

THE NOVEMBER 12, 2014 REGULAR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:31 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 - Present
Committeeman Yeatman - Present
Committeeman Koons - Present
Mayor Merlino - Present

PROFESSIONALS:

Susan E. Danson, Township Administrator - Present
David C. Patterson, Esquire Township Solicitor - Present after 8:15PM
Michael Coluzzi, Esquire Substitute Solicitor - Present until 8:15PM
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:

CHIEF DAVID CILONA ACKNOWLEDGING THE WATERFORD TOWNSHIP FIREMEN, EMS AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS' ACCOMPLISHMENT AT THE HEROES TO HERO 5K WALK/RUN HELD IN GLOUCESTER CITY

EMERGENCY ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Christopher Noll, PE, CME
Environmental Resolutions, Inc.

WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON

Liaison to the School Board
Director of Finance

ROBERT CRITELLI, JR.

Director of Public Safety

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 Chesebro, Virginia Avenue, congratulated newly elected Committeemen and commented on Westrum Development's promises to complete the Legacy at Waterford Pines development by the end of October 2014.

John Howarth, Anthony Drive, questioned how many employees are affected by Resolution #2014-259.

Margaret Joseph, Virginia Avenue, noted her disappointment with Westrum Development's performance.

Robert Gardner, Oak Knoll Road, requested clarification that Resolution #2014-258 is rescinding authorization to sign the MOU.

John Cheesebro, Virginia Avenue, suggested the new Administration consider maintaining ERI as Engineer firm to complete the Westrum Development and Water Tower projects.

Alphons Campbell, Linden Avenue, inquired about additional signage and website posting regarding the electronics trailer. He also requested additional explanation of Resolution #2014-258 and the status of calling Westrum's surety bond.

Mayor Merlino offered the explanation that Resolution #2014-258 is due to an Architect inspection she received.

Committeemen Critelli and Richardson challenged the authorization of an Architect inspection being ordered.

Moved by Richardson, 2nd by Critelli to Table Resolution #2014-258

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

MAYOR CLOSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Acknowledgement for the record that Solicitor Patterson joined the meeting at 8:15PM and assumed position from Substitute Solicitor Coluzzi who exited the meeting.

APPLICATIONS:

1. N.J. State Firemen's Assoc. Membership Application - Waterford Township Fire Department
Catherine M. Holden
2. Seasonal Sales Application - Archway Programs to sell Christmas trees, poinsettias, & decorations from 12/01/2014 to 12/24/2014, Monday through Friday, 9am to 3pm

3. Gaming License Application – Merchandise Raffle – March 13, 2015
American Legion Post #311, 2225 Atco Avenue, Atco

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Yeatman to approve Application items #1 through #3

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Waterford Township Library is seeking Township Committee consideration to allow a new sign to be displayed on the Library building covering the old cement signage that reads "Waterford Township Municipal Building"

Moved by Richardson, 2nd by Critelli to authorize Waterford Township Library to install new signage at their location

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

2. Waterford Township War Memorial Committee (WTWMC) requesting authorization for a **Road Closure Permit** to include the following roadways for the Annual Tapper Hicks Freedom 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 8:30AM to 10:00AM
 - a. Atco Avenue from Jackson Road to Raritan Avenue
 - b. Raritan Avenue from Atco Avenue to Sixth Street

Moved by Richardson, 2nd by Critelli to authorize a Road Closure to accommodate the Annual Tapper Hicks Freedom 5K Run/Walk as submitted

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

DISCUSSIONS:

1. Township Administrator seeking an amendment to the authorization granted to Berlin Borough to utilize the Waterford Township Court Room facility as temporary relocation site during their building renovations to include the sharing of Waterford Township Court Administrator's office daily from November 1, 2014 through March 1, 2015

Moved by Yeatman, 2nd by Richardson to authorize amending the approved facility use for Berlin Borough to include the Berlin Borough Court Administrator sharing the Waterford Township Administrator's office daily until completion of their renovation project

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

2. Ad Hoc Water and Sewer Committee seeking authorization to spend up to \$500.00 for professional review of their Report for accuracy

Moved by Yeatman, 2nd by Merlino to authorize the AdHoc Water & Sewer Committee expenditure for report review not to exceed \$500 contingent upon CFO certification of funds

