

**TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

August 12, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

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The August 12, 2020 Regular Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Waterford, called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Mayor, Richard Yeatman, Sr.

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

Notice of time and date for this meeting appeared in Resolution #2020-7 dated January 2, 2020. 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 Act". It is also posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

In addition, notice that this meeting was being held by Zoom due to the Coronavirus emergency was published on August 7, 2020 in the Courier Post and Hammonton Gazette, posted on the door to the Township Municipal Building, posted on the Townships official website, and posted on the Township's Facebook Page.

The Meeting ID is 990 7477 2437 and the Password is Waterford.

Anyone from the public wishing to speak will be permitted to during public participation. The agenda will be posted on the Township webpage.

Please place all phones on mute to alleviate disruption of the meeting.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

III. OPENING PRAYER:

The Opening Prayer was led by Deputy Mayor Wade.

IV. ROLL CALL:

Committeewoman Hanna	-Present
Committeeman Romolini	-Present
Committeeman Wade	-Present
Committeeman Wilson	-Present
Mayor Yeatman	-Present

Professionals:

David C. Patterson, Esquire Township Solicitor	-Present
Daniel Cormaney, Waterford Township Police Chief	-Present
Dawn M. Liedtka, Township Clerk	-Present
James D'Auria, Chief Financial Officer	-Present
Andrea Lanutti, Deputy Township Clerk	-Present
Jeff Hanson, PE, CME, Township Engineer, ERI	-Present

PUBLIC HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENT

-Presented by Committeeman Romolini

V. CLOSED SESSION:

VI. PRESENTATIONS: (NONE)

VII. EMERGENCY ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA:

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Mayor Yeatman requests the addition of Resolution #2020-200 to the agenda.

Resolution # 2020-200

Resolution of the Township of Waterford Authorizing Completion of Improvements at the Waterford Edge Subdivision from Funds Received from The Irrevocable Letter of Credit Posted for that Project.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Committeewoman Hanna, 2nd by Committeeman Romolini to approve the Regular Township Committee Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2020 and the Workshop Township Committee Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2020 as presented.

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| 1. Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes | May 13, 2020 |
| 2. Township Committee Workshop Meeting Minutes | June 24, 2020 |

Poll Vote:	Hanna	-Yes
	Romolini	-Yes
	Wade	-Yes
	Wilson	-Yes
	Yeatman	-Yes

5-0 Motion Carried

IX. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES: None

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Jeff Hanson, Environmental Resolutions, Inc.

ANDREW WADE

Liaison to Public Works
Liaison to Building and Grounds
Liaison to Historical Society
Member Planning Board

RITA HANNA

Liaison to School Board
Liaison to Civic and Events Association
Member Library Board

ERIC ROMOLINI

Liaison to Public Safety
Liaison to Finance
Liaison to Board of Health

HOWARD WILSON

Liaison to Personnel
Liaison to Communications
Liaison to Freeholders

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RICHARD T. YEATMAN, SR.

Liaison to Construction and Zoning
Liaison to Recreation Advisory Committee
Liaison to Environmental Commission

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

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Dave Chiddenton, Anthony Road, questioned Resolution #2020-195 and voiced his concerns about the budget and additional funding. Businesses have not had good responses with the Atco Plaza owner. In response to Resolution #2020-198, Mr. Chiddenton noted that they are great choices for the Fire Department.

John Howarth, Anthony Road, questioned the Affordable Housing Ordinance. Solicitor Patterson explained that the Ordinance is necessary in order to bring the Township into compliance with court orders.

William Gardner of Hayes Mill Road inquired regarding the timeline for the completion of Waterford's Edge. Township Engineer Jeff Hanson commented that it should be complete by late fall.

Mike Vespe of Front street requested the vacation of an unpaved portion of Auburn Avenue.

There being no further public comment, the Mayor closed the meeting to the public for comments.

XII. APPLICATIONS : (NONE)

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS:

Committeeman Wilson noted that he had received a letter from Deeper Life Bible Church requesting to purchase land from the Township that is contingent to their current property. Mr. Wilson explained that he had instructed the Zoning official to look into the properties and will report back to Committee.

XIV. DISCUSSIONS:

1. Trash
Committeeman Wade noted that the project is moving along. Trucks and Equipment are being purchased. He noted that it is best practice to give 90-day notice. Committeeman Wilson requested Solicitor Patterson compose a non-renewal letter to be sent to Republic.
2. Lombardo Property (Proposal from ERI)
Mayor Yeatman summarized the funds that have already been spent on the Lombardo property. Committeeman Wilson discussed the 2 proposals from ERI, offering his opinion that the second option would be the best.
3. Library
Committeewoman Hanna shared details from the meeting the night before, but noted that the CCIA would like to have an architect visit the proposed site and make recommendations.

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Moved by Committeeman Wilson, 2nd by Committeewoman Hanna to authorize the CCIA to spend \$5,600.00 for an Architect.

