

**TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
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MAY 10, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

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THE MAY 10, 2017 REGULAR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:04 PM BY THE MAYOR, WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON, JR.

MAYOR RICHARDSON NOTED THAT NOTICE OF TIME AND DATE FOR THIS MEETING APPEARED IN RESOLUTION #2017-7 DATED JANUARY 2, 2017. THIS NOTICE WAS SENT TO THE COURIER-POST, CENTRAL RECORD AND HAMMONTON GAZETTE NEWSPAPERS AS A LEGAL NOTICE AND SUNSHINE NOTICE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW". IT WAS ALSO POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

MAYOR RICHARDSON REQUESTED THAT ALL CELL PHONES BE SILENCED TO ALLEVIATE DISRUPTION OF THE MEETING.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

OPENING PRAYER:

The Opening Prayer was led by Committeeman Giangiulio

ROLL CALL:

Committeeman Campbell	-Present
Committeeman Ferguson	-Absent
Committeeman Giangiulio	-Present
Committeewoman Sura	-Present
Mayor Richardson	-Present

PROFESSIONALS:

Susan E. Danson, Township Administrator	-Present
David C. Patterson, Esquire Township Solicitor	-Present
Lori Friddell, Township Clerk	-Present
Dawn Liedtka, Deputy Township Clerk	-Present
Chris Rehmann, PE, PP, Township Engineer, ARH Associates	-Present
Chris Briglia, PE, ARH Associates	-Present

PRESENTATIONS:

- Environmental Commission Chairman David Chiddenton's presentation to T-Shirt Contest Winners
 - Atco School Winner – Alaina Schafer
 - Thomas Richards School Winner – Rosanna Randazzo
 - Waterford Elementary School Winner – Lauren Dellorco
 - Staff Winner – Mrs. Dawn Agoston

Dave and Terri Chiddenton displayed the winning tee shirts and explained the message being delivered in each. Alaina Schafer of Atco Elementary School received her certificate for the winning design.

Mayor Richardson thanked Dave and Terri Chiddenton for presenting the shirts to the Committee. He also thanked the students and staff who participated in the tee shirt design contest. Committeeman Giangiulio thanked the Environmental Commission for their hard work and dedication to Waterford Township.

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- Environmental Commission – Fire Wise Community Program

Charles Damiani of the Environmental Commission explained that the “Fire Wise Community Program” is a work in progress due to a joint effort between the Environmental Commission, the Waterford Township Fire Department, and the New Jersey Division of Forrest Fire Services. The entire purpose is to save lives of residents.

John Cowie, the state liaison for Fire Wise, commented that about 56% of homes in New Jersey are in a Wildfire Danger Zone. While no one can predict when a wildfire will occur, they can assist the residents in preparing their homes. They have already received approval from the Forrest Fire Service and have deemed that the homes in the Tremont Ave and Maple Ave areas are the most at risk. They intend to utilize the members of the Waterford Township Firefighter Explorer program to do evaluations on homes and provide suggestions to safeguard the homes from wildfire. They are hopeful that they will be able to do a “Fire Wise” Day that is open to all township residents in order to spread the word about this program.

Committeeman Giangiulio thanked Charles Damiani, Dave Chiddenton, and Dave Cilona for all of their hard work in initiating this program. He encouraged residents to cooperate and to learn from the members of the Fire Wise Community Program.

- Proclamation - National Public Works Week – May 21 – 27, 2017

Mayor Richardson presented a Proclamation to the Director of Public Works, Mike Micklasavage, commending him and his employees on a job well done. Mr. Micklasavage thanked the Mayor and the Committee members for recognizing their hard work.

- Proclamation – Emergency Medical Services Month – May 2017

Committeeman Giangiulio and Mayor Richardson presented a Proclamation to the Chief of the Waterford Township Emergency Medical Service, Betty Anne Gardner. Mayor Richardson complimented them on all the wonderful things they do for the community and Ms. Gardner thanked the Committee for their continued support.

CLOSED SESSION: Not Needed

EMERGENCY ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Regular/Workshop Meeting April 26, 2017 *(Committeeman Giangiulio absent)*
2. Closed Session April 26, 2017 *(Committeeman Giangiulio absent)*

Moved by Committeeman Campbell, 2nd by Committeewoman Sura to approve the Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2017 as presented.

Poll Vote: Campbell - Yes
 Ferguson - Absent
 Giangiulio - Abstain
 Sura - Yes
 Richardson - Yes

3-0-1 Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES: (NONE)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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Engineer's Report:

Township Engineer Rehmann issued a report on projects going on within the township.

He commented on the results of a meeting of with the representatives of the Bureau of Public Utilities. There are Energy Grants and Energy Audits available for the Township. He has discussed with Township Administrator Susan Danson and they will be making recommendations to the Township Committee.

Mr. Rehmann also noted that they are working with Public Works on the Water Conservation and Drought Management Plan; it has been submitted to NJDEP. The Public Safety Building progress is moving along on schedule.