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

3. Township Administrator confirming the Township Committee intention to request approval from the Director of DLGS to reappoint Acting Clerk for 2nd year term

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Richardson to authorize Township Administrator to request approval from DLGS to appoint Acting Clerk for a second one year term

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

4. Zoning Officer Toussaint seeking Township Committee final approval of the *Street Vacation Request* approved by Planning Board for Atco Dragway

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Richardson to authorize final approval of the Street Vacation Request as per the recommendation of the Planning Board with Public Hearing to be held on December 17, 2014

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

OLD BUSINESS: (NONE SUBMITTED)

NEW BUSINESS: (INCLUDES RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES)

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2014-254

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD APPROVING MUNICIPAL SUPPORT FOR RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY

Resolution #2014-255

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD PLEDGING SUPPORT FOR NEW JERSEY'S WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN

Resolution #2014-256

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TELEPHONE SYSTEM FROM EXTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. OF NORTH HALEDON, NEW JERSEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD UNDER STATE CONTRACT #A80801 (TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$22,329)

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Richardson to adopt Resolution #2014-254 through #2014-256

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

Resolution #2014-257

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER TO MAKE TRANSFERS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR 2014 APPROPRIATIONS AS SPECIFIED HEREIN PER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Koons to adopt Resolution #2014-257

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

Resolution #2014-258 – Tabled (in Public Comments section)

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD RESCINDING RESOLUTION #2014-177, AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY ("CCIA") FOR A DEVELOPMENT SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT ("DSSA") REGARDING THE PLANNING, DESIGNING, FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING LOCATED IN WATERFORD TOWNSHIP

Resolution #2014-259

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELLBACK OF UNUSED SICK AND VACATION TIME TO NON – CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES FOR YEAR 2014

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Richardson to adopt Resolution #2014-259

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

Resolution #2014-260

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION ACCORDING TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48 FOR EMPLOYEES' HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Yeatman to adopt Resolution #2014-260

(2/3 affirmative vote of full Governing Body required to pass)

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

Resolution 2014-262

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ROBERT KOONS AS A COMMITTEEMAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 13, 2014

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Richardson to adopt Resolution #2014-262

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

a.	Current Fund Bill List.	\$ 1,889,768.54
b.	Capital Fund Bill List.	\$ 20,360.00
c.	Utility Fund Bill List.	\$ 20,088.91
d.	Trust Fund Bill List	\$ 1,451.36
e.	State Grant Fund Bill List	\$ 11,099.45
f.	Local Technology Grant Bill List	\$ 25.00
g.	Planning Board Escrow Bill List	\$ 1,638.75

Moved by Richardson, 2nd by Critelli 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 - Yes
Committeeman Yeatman - Yes
Committeeman Koons - Yes
Mayor Merlino - Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING:**MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:**

Alphons Campbell, Linden Avenue, requested clarification of Resolution #2014-255 and noted he was sorry to see Mr. Koons resign.

John Howarth, Anthony Road, inquired about the total amount of Emergency Appropriations and wished Mr. Koons well.

Robert Gardner, Oak Knoll Road, asked the Committee to consider placing an additional street light on Oak Knoll Road.

Karen Strauss, Cooper Road, thanked Public Works for the immediate response to install a sign on Cooper Road.

Dave Cilon, Fire Chief, explained the Wildland Interface Drill held by the NJ Division of Forestry.

James Lombardo, White Horse Pike, noted he was here representing "God's Army" to honor the Armed Forces.

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:**ISSUES FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:**

Committeeman Richardson requested Committeeman Yeatman review his availability to hold Year 2015 Reorganization Meeting on January 7, 2015 at the Waterford Elementary School in order to schedule such at the next Committee meeting

CLOSED SESSION:***Resolution # 2014-261***

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (Litigation and Personnel Matters).

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Richardson to adopt Resolution #2014-261

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

MAYOR RECESS MEETING FOR CLOSED SESSION: (8:53 PM)

MAYOR RECONVENE MEETING: (9:04 PM)

ROLL CALL:

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

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT:

Solicitor Patterson reported no decisions were made in Closed Session

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Richardson to adjourn meeting at 9:05PM

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Township Engineer Report dated 11/10/2014

Respectfully submitted by:

Debra L. Shaw-Blemings
Acting Township Clerk