Poll Vote:	Hanna	-Yes
	Romolini	-Yes
	Wade	-Yes
	Wilson	-Yes
	Yeatman	-Yes

5-0 Motion Carried

4. Convenience Center

Committeeman Wade informed Committee that the Convenience Center will remain open by appointment only during the week, as well as the 2nd Saturday of every month from 9-1pm without an appointment. Mr. Wade also noted the need to advertise for three positions in the Public Works Department.

On a Motion by Committeeman Wade, 2nd by Committeeman Romolini to advertise for 3 positions in the Public Works Department.

Poll Vote:	Hanna	-Yes
	Romolini	-Yes
	Wade	-Yes
	Wilson	-Yes
	Yeatman	-Yes

5-0 Motion Carried

5. Storm Clean Up

Public Works has been busy cleaning up the debris left behind by the storm. Committeeman Wade noted the need for better communication about available Cooling and recharging stations during power outages.

6. Street Vacation Request – Auburn Avenue

Solicitor Patterson explained the request and noted that the property owner is interested in the street vacation in order to allow construction of a single-family home. Discussion ensued regarding the need to do further research as this request is much different than the other request earlier in the year. Mr. Costa requested to speak and he explained that 30 feet of the front yard is actually unpaved road. Solicitor Patterson explained that the owner would need to sign an agreement that the property owner will incur all the fees; he explained that he will send the documents to Mr. Costa.

7. Verizon New Jersey Inc. notice of filing of an Application for Renewal of Cable Franchise

Solicitor Patterson gave a brief explanation and noted that any resident with concerns could contact Verizon.

XV. OLD BUSINESS: (NONE)

XVI. NEW BUSINESS: (INCLUDES RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES)

CONSENT AGENDA - RESOLUTIONS:

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(NOTE: Consent agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion; any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certificate of Availability of Funds; any item can be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately at the request of any Committee Member)

On a motion by Committeewoman Hanna, second by Committeeman Wade to adopt Resolutions #2020-190 to #2020-198 as follows:

On a Motion by Committeeman Wilson, second by Committeeman Wade to table Resolution #2020-198.

RESOLUTION # 2020-198

Resolution Confirming the Election of Chief Officers Within the Waterford Township Fire Department

*Chief of Department
Deputy Chief
Battalion Chief*

*Christopher Sylvia
Andrew Willson
Montrell Haldeman*

Committeeman Wilson states his reason for the tabled request is to formally meet those elected.

Poll Vote:	Hanna	-Yes
	Romolini	-No
	Wade	-Yes
	Wilson	-Yes
	Yeatman	-Yes

4-1 Motion Carried

Resolution #2020-198 Tabled.

RESOLUTION # 2020-190

Resolution Authorizing Refund of an Overpayment of Taxes on Block 3401 Lot 47

RESOLUTION # 2020-191

Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes for A Totally Disabled Veteran on Block 7201 Lot 3

RESOLUTION # 2020-192

Resolution Approving and Authorizing Liens on Real Property Within the Township of Waterford For Maintenance Work Performed by The Township of Waterford

**Grass Cutting that was Performed on Vacant Properties*

RESOLUTION # 2020-193

Resolution of the Township of Waterford Appointing James D'Auria as the Township JIF Fund Commissioner

RESOLUTION # 2020-194

Resolution to Amend Capital Budget

**Adding to the Budget for Ordinance #2020-10 - Improvements to the Waterford Library and Acquisition of Equipment*

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RESOLUTION # 2020-195

Resolution of the Township of Waterford Approving Amendment to the Shared Services Agreement by and Between the Township of Waterford and Camden County Improvement Authority
**To Allow the CCIA to Continue to Assist with the Waterford Township Public Library*

RESOLUTION # 2020-196

Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Permit Fees in the Amount of \$188.00 Pursuant to the Recommendation of the Construction Official (701 Cannery Row)

RESOLUTION # 2020-197

Resolution of the Township of Waterford Reaffirming and Continuing the Formation of a Green Team for the Sustainable Jersey Program

Poll Vote:	Hanna	-Yes
	Romolini	-Yes
	Wade	-Yes
	Wilson	-Yes
	Yeatman	-Yes

5-0 Motion Carried on Resolutions #2020-190 through #2020-197

On a Motion by Committeeman Romolini, second by Committeewoman Hanna to adopt Resolution # 2020-200.

RESOLUTION #2020-200

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Poll Vote:	Hanna	-Yes
	Romolini	-Yes
	Wade	-Yes
	Wilson	-Yes
	Yeatman	-Yes

5-0 Motion Carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

Moved by Committeeman Wilson, 2nd by Committeewoman Hanna to introduce Ordinance #2020-10 with Public Hearing and Second Reading on September 9, 2020

ORDINANCE #2020-10

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATERFORD TOWNSHIP FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$550,000 THEREFOR; 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 \$522,500; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

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Poll Vote: Hanna -Yes
 Romolini -Yes
 Wade -Yes
 Wilson -Yes
 Yeatman -Yes

5-0 Motion Carried

Moved by Committeeman Wade, 2nd by Committeeman Wilson to introduce Ordinance #2020-11 with Public Hearing and Second Reading on August 26, 2020.

