSTAINABLE NEW JERSEY APPLICATION

**EMERGENCY ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA:** (none submitted)

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:** (SECOND READING/HEARING)

***Ordinance #2014-16***

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,479,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$2,479,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

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

John Howarth, Anthony Avenue inquired on any taxpayer responsibility for repayment of the Sewer Improvements Bond Ordinance #2014-16.

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

Moved by Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Yeatman, to adopt Ordinance #2014-16

Poll Vote:     Committeeman Richardson – Yes  
                  Committeeman Critelli – Absent  
                  Committeeman Yeatman –Yes  
                  Committeeman Koons – Yes  
                  Mayor Merlino - Yes

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

Christopher Noll, PE, CME  
Environmental Resolutions, Inc.

**WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON**

Liaison to the School Board  
Director of Finance

**RICHARD T. YEATMAN, SR.**

Deputy Mayor  
Director of Public Works  
Director of Environmental Affairs

**ROBERT KOONS**

Director of Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement  
Director of Recreation

**MARYANN MERLINO**

Mayor  
Director of Buildings & Grounds  
Director of Communications  
Library Chairman

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

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

John Howarth, Anthony Avenue questioned the reasoning for rescinding previous Resolutions in #2014-236 and #2014-237 and leasing a Public Works truck instead of purchasing.

James Lombardo, White Horse Pike suggested the Committee consider contacting the State of New Jersey to purchase used vehicles.

Carl Lange, Raritan Avenue stated his opinion regarding disrespectful actions of various members of the Waterford Township Fire Department.

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

**DISCUSSIONS:**

1.     Township Administrator seeking direction and possible action regarding the OEM Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Moved by Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Yeatman, to authorize Administrator Danson to assemble a team of department managers to assist in the OEM Hazard Mitigation Plan preparation

Poll Vote: Committeeman Richardson – Yes  
Committeeman Critelli – Absent  
Committeeman Yeatman –Yes  
Committeeman Koons – Yes  
Mayor Merlino - Yes

2. Township Administrator seeking direction and possible action regarding offering Free Seminars and Educational Programs to residents

Moved by Yeatman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Koons, to authorize Administrator Danson to research further and return with a recommendation for final approval of which Free Seminars would be offered

Poll Vote: Committeeman Richardson – Yes  
Committeeman Critelli – Absent  
Committeeman Yeatman –Yes  
Committeeman Koons – Yes  
Mayor Merlino - Yes

**OLD BUSINESS:** (none submitted)

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

*RESOLUTIONS:*

***Resolution #2014-236***

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD RESCINDING RESOLUTION #2014-181

***Resolution #2014-237***

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD RESCINDING RESOLUTION #2014-183

***Resolution #2014-238***

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAXES DUE TO OVERPAYMENT ON BLOCK 402 LOT 13 (AMOUNT \$16.36)

***Resolution #2014-239***

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAXES DUE TO OVERPAYMENT ON BLOCK 278 LOT 12 (AMOUNT \$8.18)

***Resolution #2014-240***

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR REPAIR OF SINKHOLE AT ALMIRA AVENUE AND WEST ATLANTIC AVENUE

***Resolution #2014-241***

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD FOR MUNICIPAL PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE LAND USE

***Resolution #2014-242***

RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR ACCUMULATED LIABILITY TRUST FUND REQUIRED BY N.J.A.C. 5:30-15

***Resolution #2014-243***

RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR SNOW REMOVAL RESERVE TRUST FUND REQUIRED BY P.L. 2001, C.138 AND N.J.S.A. 40A:4-62.1

***Resolution #2014-244***

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD AWARING BID FOR THE 2014 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AMOUNT \$286,800.00)

**Resolution #2014-245**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF ONE (1) 2015 F250 FORD TRUCK FROM CHAS S. WINNER, INC., d/b/a WINNER FORD, PURSUANT TO STATE CONTRACT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (3 Year Lease Total Amount \$35,453.00)

Moved by Koons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richardson to adopt Resolution #2014-236 through #2014-245

Poll Vote:     Committeeman Richardson – Yes  
                  Committeeman Critelli – Absent  
                  Committeeman Yeatman –Yes  
                  Committeeman Koons – Yes  
                  Mayor Merlino - Yes

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

a.	Current Fund Bill List.	\$	1,486,825.01
b.	Capital Fund Bill List.	\$	16,850.00
c.	Utility Fund Bill List.	\$	17,791.79
d.	Utility Capital Fund	\$	4,060.00
e.	Trust Fund Bill List	\$	1,000.00
f.	Local Technology Grant	\$	545.50
g.	State Grant Fund Bill List	\$	8,106.36
h.	Planning Board Escrow Bill List	\$	4,752.87

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

Poll Vote:     Committeeman Richardson – Yes  
                  Committeeman Critelli – Absent  
                  Committeeman Yeatman –Yes  
                  Committeeman Koons – Yes  
                  Mayor Merlino - Yes

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING:**

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

John Howarth, Anthony Avenue reminded residents to be aware of children on the roadways for Halloween as he has noted many speeding vehicles recently.

Karen Strauss, Cooper Road commented on the poor condition of Cooper Road which is a County roadway and the need for the lawn maintenance at 246 White Horse Pike.

Dave Cilona, Fire Chief announced the Wildland Interface Drill will be held on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00AM through 1:00PM asking the residents to be cautious when approaching any emergency vehicles, equipment and responders which will be utilizing various roadways in the Township. He also reported the Fire Prevention Event was a great success

James Lombardo, White Horse Pike supported the proposed free educational seminars and offered to participate.

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

**ISSUES FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:** (none submitted)

**CLOSED SESSION:**

***Resolution # 2014-246***

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. - PERSONNEL MATTERS

Moved by Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Yeatman to adopt Resolution #2014-246

Voice Vote: Committeeman Richardson – Yes  
Committeeman Critelli – Absent  
Committeeman Yeatman –Yes  
Committeeman Koons – Yes  
Mayor Merlino - Yes

MAYOR RECESS MEETING FOR CLOSED SESSION: (8:45 PM)

MAYOR RECONVENE MEETING: (8:55 PM)

**ROLL CALL:**

Committeeman Richardson - Present  
Committeeman Critelli - Absent  
Committeeman Yeatman - Present  
Committeeman Koons - Present  
Mayor Merlino - Present

**RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT:**

Solicitor Patterson announced there were no decisions made in Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Koons to adjourn meeting at 8:57 PM

Voice Vote: Committeeman Richardson – Yes  
Committeeman Critelli – Absent  
Committeeman Yeatman –Yes  
Committeeman Koons – Yes  
Mayor Merlino - Yes

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Engineer's Report dated 10/8/2014

Respectfully submitted by:

Debra L. Shaw-Blemings  
Acting Township Clerk