Committeeman Giangiulio questioned the CCMUA loan program and noted that everything that has been "televised" so far (in regards to the water mains) has been in good condition. He confirmed that the mains that run down the White Horse Pike are the next that need to be addressed. Mr. Briglia responded that they are considering doing a meter rather than doing the televised inspection on the White Horse Pike. He also stated that, although the White Horse Pike is a state road, the sewer main in the responsibility of the Township and may not be covered by the CCMUA. Mr. Briglia and Mr. Rehmann would look further into this as well as looking into the NJ Infrastructure Trust to receive grant money.

Committeewoman Sura's Report:

Ms. Sura stated that there has been a lot of work going on by the Public Works Department. All the grounds in the Township are looking beautiful. They have cleaned and painted the dugouts at the Ritter Complex. They have also cleaned up the grounds at Lions Park.

Ms. Sura also reported that Dr. Brenda Harring is doing a wonderful job as Superintendent. She also noted that the School Board passed a budget with NO increase in taxes to the public.

Committeeman Campbell's Report:

Mr. Campbell stated that the Construction department issued 46 Construction permits in the month of April.

The Environmental Commission sponsored a "Clean-up Day" in Waterford Township on Saturday, April 22nd. 69 volunteers attended and helped to clean up Waterford Township. They also sponsored a successful shredding event on May 6. Mr. Campbell also reminded Committee that the Fishing Derby sponsored by the WTEC would be held on June 10th. It is a free event at the Atco Lake where participants get to catch and release fish. There are prizes and trophies.

Mr. Campbell concluded his report by reminding residents that televisions that need to be disposed of are NOT to be placed out for regular trash. They can be dropped off to the Public Works building Monday – Friday, 7:30 – 3:15.

Committeeman Giangiulio's Report:

Mr. Giangiulio reported on a busy month of April for the Waterford Township Police Department. The WTPD were called out for service 1352 times in the month of April, including numerous warrant calls and DWI reports. The Police Department participated in the "Hands Across the Lake" event held by Archway Programs as well as "Coffee with a Cop" at the Dunkin Donuts in Waterford Township.

Mr. Giangiulio reported that the EMS responded to 276 calls for service in the month of April. They also transported 214 patients. They held three CPR classes in April and participated in the Tapper-Hicks 5K Run. Their donation drive is currently underway and Mr. Giangiulio urged residents to donate if possible. Committeeman Giangiulio read a letter written by a township resident. The resident commended the Waterford Township EMS for taking care of him when he broke his arm. The letter continued by stating that the EMS members were kind and helpful and the resident was thankful that he was in Waterford Township when he was injured.

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Mr. Giangliulo reported that the Fire Department responded to 48 calls for service in the month of April. They were also involved in various trainings, which included live fire training and SBCA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) training. The members of the WTFD also attended the WTAA Opening Day Parade. Committeeman Giangliulo reminded residents to practice Fire Safety and clear their yards of brush.

Committeeman Giangliulo concluded his report by referencing an article in the May 2017 issue of South Jersey Magazine. Waterford Township ranked #15 in South Jersey and #4 in Camden County as a Top Town. We are the 4th lowest taxes in Camden County. Waterford Township's crime rate is by far the lowest in the County. Mr. Giangliulo reminded residents that they should be proud of the town they live in.

Administrator Danson

Ms. Danson praised the Public Works department for making the building look beautiful. Numerous residents have been in to comment on the gorgeous landscaping job done by the township employees. Administrator Danson reminded Committee of the various activities that will be going on throughout Waterford in the upcoming weeks. On Saturday, May 20th, the Waterford Home and School Association will be hosting the 2nd annual Color Run. On that same day, the township will host the 2nd annual Spring Fling on Atco Avenue. On June 9th, there will be an Active Shooter Table Top Drill at the Township Building to help train the employees in the unfortunate event of an active shooter entering the building.

Ms. Danson also stated that the pre-proposal meeting held on May 5 for the Haines Boulevard Redevelopment area was successful and that questions from prospective companies were addressed.

Administrator Danson concluded her report by updating committee on the "Make a Difference" campaign. They are working on "re-branding" of the township and updating the township website. She hopes that residents will continue to volunteer because the purpose of this campaign is to get the Community involved in decisions that affect them.

Mayor Richardson

Mayor Richardson congratulated Vincent Renzulli and Mike Micklasavage on taking and passing exams. He also commented on the job well done by the Public Works Department for keeping the township beautiful, including painting the light poles on Atco Avenue. Mr. Richardson reminded residents that the Pit on Columbia Avenue will be open on Saturdays and that Fire Hydrant Flushing was ongoing.

In Committeeman Ferguson's absence, Mayor Richardson delivered a report on behalf of the Recreation Committee. They are awaiting quotes to refurbish the tennis courts at the Thomas Richards playground. They are also in receipt of a grant to install handicapped accessible playground equipment at the Thomas Richards playground.

