

THE JULY 9, 2014 REGULAR 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:

Susan E. Danson, QPA, Township Administrator - Present
David C. Patterson, Esquire, Township Solicitor - Present
Debra L. Shaw-Blemings, Acting Township Clerk - Present
Kijona L. Thompson, Deputy Clerk - Present
Jeremy Noll, PE, CME, Township Engineer, Environmental Resolutions, Inc. - Present
Michael Hagarty, Camden County Improvement Authority - Present

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Waterford Township Environmental Commission presenting the Atco Lake Fishing Derby Awards
2. Ed Madden, representing the MS 150 City to Shore Bike Tour presenting the Mayor and Township Committee the National MS Society Appreciation Award for supporting the annual ride. The 2014 Ride is scheduled for Sat. 9/27 and Sun. 9/28 including the same route as previous years.
3. Mayor's Award to Lawrence C. Ruocco in recognition of his many years of service and recent retirement

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

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (SECOND READING/HEARING):

Ordinance#2014-8

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER TOWER IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$750,000 THEREFORE; 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 \$750,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

There were no comments.

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Richardson, to adopt Ordinance #2014-8

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

Ordinance#2014-9

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY CAPTIONED "ADMINISTRATOR"

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

John Howarth, Anthony Road questioned term of contract and qualification requirements for Administrator position.

Andy Wade, Jackson Road requested clarification of length of contract for Administrator and any severance pay allowance.

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Yeatman, to adopt Ordinance #2014-9

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

Ordinance#2014-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2013-16 ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Andy Wade, Jackson Road requested clarification of the terms of the Ordinance and suggested the Committee consider the effects on tax payers when increasing expenditures.

Dennis Lamagna, Conrad Avenue asked if the Ordinance is available on the website.

John Howarth, Anthony Road inquired if there was any advertising for the Administrator position.

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Richardson, to adopt Ordinance #2014-10

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

Jeremy 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 (FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):**MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:**

Ron Passarella, Atlantic Avenue declared he had a copy of the proposed MOU with the CCIA in his possession and voiced his opinion on the construction of a new Fire House.

Chris Kerbaugh, Raritan Avenue asked for clarification of the proposed MOU regarding a new Fire House.

Phil Comisky, Dorothy Avenue questioned why the Committee was considering an MOU to construct a new Fire House after the Referendum question on the ballot last year was voted down.

John Chesebro, Virginia Drive suggested everyone address each other respectfully and perceived the MOU to be a non-binding contract.

Dan Hoover, Alsara Court expressed his opinion the residents have the opportunity to review the MOU document and pose questions prior to executing the agreement.

John Howarth, Anthony Road offered his congratulations to Eagle Scout Day for his accomplishments and requested clarification of Resolutions #2014-176 and #2014-178.

John DiMaio, Conrad Avenue supports the residents having the right to determine what is spent in the municipality and must scrutinize the Budget.

Dennis Lamagna, Conrad Avenue requested an explanation of the specifications and land purchase for the proposed new Firehouse and suggested a Referendum question regarding this issue be on the ballot in November.

Bobby Clark, Joseph Maurone Drive inquired about the history of maintenance on the existing Fire House and agreed the public should decide spending issues.

James Lombardo, White Horse Pike commented on the effect increasing taxation has on the residents.

William Watts, Judith Lane questioned the repayment terms included in the MOU and noted his experience in the restoration of old buildings.

Karen Strauss, Cooper Road inquired about the details of the terms of the MOU and questioned why the CCIA had not been included in the Haines Boulevard Redevelopment.

Bobby Clark, Joseph Maurone Drive requested an explanation of reasons not considering relocating to Loudon Fire House and the future of existing Fire Building.

Andy Wade, Jackson Road voiced his concern about a 20 year commitment and increases in taxes due to the construction of a Fire House.

Joe Palladino, Atco Avenue remarked when analyzing response time in determining a site for a new Fire House realistically consider the location of the member's homes also.

John Cheesebro, Virginia Avenue advised everyone on the process of Township form of government and mentioned the Loudon Fire Company had previously asked him to mediate for them.

Mike Ward, Auburn Avenue voiced his concerns for the need of additional study regarding the development of a new Fire House and respectfully submitted the Committee table the MOU until there was a definitive concept plan provided.

MAYOR CLOSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

APPLICATIONS: (none submitted)

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Acceptance of Eagle Project, benches and mile markers at Waterford Recreation Complex, completed by Eagle Scout candidate, Zachary Rowand as recommended by Administrator Danson

Moved by Yeatman, 2nd by Richardson, to accept the benches and mile markers installed at the Waterford Recreation Complex and authorize the maintenance of such items by Waterford Township Public Works.