ORDINANCE #2020-11

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Poll Vote: Hanna -Yes
 Romolini -Yes
 Wade -Yes
 Wilson -Yes
 Yeatman -Yes

5-0 Motion Carried

XVII. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

On a motion by Committeeman Romolini, second by Committeewoman Hanna to approve the bill list as presented.

1.	Current Fund Bill List	\$	1,543,173.66
2.	Utility Fund Bill List	\$	37,097.35
3.	Grant Fund Bill List	\$	5,886.15
4.	Planning Board Escrow Bill List	\$	2,941.25
5.	Trust Fund Bill List	\$	1,807.45
6.	Capital Fund Bill List	\$	20,485.00
7.	Utility Capital Fund Bill List	\$	6,245.00
8.	Prior Payment	\$	2,230.24

Poll Vote: Hanna -Yes
 Romolini -Yes
 Wade -Yes
 Wilson -Yes
 Yeatman -Yes

5-0 Motion Carried

XVIII. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Mayor opens the meeting to the public for comments:

Chris Sylvia, acting Fire Chief, responded to Committeeman Wilson's comments and noted that he looks forward to meeting with him, and appreciates where he stands.

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John Howarth of Anthony Road, asked about new trash cans and 2nd trash cans when Township takes over for Republic.

Dave Chiddenton, Anthony Drive, inquired when the bid specs for Solid Waste and Recycling would be available for the public to see.

Louise Sands, Gibbons Court, explained that the WTCEA received lots of donations for its "Back to School" drive. Ms. Sands provided a list of the organizations and thanked them for their outpouring of support. Ms. Sands then discussed the possibility of a movie night at the Assembly of God church on Jackson Road on September 12, 2020. Chief Cormaney voiced his approval as long as social distancing is followed. *Community Yard Sale* Ms. Sands then detailed the plans for the Community Yard Sale for 9/19/2020 and noted the need to put on application to be 6 feet apart and encourage social distancing.

William Gardner, Hayes Mill Road, questioned about lighting on his street. Mr. Gardner mentioned the members of the fire department to be elected are very qualified. Mr. Gardner inquired about trash service.

Kathy Foley, Raritan Avenue, noted her frustration that the Fire Department elected official's resolution is being tabled and voiced her opinion that it seems like a "Witch Hunt".

Mike Ward, Auburn Avenue, commented that the elected fire department members are all wonderful and nothing is being changed.

There being no further public comment, the Mayor closed the meeting to the public for comments.

XIX. ISSUES FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:

Committeeman Wade noted that Loudon members wished to provide assistance and commented that at least 10 members have been trained with Red Cross. Mr. Wade expressed his opinion that they would be a good option for Fire Police.

Committeewoman Hanna responded to Ms. Foley's "Witch Hunt" comment and noted that there are no behind the scenes plans.

XX. CLOSED SESSION:

On a motion by Committeeman Wade, second by Committeeman Romolini to approve Resolution #2020-199 of the Township of Waterford Authorizing the Township Committee to go into Closed Session Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 for discussion related to the following:

1. Personnel – Employee # 849

Voice Vote:	Hanna	-Yes
	Romolini	-Yes
	Wade	-Yes
	Wilson	-Yes
	Yeatman	-Yes

5-0 Motion Carried

Mayor Recessed the Meeting for Closed Session at 9:07 PM

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RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by Committeeman Wade, second by Committeewoman Hanna to reconvene the public meeting.

Voice Vote:	Hanna	-Yes
	Romolini	-Yes
	Wade	-Yes
	Wilson	-Yes
	Yeatman	-Yes

5-0 Motion Carried

Mayor Reconvened the Meeting at 9:55 PM

ROLL CALL:

Committeewoman Hanna	-Present
Committeeman Romolini	-Present
Committeeman Wade	-Present
Committeeman Wilson	-Present
Mayor Yeatman	-Present

Statement on return from Closed Session:

Solicitor Patterson stated that one decision was made in Closed Session that is referenced in Resolution #2020-201

On a Motion by Committeeman Wade, second by Committeewoman Hanna to approve Resolution #2020-201.

RESOLUTION # 2020-201

Resolution of the Township of Waterford Imposing Discipline on Employee #849, Plea Agreement and Last Chance Agreement.

Poll Vote:	Hanna:	-Yes
	Romolini	-Yes
	Wade	-Yes
	Wilson	-Yes
	Yeatman	-Yes

5-0 Motion Carried

XXI. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Committeeman Wade, second by Committeeman Romolini to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 PM.

Voice Vote:	Hanna	-Yes
	Romolini	-Yes
	Wade	-Yes
	Wilson	-Yes
	Yeatman	-Yes

5-0 Motion Carried