

THE FEBRUARY 26, 2014 REGULAR/WORKSHOP TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 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:

Lawrence C. Ruocco, Township Administrator - Present
David C. Patterson, Esquire Township Solicitor - Present
Debra L. Shaw-Blemings, Acting Township Clerk - Present
Kijona L. Thompson, Deputy Township Clerk - Present

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Government Energy Aggregation (GEA) Program presented by Vicki Molloy, Vice President Energy Services Concord Engineering New Jersey State Energy Consulting Contract # T-2000

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

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance #2014-2

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 176 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD CAPTIONED "LAND USE" (*REMOVING MONETARY CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT FOR SPECIAL RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE LAND FUND*)

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

There were no comments from the public.

MAYOR CLOSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

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

Poll Vote:

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

Ordinance #2014-3

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE WATERFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Joe Palladino, Atco Avenue requested a clarification of rules being amended and noted his opinion of an inconsistency in the verbiage of the document.

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Koons to adopt Ordinance #2014-3

Poll Vote:

Committeeman Richardson - Yes

Committeeman Critelli - Yes

Committeeman Yeatman - Yes

Committeeman Koons - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

FINANCIAL REPORTS: (January 2014)

a. Clerk Report:	\$	7,596.72
b. Construction Official Report:	\$	4,930.00
c. Court Report:	\$	27,059.38
d. Tax Collector Report - Tax Report:	\$	1,586,304.55
e. Tax Collector Report - Utility Report:	\$	154,323.72
f. Tax Collector Report – Redemption Report	\$	30,911.79
g. Treasurer Report:	\$	5,224,433.79

Moved by Richardson, 2nd by Critelli to accept the January 2014 Financial Reports as submitted

Voice Vote:

Committeeman Richardson - Yes

Committeeman Critelli - Yes

Committeeman Yeatman - Yes

Committeeman Koons - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING: (FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:**

Rich Beswick, Hillside Drive commented on the status of repairing the roads in his development and presented photos depicting the potholes on Fernwood, Hillside and Pinewood.

Phil Comisky, Dorothy Avenue offered his opinion on the consideration of purchasing a wash system, the condition of the water tank and overdue sewer system upgrades.

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

APPLICATIONS:

1. Coin Drop Application – Waterford Township EMS – Sunday, May 18th, 2014
Intersection of Jackson Road and Cooper Road

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Merlino to approve application item #1 with the stipulation there will be no assistance from the Waterford Township Police Department during the event

Voice Vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from Richard Beswick regarding street problems in Tremont Woods

The Committee directed Administrator Ruocco to investigate and evaluation by Township Engineer.

2. Letter from ARH regarding Tax Map Project Follow-up and Maintenance

Administrator Ruocco recommended the creator, ARH would be the best choice to maintain the project. The Committee directed Administrator Ruocco to get proposals for presentation at the next meeting.

DISCUSSIONS:

1. Expanding the property usage in the Haines Boulevard Redevelopment Zone

Mrs. Merlino explained that the Economic Development Committee was inquiring about changing the zoning designation along the Haines Boulevard Redevelopment Area. Solicitor Patterson stated the Pinelands Commission would be the deciding authority and a definitive plan must be presented to them.

2. Transfer of the Waterford Township Police Department retiring police vehicle to Berlin Borough Fire Department to replace the Municipal Alliance Fire Police vehicle

Administrator Ruocco explained the transfer process and the Committee members directed him to move forward with the transfer process.

3. Consider purchasing a portable vehicle/equipment wash system for Public Works to comply with NJDEP Stormwater Regulations

Public Works Manager, Michael Micklasavage explained the wash system would extend the life of the Public Works equipment and vehicles. The cost for the system is \$10,630. The Committee agreed the Water Tower project takes precedence at this time therefore the subject may be revisited later.

4. Direction from Committee on Year 36 CDBG Funding allocation (\$26,100)

Administrator Ruocco disclosed the last few years the CDBG funding had been allocated to the Atco Avenue project. He is requesting direction for this year and some options include:

- a. Upgrade the restrooms in the Municipal Building to handicap requirements
- b. Upgrading the Girls softball fields to stop the field mix wash away every rain storm.

The Committee members directed Administrator Ruocco to have the Township Engineer make a determination and submit their findings.