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

2. Eagle Scout candidate, Justin Day, seeking authorization from the Township Committee to install bat houses on various Waterford Township properties located in various retention basins in the Township

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Richardson, to authorize the installation of bat houses on Waterford Township property located on various retention basins throughout the Township as recommended and supervised by the Waterford Township Environmental Commission.

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

3. Atco Dragway Enterprises, LLC seeking recommendation and possible action by the Township Committee regarding the vacation of the paper streets, Fernwood, Glendale and Tremont, which border their property

All members agreed to forward the Street Vacation request to the Planning Board for review and recommendation for Committee determination of approval

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

4. Consideration and possible action regarding the appointment of Special Counsel to represent Waterford Township in a Development Shared Service Agreement (DSSA) with the Camden County Improvement Authority (CCIA) for the proposed Fire Safety Building

Resolution #2014-180

RESOLUTION APPOINTING HOWARD LONG ESQUIRE AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD FOR THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND DEVELOPMENT SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PROPOSE NEW FIRE BUILDING

Moved by Richardson, 2nd by Critelli, to adopt Resolution #2014-180

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

DISCUSSIONS:

1. Consideration and possible action regarding the tax map maintenance submittals provided by ERI, Civil Solutions and CME along with the preferred vendor recommendations from the Township employees (postponed on 6/25/2014)

Moved by Yeatman, 2nd by Richardson, to tabled discussion and resend the supporting documents to Committee members

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

2. Consideration and possible action to extend winter Holiday closure of municipal offices and buildings as per the request from Union Local 1360 employees offering to utilize sick, personal or vacation time for additional time off on Friday, December 26th, 2014 and Friday, January 2, 2015 (postponed on 6/25/2014)

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Koons, all members agreed not to deny closing on either day

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Committeeman Richardson asked Michael Hagarty, of the CCIA, to address and clarify the issues discussed earlier in meeting regard and MOU.

Solicitor Patterson excused himself from the meeting due to a conflict and stepped out of court room at 9:45PM.

Mr. Hagarty stated the MOU was in “draft form” only to be used a starting point, then briefly explained the CCIA involvement and intentions regarding the development of a new Fire House.

NEW BUSINESS (INCLUDES RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES):

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2014-173

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE YEAR 2013 AUDIT

Resolution #2014-174

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVING OF PERMIT FEES TO WATERFORD TOWNSHIP FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ALARM DEVICES AND PANELS IN THE WATERFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Resolution #2014-175

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVING OF PERMIT FEES TO WATERFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW ROOF AT WATERFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Resolution #2014-176

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD ON PENDING INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS

Resolution #2014-177

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD 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 CONTINGENT UPON NECESSARY CHANGES AS RECOMMENDED BY SPECIAL ATTORNEY

Resolution #2014-178

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS, INC. (ERI) TO PERFORM ENGINEERING DESIGN, SURVEYING, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE WATERFORD TOWNSHIP 2014 ROAD PROGRAM

Resolution #2014-179

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CARL LANGE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD LIBRARY BOARD FOR THE TERM - 07/09/2014 TO 06/30/2019

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Richardson to adopt Resolution #2014-173 through #2014-179

Poll Vote: Committeeman Richardson – Yes
Committeeman Critelli – Yes
Committeeman Yeatman –Yes, EXCEPT No on #2014-177 and Abstain on #2014-179
Committeeman Koons – Yes
Mayor Merlino - Yes

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (FIRST READING):

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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| a. | Current Fund Bill List. | \$ 1,579,650.56 |
| b. | Utility Fund Bill List. | \$ 19,471.04 |
| d. | Trust Fund Bill List | \$ 2,282.99 |
| e. | State Grant Fund Bill List | \$ 7,834.56 |
| f. | Planning Board Escrow Bill List | \$ 711.25 |

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:

Dennis Lamagna, Conrad Avenue thanked everyone that attended the Knights of Columbus breakfast.

Mike Ward, Auburn Avenue expressed his wish that Mr. Hagarty had addressed residents earlier and noted the EDC is presently exploring ideas for development at Haines Boulevard inviting residents to attend the meetings

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

ISSUES FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE: (none submitted)

CLOSED SESSION: (not needed)

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Richardson, 2nd by Yeatman to adjourn meeting at 10:10PM.

ALL IN FAVOR: Committeeman Richardson – Yes
Committeeman Critelli – Yes
Committeeman Yeatman –Yes
Committeeman Koons – Yes
Mayor Merlino - Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Township Engineer's Report dated July 3, 2014

Respectfully submitted by:

Debra L. Shaw-Blemings
Acting Township Clerk