

**TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

August 15, 2018

SPECIAL MEETING

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The August 15, 2018 Regular Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Waterford, called to order at 6:30p.m. by the Mayor, William A. Richardson, Jr.

I. STATEMENT OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

Notice of time and date for this meeting appeared August 13, 2018 in the Courier-Post Newspaper. This Notice was also sent to the Central Record and Hammonton Gazette as a Sunshine Notice in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Law". It is also posted on the Township website and on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Please silence all cell phones to alleviate disruption of the meeting.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

III. ROLL CALL:

Committeeman Giangiulio	- Present
Committeewoman Hanna	- Present
Committeewoman Sura	- Present
Committeeman Yeatman	- Absent
Mayor Richardson	- Present

Professionals:

Susan E. Danson, Township Administrator	- Present
Dawn Liedtka, Deputy Township Clerk	- Present

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Richardson stated that the purpose of this special meeting was to vote to place a binding referendum question on the November 2018 ballot. Committeewoman Sura noted that the Library Study will be available online for the residents to peruse. Committeewoman Hanna noted that the report was very thorough and that the residents need to be the ones to make the decision. Committeeman Giangiulio reiterated that this is just a vote to place the referendum on the ballot.

RESOLUTION # 2018-198

Resolution of the Township of Waterford to Place a Binding Referendum Question on the November 2018 Ballot on whether the Township Should Dissolve the Waterford Township Library and Join the Camden County Library System or Authorize Construction of a New Library in the Township with Bond Financing

Moved by Committeewoman Sura, 2nd by Committeewoman Hanna to adopt Resolution #2018-198

POLL VOTE: Giangiulio	- Yes
Hanna	- Yes
Sura	- Yes
Yeatman	- Absent
Richardson	- Yes

4-0 Motion Carried

V. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Gabe Cimino of Jackson Road commented that the issue of the township library was on a previous ballot and that voters chose to keep the township library. Mayor Richardson responded that the recent library study clearly outlined that the current facility is not fulfilling the needs of residents and

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that options were suggested. Mr. Cimino voiced his opinion regarding joining the county library.

Al Borelli of Carolyn Lane questioned what would happen to the current building that the library is housed in. Mayor Richardson noted that that would be up to the municipality. Mr. Borelli also inquired as to whether or not they could expand into the vacant fire house. Mr. Richardson noted that the township does not own the fire house building on Atco Avenue. Mr. Borelli expressed his opinion that the closure of another building in Waterford Township will negatively affect the community. Committeeman Giangiulio commented that they must look at the situation financially and that ultimately the voters will get the final say.

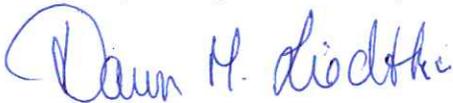
Andrew Wade of Jackson Road expressed his displeasure at the idea of spending millions of dollars on a new library. He explained his distrust for members of the Committee and noted he was worried that they would spend the money on a new library without letting the voters have a say. Mayor Richardson explained that the feasibility study clearly states that the current library is not meeting the needs of Waterford Township and that something must be done. Discussion ensued regarding "soft costs" for a new library and the expenses that the taxpayers would incur. Mr. Wade reiterated his opinion that building a new library would be too costly for the taxpayers.

The Mayor closed the meeting to the public for comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Committeeman Giangiulio, 2nd by Committeewoman Hanna to adjourn meeting at 6:54 PM.
Voice Vote: All in Favor. No Objections. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Dawn M. Liedtka, RMC, CMR
Deputy Township Clerk

Approval Date: 9/12/18