5. **Direction from Committee regarding social media pages for sub-committees or commissions**

Solicitor Patterson recommended further review of the Township's Social Media Policy.

OLD BUSINESS: (none submitted)

NEW BUSINESS: (INCLUDES RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES)

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2014-88

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DAVE CHIDDENTON AS CHAIRMAN OF THE WATERFORD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – ONE YEAR TERM 2/26/2014 TO REORGANIZATION 2015

Resolution #2014-89

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD APPROVING AND AWARDED THE PROPOSAL FOR THE REVALUATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD TO PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY APPRAISERS, INC., OF DELRAN, NEW JERSEY

Resolution #2014-90

RESOLUTION APPOINTING GUN PERMIT CLERK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD (DANIEL H. CORMANEY)

Resolution #2014-91

RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPUTY COORDINATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD (DANIEL CORMANEY)

Resolution #2014-92

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A POLICE VEHICLE TO THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Koons to adopt Resolution #2014-88 through Resolution #2014-92
Poll Vote:

Committeeman Richardson – Yes, exception NO on #2014-88

Committeeman Critelli – Yes, exception NO on #2014-89

Committeeman Yeatman - Yes

Committeeman Koons - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: (FIRST READING) - TABLED

Ordinance #2014-4

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF RENTAL PROPERTIES

Moved by Merlino, 2nd by Critelli, to table introduction of Ordinance #2014-4

Poll Vote:

Committeeman Richardson - No

Committeeman Critelli - Yes

Committeeman Yeatman - Yes

Committeeman Koons - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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| a. | Current Fund Bill List. | \$ 184,636.22 |
| b. | Capital Fund Bill List. | \$ 15,448.62 |
| c. | Utility Fund Bill List. | \$ 4,621.40 |
| d. | Trust Fund Bill List. | \$ 8,445.76 |
| e. | Planning Board Escrow Bill List | \$ 35.00 |

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:**

Joe Palladino, Atco Avenue inquired on the timeframe for posting of minutes to the website.

Bob Gardner, Oak Knoll Road questioned the reasoning utilized to determine the appointment of a Township Engineer for Year 2014.

Dave Ciona, Fire Chief suggested the Environmental Commission consider another website vendor. He also asked for direction regarding the development of another plan for a proposed Fire Safety Building as he and Administrator Ruocco have investigated other options. The Committee agreed Mr. Ciona should bring another presentation before the Committee for consideration.

Phil Comisky, Dorothy Avenue suggested the Committee consider outsourcing the portable wash system.

Ed Toussaint, Construction Official informed the Committee the Pinelands Commission had requested permission to perform a study on the Retention Basins in Waterford Township. Solicitor Patterson suggested Hold Harmless Agreement was required along with Certificates of Insurance. The Committee agreed to grant permission to enter the basins to perform the studies subject to the Solicitor review of documentation.

Michael Ward, Auburn Avenue commented on the evaluation guidelines of the RFP process, agreement with the tabling of Ordinance #2014-4 and the need to reprioritize the road repair list.

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

ISSUES FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE: (none submitted)

CLOSED SESSION:***Resolution # 2014-93***

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 Matter - McNally v. Waterford Township et al; Personnel Matters – Daniel Cormaney and Debra L. Shaw-Blemings; Contractual Liability Matters

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Merlino to adopt Resolution #2014-93

Voice Vote:

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

MAYOR RECESS MEETING FOR CLOSED SESSION: (9:32 PM)

MAYOR RECONVENE MEETING: (10:25 PM)

ROLL CALL:

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

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT:

Solicitor Patterson stated decisions were made in closed session and the following Resolution and Motion addressed such.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution #2014-94

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD APPROVING EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD AND DANIEL H. CORMANEY AS POLICE CHIEF

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Richardson to adopt Resolution #2014-94

Poll Vote:

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

MOTION:

Moved by Merlino, 2nd by Koons to authorize Solicitor Patterson to finalize documentation for back pay and other benefits to Mr. McNally

Poll Vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Richardson, 2nd by Critelli to adjourn meeting at 10:32 PM

ALL IN FAVOR:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Concord Energy Services presentation
2. January 2014 Financial Reports
3. Rich Beswick photos of potholes on Tremont Woods roads
4. Letter from Adams, Rehmann & Heggan (ARH) regarding Tax Map Maintenance

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Debra L. Shaw-Blemings
Acting Township Clerk