

THE APRIL 23, 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: (none submitted)

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

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE (SECOND READING/HEARING):

Moved by Richardson, 2nd by Merlino, to amend page 3 of Ordinance #2014-4 editing effective date from 4/1/2014 to 6/1/2014 – MOTION DEFEATED.

Poll Vote:

Committeeman Richardson - Yes
Committeeman Critelli - No
Committeeman Yeatman - No
Committeeman Koons - No
Mayor Merlino - Yes

Ordinance #2014-4

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD CAPTIONED "REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF RENTAL PROPERTIES"

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

There were no comments.

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Moved by Richardson, 2nd by None, to adopt Ordinance #2014-4 – MOTION DEFEATED.

Ordinance #2014-6

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

There were no comments.

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Moved by Yeatman, 2nd by Merlino, to adopt Ordinance #2014-6

Poll Vote:

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

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2014-124

RESOLUTION TO READ THE BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY

Moved by Koons 2nd by Merlino to adopt Resolution #2014-124

Poll Vote:

- Committeeman Richardson - Yes
- Committeeman Critelli - No
- Committeeman Yeatman - Yes
- Committeeman Koons - Yes
- Mayor Merlino - Yes

BUDGET HEARING:

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Joe Palladino, Atco Avenue, inquired about the effect of the Cap Bank Ordinance on the 2014 Budget.

John Howarth, Anthony Road, asked for clarification of the anticipated tax increase.

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Resolution #2014-125

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE YEAR 2014 BUDGET

Moved by Koons, 2nd by Yeatman to adopt Budget Resolution #2014-125

Poll Vote:

- Committeeman Richardson - Yes
- Committeeman Critelli - No
- Committeeman Yeatman - Yes
- Committeeman Koons - Yes
- Mayor Merlino - Yes

FINANCIAL REPORTS: (March 2014)

a. Clerk Report:	\$ 7,034.98
b. Construction Official Report:	\$ 5,008.00
c. Court Report:	\$ 22,132.18
d. Tax Collector Report - Tax Report:	\$ 334,153.34
e. Tax Collector Report - Utility Report:	\$ 38,162.04
f. Tax Collector Report – Redemption Report	\$ 14,498.52
g. Treasurer Report:	\$4,571,047.92

Moved by Richardson, 2nd by Koons to accept the March 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:

John Howarth, Anthony Road, requested clarification of Motion failed status on Ordinance #2014-4.

Terri Chiddenton, Anthony Road, praised the efforts of Waterford Township Police Department in successfully controlling the Honda Days event and explained the stipend request from the Clean Community Grant Fund to reimburse all her personal out of pocket costs incurred.

Sarah Harney, Raritan Avenue, expressed support for Mrs. Chiddenton's stipend request from the Clean Community Grant Fund.

David Cilona, Fire Chief, informed the Committee of the Community Wildlife Protection Grant available from the NJ Division of Forestry offering matching funds up to \$5,000 which could be utilized toward the costs to repair the brush power wagon truck and purchase fire shelters, however the expenditures must occur by 9/1/2014.

Resolution #2014-132

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD APPROVING COMMUNITY WILDLIFE PROTECTION PLAN GRANT APPLICATION

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Richardson to adopt Resolution #2014-132

Poll Vote:

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

David Cilona, Fire Chief, informed the Committee there is an Incident Command System (ICS 402) executive level training course offered to Township Officials and will email documents to Administrator Ruocco.

David Chiddenton, Anthony Road, advocated the stipend to Mrs. Chiddenton and offered an explanation of the Clean Community Grant Fund allowable uses.

MAYOR CLOSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

APPLICATIONS: (none submitted)

COMMUNICATIONS: (none submitted)

DISCUSSIONS:

1. Waterford Township Environmental Commission – Clean Communities Grant Program and Stipend distribution to Clean Communities Coordinator consideration

Resolution 2014-133

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF STIPEND TO WATERFORD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR

Moved by Yeatman, 2nd by Critelli to adopt Resolution #2014-133

Poll Vote:

Committeeman Richardson - No
Committeeman Critelli - No
Committeeman Yeatman - Yes
Committeeman Koons - Yes
Mayor Merlino - Yes

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Merlino requested the Committee consider creating an Ad Hoc Water and Sewer Committee

Moved by Yeatman, 2nd by Critelli to table any consideration of the Ad Hoc Committee matter

Poll Vote:

Committeeman Richardson - Abstain
Committeeman Critelli - Yes
Committeeman Yeatman - Yes
Committeeman Koons - Yes
Mayor Merlino - No

NEW BUSINESS: (INCLUDES RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES)

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2014-126

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT #1 TO RANCO CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE CONTRACT 1B – INTERIOR WORK (IN THE AMOUNT OF \$\$265,327.08)

Resolution #2014-127

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A GREEN TEAM FOR THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY PROGRAM

Resolution #2014-128

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN HOWARTH TO THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF RHONDA MIDILI - 4/23/2014 TO 12/31/2015

Resolution #2014-129

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELATION OF INTEREST DUE TO POSTING ERROR – 237 JACKSON ROAD (IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18.02)

Resolution #2014-130

RESOLUTION APPOINTING HOWARD LONG ESQUIRE AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD FOR COUNTY TAX BOARD APPEALS ANDS STATE TAX COURT APPEALS THAT ARE A CONFLICT FOR THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Koons to adopt Resolution #2014-126 through Resolution #2014-130
Poll Vote:

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: (none submitted)

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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| a. | Current Fund Bill List. | \$ 1,927,816.15 |
| b. | Capital Fund Bill List. | \$ 315,194.08 |
| c. | Utility Operating Fund Bill List. | \$ 169,361.14 |
| d. | Trust Fund Bill List. | \$ 1,200.00 |
| e. | State Grant Fund Bill List | \$ 10,327.42 |

Moved by Richardson, 2nd by Critelli to approve and pay the above bills as submitted if documentation is present and when funds are available

Moved by Yeatman, 2nd by Critelli to adopt Resolution #2014-133

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:

John Howarth, Anthony Road, commented on the dangers of children riding quads and recommends the Committee make some type of statement at a televised meeting. He also noted there was parking available at Loudon Fire Hall during Honda Days and visitors of the event left trash along Jackson Road.

Rich Beswick, Hillside Drive, also suggested some type of notice go out to parents warning of dangers of quads.

Joe Palladino, Atco Avenue, questioned the "No" votes on the 2014 Budget.

John Howarth, Anthony Road, reminded residents the School Board's Budget Meeting is on 4/24/2014.

Sarah Harney, Raritan Avenue, reported there was a light out at the Hockey Rink at Waterford Park.

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

ISSUES FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:

Mayor Merlino requested the Committee consider the amount of members needed for the Ad Hoc Committee.

CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution # 2014-131

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 (Palladino v. Township of Waterford) AND PERSONNEL MATTERS (N. Petruzzi, 2 Public Works Positions and Special Court Administrator)

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Yeatman to adopt Resolution #2014-131

Voice Vote:

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

MAYOR RECESS MEETING FOR CLOSED SESSION: (8:40PM)

MAYOR RECONVENE MEETING: (9:00PM)

ROLL CALL:

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

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT:

Solicitor Patterson stated two decisions were made in Closed Session.

Resolution #2014-134

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD APPROVING MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Richardson to adopt Resolution #2014-134

Poll Vote:

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

Resolution #2014-135

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD APPOINTING A SPECIAL DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Richardson to adopt Resolution #2014-134

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 9:02PM

ALL IN FAVOR:

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Debra L. Shaw-Blemings
Acting Township Clerk