Mayor Richardson also addressed multiple rumors that he has been presented with. He assured residents that taxes, including the first payment of the Public Safety Building, will be going up approximately \$75 a year for the average household. He also commented on the Affordable Housing portion of the Haines Boulevard Redevelopment. Affordable Housing is mandated by the court . . . there must be a certain percentage in each municipality. The affordable housing in the Haines Boulevard Redevelopment Plan is necessary because it would be impossible to have the entire area commercial.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC: (FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

MAYOR RICHARDSON OPENED THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS

THERE BEING NO PUBLIC COMMENT, THE MAYOR CLOSED THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS

APPLICATIONS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

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DISCUSSIONS:

1. LED Lighting and Municipal Energy Audit

Administrator Danson met with Engineers Rehmann and Briglia in regards to energy usage in the Township. There is a free Energy Audit available. Pending the results of the Energy Audit, we will be able to decide a course of action and to determine where our needs are most prevalent. Engineer Rehmann clarified that this is not just a lighting audit, but an entire energy usage audit. Committee instructed Ms. Danson to move forward in scheduling this Energy Audit.

2. Letter from Planning Board

At the request of Mayor Richardson, Mr. Ralph Condo, Planning Board Chairman, addressed the Committee. The Planning Board is asking for the support of the Waterford Township Committee in making an effort to make the commercial and residential areas of town more appealing. Mr. Condo remarked that the Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Toussaint, makes a concerted effort to be fair and treat everyone equally and, although Mr. Toussaint has done an excellent job, he gets a large amount of push back from residents because there has been a history of codes being overlooked. Mr. Condo would like the Governing Body to officially affirm that they support the Planning Board's efforts to enforce the codes of Waterford Township.

Moved by Committeeman Giangiulio, 2nd by Committeeman Campbell to support the efforts of the Planning Board and the Code Enforcement Official

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

4-0 Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: (INCLUDES RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES)

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION # 2017-160

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAXES DUE TO OVERPAYMENT ON BLOCK 1903, LOT 11

RESOLUTION # 2017-161

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FIRE HYDRANT METER RENTAL BALANCE (BRAYCO UTILITIES INC.)

RESOLUTION # 2017-162

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHERRY HILL FIRE DISTRICT #13 AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION # 2017-163

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ROSEANNA ILES AS CLASS IV RESIDENT MEMBER OF THE WATERFORD TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

RESOLUTION # 2017-164

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #311 TO CLOSE VARIOUS STREETS ON MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017 FOR THEIR ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

RESOLUTION # 2017-165

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION, ADVERTISEMENT AND RECEIPT OF BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD

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Moved by Committeeman Giangiulio, 2nd by Committeewoman Sura to adopt Resolutions #2017-160 through #2017-165

Prior to voting, Committeeman Campbell encouraged people to attend the Memorial Day Parade mentioned in Resolution # 2017-164. In reference to Resolution # 2017-163, Mayor Richardson instructed Township Clerk Friddell to compose a letter to Roseanna Iles from the Township Committee thanking her for her service to the Planning Board.

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

4-0 Motion Carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: (NONE)

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

1. Current Fund Bill List	\$ 3,090,992.35
2. Capital Fund Bill List	\$ 4,925.00
3. Utility Fund Bill List	\$ 29,600.99
4. Utility Capital Fund Bill List	\$ 6,220.00
5. Trust Fund Bill List	\$ 2,159.26
6. State Grant Bill List	\$ 10,701.13
7. Planning Board Escrow Bill List	\$ 2,728.25
8. Utility Escrow Bill List	\$ 5,187.50

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

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

4-0 Motion Carried

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

MAYOR RICHARDSON OPENED THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS.

THERE BEING NO PUBLIC COMMENT, THE MAYOR CLOSED THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS

ISSUES FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:

Mayor Richardson reminded everyone about the Memorial Day Parade and also noted that there is a Chicken Barbeque at the American Legion immediately following the parade and ceremonies.

CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLUTION #2017-166

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 **Related to:**

1. Personnel
2. Attorney/Client – School #6

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Moved by Committeeman Giangiulio, 2nd by Committeeman Campbell to adopt Resolution #2017-166

Voice Vote: All in Favor, No Objections, Motion Passed

MAYOR RECESSED MEETING FOR CLOSED SESSION AT 8:27 PM

MAYOR RECONVENED MEETING AT 9:06 PM

ROLL CALL:

Committeeman Campbell	-Present
Committeeman Ferguson	-Absent
Committeeman Giangiulio	-Present
Committeewoman Sura	-Present
Mayor Richardson	-Present

STATEMENT ON RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION:

Solicitor Patterson stated that no final decisions were made in Closed Session.

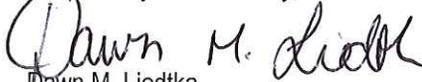
ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Committeeman Giangiulio, 2nd by Committeeman Campbell to adjourn meeting at 9:06 PM

Voice Vote: All in Favor. No Objections. Motion Passed.

Attachments: Engineer's Report

Respectfully Submitted by,



Dawn M. Liedtka
Deputy Township Clerk

Date Approved 5/24/17

