

THE MARCH 9, 2016 REGULAR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM BY THE MAYOR, WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON, JR..

NOTICE OF TIME AND DATE FOR THIS MEETING APPEARED IN RESOLUTION #2016-6 DATED JANUARY 2, 2016. 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.

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES TO ALLEVIATE DISRUPTION OF THE MEETING.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

OPENING PRAYER:

Committeeman Giangiulio

ROLL CALL:

Committeeman Yeatman - Present (Arrived @ 7:04PM)

Committeeman Giangiulio - Present

Committeeman Ferguson - Present

Committeeman Campbell - Absent

Mayor Richardson - Present

PROFESSIONALS:

Susan E. Danson, Township Administrator - Present

David C. Patterson, Esquire Township Solicitor - Present

Debra L. Shaw-Blemings, Township Clerk - Present

Chris Rehmann, PE, PP, Township Engineer, ARH Associates - Present

Julia Muesser Williams, LLA, Project Manager, ARH Associates - Present

PRESENTATIONS:

Resolution #2016-101

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD ACCEPTING DONATION OF CANINE FOR THE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 PROGRAM

Moved by Giangiulio, 2nd by Ferguson, to adopt Resolutions #2016-101

Poll Vote: Yeatman - Absent

Giangiulio - Yes

Ferguson - Yes

Campbell - Absent

Richardson - Yes

- Introduction of the new Police K-9 to the Township Committee and public

CLOSED SESSION: (NOT NEEDED)

EMERGENCY ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA: (NONE)

Committeeman Yeatman arrived at 7:04PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Workshop Meeting February 24 , 2016 (All Present)

Moved by Ferguson, 2nd by Yeatman, to approve the Meeting Minutes item #1

Poll Vote: Yeatman - Yes
 Giangiulio - Yes
 Ferguson - Yes
 Campbell - Absent
 Richardson - Yes

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES: (SECOND READING / HEARING)

Ordinance #2016-4

ORDINANCE TO RELEASE, VACATE AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO A PORTION OF FOURTH STREET, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Moved by Giangiulio, 2nd by Ferguson, to adopt Ordinance #2016-4

Poll Vote: Yeatman - Yes
 Giangiulio - Yes
 Ferguson - Yes
 Campbell - Absent
 Richardson - Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Chris Rehmann, PE, PP, Township Engineer, ARH Associates
Julia Muesser Williams, LLA, Project Manager, ARH Associates

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Susan E. Danson

CLERK REPORT

Debra L. Shaw-Blemings

RICHARD T. YEATMAN, SR.

Director of Building & Grounds
Liaison to Historical Society

THOMAS GIANGIULIO

Director of Public Works
Liaison to School Board
Director of Emergency Management

RALPH FERGUSON

Director of Zoning & Construction
Director of Communications
Liaison to Recreation Committee
Liaison to Civic & Events Association

ALPHONS CAMPBELL (Absent no reports)

Deputy Mayor
Director of Finance
Liaison to Environmental Commission

WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON

Mayor
Director of Public Safety
Director of Personnel
Liaison to Board of Chosen Freeholders

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

Ralph Condo, Condo Avenue, commented on the School District Board meeting report regarding the lower PARCC Testing scores over the last 5 years, coming in below Camden City and Winslow Township. He inquired if the Township Committee could assist and monitor the progress to report back to the community.

Committeeman Giangiulio expressed his disappointment with the PARCC test scores and several other issues regarding the schools declaring he would investigate what authorities the Township Committee has regarding School District matters.

Joseph Palladino, Atco Avenue, mentioned the number of students being home schooled should be considered.

John Howarth, Anthony Road, provided copies of the school test results to the Committee and commented on the performance of the School District seemingly not educating the children properly, noting that NJ taxes are ranked one of the highest in the U.S. He reminded the public to attend the School District Board meetings, inquired about the K-9 Program and requested the Spring Fling Event vendors be posted.

Chief Cormaney affirmed that the K-9 Program will be utilized for tracking, patrolling and narcotics investigation.

Andy Wade, Jackson Road, asked who was responsible for any fees regarding a Street Vacation, voiced his concerns regarding the school testing results and recommended the Waterford EMS services should be free of charge to any resident that does not have health insurance coverage such services.

Al Beck, Oakwood Lane, questioned the amount of tax dollars spent for every student requesting the Committee put pressure on the School District Board concerning the waste of funding.

Committeeman Giangiulio announced that 60% of tax dollars go to the schools, utilizing the maximum increase cap on their budget every year, noting his opinion there is flagrant spending urging the public to get more involved in the process through elections and attending meetings.

Ralph Condo, Condo Avenue, remarked that 4 years ago the dollars spent per child was \$13,000.

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

APPLICATIONS:

1. ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST - WTAA Opening Day Parade on Sat., 4/9/2016 from 8:45AM to 9:30AM
 - a. Cooper Road from Carl Hasselhan Drive to Raritan Avenue
 - b. West Atlantic Avenue from Cooper Road to Camilla Avenue
 - c. West Front Street from Cooper Road to Camilla Avenue

Moved by Yeatman, 2nd by Ferguson to approve Application item #1 as submitted

Poll Vote: Yeatman - Yes
Giangiulio - Yes
Ferguson - Yes
Campbell - Absent
Richardson - Yes

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Administrator Danson notifying Township Committee and residents of the South Jersey Gas Main Retro-fit Program which was slated to begin mid-March through end of May 2016.

Committeeman Giangiulio requested Administrator Danson request South Jersey Gas to provide a Surety Guaranty to cover any maintenance matters.

DISCUSSIONS:

- Township Administrator seeking authorization to apply for the Camden County Open Space Trust Fund Recreation Facility Enhancement Grant to make improvements to Thomas Richards Park

Moved by Yeatman, 2nd by Ferguson to authorize Administrator Danson to submit application for the Camden County Open Space Trust Fund Recreation Facility Enhancement Grant as presented.

Poll Vote: Yeatman - Yes
Giangiulio - Yes
Ferguson - Yes
Campbell - Absent
Richardson - Yes

OLD BUSINESS: (NONE)

NEW BUSINESS: (INCLUDES RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES)

RESOLUTIONS:***Resolution #2016-102***

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD APPOINTING DAWN LIEDTKA AS DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK

Moved by Giangiulio, 2nd by Ferguson, to adopt Resolutions #2016-102

Poll Vote: Yeatman - Yes
Giangiulio - Yes
Ferguson - Yes
Campbell - Absent
Richardson - Yes

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: (FIRST READING)**Ordinance #2016-5**

AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE LAND USE, DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, BY ADOPTING CHAPTER 176, LAND USE, DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD

Moved by Giangiulio, 2nd by Ferguson, to introduce Ordinance #2016-5 with Public Hearing and Second Reading on March 23, 2016

Poll Vote: Yeatman - Yes
 Giangiulio - Yes
 Ferguson - Yes
 Campbell - Absent
 Richardson - Yes

Ordinance #2016-6

ORDINANCE TO RELEASE, VACATE AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO A PORTION OF MAPLE AVENUE, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Moved by Yeatman, 2nd by Ferguson, to introduce Ordinance #2016-6 with Public Hearing and Second Reading on March 23, 2016

Poll Vote: Yeatman - Yes
 Giangiulio - Yes
 Ferguson - Yes
 Campbell - Absent
 Richardson - Yes

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

- Current Fund Bill List \$ 1,395,283.54
- Capital Fund Bill List \$ 11,477.62
- Utility Fund Bill List \$ 25,213.23
- Utility Capital Fund Bill List \$ 229.25
- Trust Fund Bill List \$ 363.40
- State Grant Fund Bill List \$ 14,039.06
- Planning Board Escrow Bill List \$ 3,642.00

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

Poll Vote: Yeatman - Yes
 Giangiulio - Yes
 Ferguson - Yes
 Campbell - Absent
 Richardson - Yes

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Karen Strauss, Cooper Road, inquired about the gas line work, status of the COAH hearing, and any interest from businesses to develop on Haines Boulevard.

Mayor Richardson offered the response that the area is being marketed generating some interest however, the redevelopment plan which provides the guidelines for development must go to the Planning Board for review upon completion which is estimated for month-end.

Andy Wade, Jackson Road, reported the theft procedures he has developed in conjunction with the court system versus personal suits.

Ann McGrath, Jackson Road, stated her disappointment with the current Field Use scheduling for WTAA and demanded an explanation of the Committee approvals to other organizations.

MAYOR CLOSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

ISSUES FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE: (NONE)

CLOSED SESSION: (NOT NEEDED)

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Ferguson, 2nd by Yeatman to adjourn meeting at 8:45PM

Voice Vote: All in favor, no objections, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Debra L. Shaw-Blemings

Debra L. Shaw-Blemings, RMC

Township Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Engineer Report dated 3/9/2016