

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
COMBINED WORK SESSION AND PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30PM by Council President Roth who read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement as prescribed by law. Notice was advertised in The Record and The Ridgewood News on October 9, 2015 stating this meeting would be held in the Council Chambers of the Richard J. Martel Municipal Offices, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey on Thursday, January 7, 2015.

Notice of this meeting is posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board. The Minutes of this meeting shall be available in the Municipal Clerk's Office once they are approved by the Township Council.

Salute to the Flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR VETERANS AND THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Moment of Silence was observed for those who are serving and those who served in the military both here in the United States and abroad. It is because of their valor and bravery that we can hold meetings such as these.

Present: Councilmembers Amoroso, Ariemma, DiGiulio, Hermansen, Roth, Sbarra and Wong

Also present were Mayor William C. Laforet, Business Administrator Brian T. Campion, Township Attorney Brian Chewcaskie, Township Engineer Kevin Boswell, Municipal Clerk Kathrine G. Coviello and Clerk Assistant Carolyn George.

PUBLIC PORTION

On a motion by Wong, seconded by Sbarra, the meeting was opened to the public at 8:38PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Amororo, seconded by Hermansen, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:40PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

WORK SESSION

SUBMISSION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Roth said the Bills and Claims List was sent to everyone's Drop Box. If anyone has any questions on the Bills and Claims they were asked to see the Business Administrator before the Public Meeting.

ENGINEERING (Boswell-McClave)

1a. Written Status Report – January, 2016

The Township Engineer congratulated Councilmembers Roth and Sbarra on their reappointments as Council President and Council Vice President. The Township Engineer said he appreciates the opportunity to serve the Mayor and Council.

MA-1340: East Slope Booster Pumping Station

The Township Engineer said they are trying to get the Township Station in operation this month. A couple of valves have been freezing up but they do not anticipate anything else happening.

MA-1500: 2015 Road, Curb and Sidewalk Program

The Township Engineer said they have about \$150,000. remaining for the spring and work will start as soon as weather permits. They are meeting with Administration to review the roads anticipated for paving in the 2016 program.

Sbarra asked the Township Engineer to clarify what he just said. The Township Engineer answered the road program is between 75% and 80% completed for a total contract of over \$900,000. There is approximately \$150,000. of paving left to do 3rd Street and Avenue A.

The Township Engineer mentioned they are following up with the County, in regard to the left hand turn issue at Ramapo Reservation discussed at the last Council Meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

2a. 2016 Temporary Budget

The Business Administrator said this is the 1st Quarter Temporary Budget which is 26% of last year's budget to get the departments operational until the entire budget is adopted.

Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2b. 2016 Animal Control Services Contract; Tyco Animal Control

The Business Administrator said the contract is the same price as last year.

Resolution shall be voted in the Public Meeting.

2c. Pay to Play Compliance

1. Patrick Dorsey DBA L&P Integrators (SCADA)
2. Jesco Inc.
3. W.R. Neumann Co. Inc.
4. Rapid Pump and Meter Service Co.
5. Roberge Electric Co. Inc.
6. NSI Neal Systems Inc. (SCADA)
7. Emerson Process Management Power Solutions

This was removed from the Agenda.

8. Northeast Communications Inc.

The Business Administrator mentioned that all of the above companies submitted quotes and complied with Pay-to-Play requirements.

Individual Resolutions shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2d. eTicketing; CSI

The Business Administrator stated the Police Department is are changing vendors to go with SHI International Corporation through State of New Jersey authorized vendor C.S.I. Technology Group for a Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) and Infoshare Records Management System (RMS). A new e-ticketing scope of work is required to be integrated in the Info

CAD/RMS Police Solution. E-Ticketing is done electronically versus manually. The Business Administrator said it may be \$1,000. additional from last year. The Township will be purchasing some printers. The cost of the printers is separate from the cost of the e-ticketing itself.

Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2e. Agreement; Lexis Nexis

The Business Administrator mentioned this agreement gives Authorization to the Mayor to authorize the Law Enforcement Agency Agreement between the Township and Lexis Nexis Claims Solutions Inc. for the Electronic Police Record Portal Services.

Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL and MUNICIPAL CLERK

3a. Fire Department; Volunteer Tuition Credit Program Resolution

Roth stated this is a program to enhance the recruitment of Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Volunteers in the Township.

Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

3b. Jr. Firefighter Application; Sean Bowen to Fire Company #1

Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

PUBLIC MEETING

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

On a motion by Hermansen, seconded by Amoroso, the Bills and Claims, previously signed, totaling \$6,548,018.85 were approved. Roll call vote: Amoroso, yes; Ariemma, yes; DiGiulio, yes; Hermansen, yes; Sbarra, yes; Wong, yes; Roth, yes. A List of Bills and Claims is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Sbarra, seconded by Amoroso, the Combined Work Session and Public Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2015 and the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2015 were approved. Roll call vote: Amoroso, yes; Ariemma, yes; DiGiulio, yes; Hermansen, yes; Sbarra, yes; Wong, yes; Roth, yes.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP COUNCIL and MUNICIPAL CLERK

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL; COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Amoroso attended the Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Education. Kim Baron was elected President and Christine Davis lost by one vote. Charles Saldarini was voted 1st Vice President and Susan Curry was voted 2nd Vice President. Two new members were sworn in also.

Dr. Schoen, at this meeting, said she hopes the new President will retain the current Negotiating Committee since they are still in the middle of contract negotiations.

Dr. Schoen congratulated Coach Remo who was chosen as the Ridgewood News Coach of the Year.

Amoroso mentioned the Kilmer Day festivities are moving forward by Alex Michelini.

Amoroso said she contacted Irene Lar, Director of the Ramapo Ridge Middle School Chorus, who are phenomenal singers. She is going to try to have the Chorus sing "Trees" at the Darlington School House on January 31st at 1PM.

Ariemma said the last Planning Board Meeting of the year was cancelled. She had signed up for a course but now it is not needed. Ariemma said she is very upset she is no longer on the Planning Board.

Ariemma attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony and said it was very moving and touching.

Ariemma attended the Joyce Kilmer Plant A Tree Committee Meeting. She said MEVO, the Mayor, Roth and Alex Michelini were all there. They discussed the new Tree Planting Initiative. All details have not been worked out. There will be a meeting on January 23rd at 2:00PM to discuss the Tree Program. MEVO will be storing the trees to be planted throughout Mahwah. The best place to start, she said, would be behind our Municipal Building. Ariemma said the trees will be native trees.

DiGiulio wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Council President Roth and Council Vice President Sbarra.

DiGiulio attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony and said the parents were so proud of their son.

DiGiulio said Alex Michelini is doing a great job on the trees and is very passionate about it.

DiGiulio said there have been discussions to put a plaque in the Municipal Building for the 100 years of Girl Scouts.

DiGiulio mentioned that Dick Green was critical but is doing better and going to rehabilitation after the horse incident. She said his recovery is a miracle and prayers have definitely helped him.

Hermansen congratulated Roth and Sbarra on their new appointments. He also congratulated the three new Councilmembers on their first year of being on the Council.

Hermansen said to remember Rosalie from the Senior Center, whose husband passed away.

Hermansen mentioned Les Paul's son passed away also.

Hermansen congratulated Coach Remo as he is a phenomenal coach.

Hermansen said he is glad Mr. Green is getting better.

Hermansen wished everyone a productive year.

Sbarra attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony and congratulated the Imperiosi family. The Eagle Scout Program is top notch.

Sbarra gave his condolences to Rosalie and said there is a great community behind her.

Sbarra wished Mr. Green well on his road to recovery.

Wong wished everyone a Happy 2016.

Wong said he would like to abstain from the December 3, 2016 Closed Session and Meeting Minutes.

Wong said on January 1, 2016 he attended the appointments of the Fire Department and Ambulance Corp. Officers, Chiefs, Lieutenants, Captains. It was a great event and congratulated his high school friend Christopher Ruppert as Battalion Captain of Co. #1.

Roth attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony on December 20th and echoed the same sentiments as everyone else.

Roth met with Mayor Laforet, the Township Attorney and the Business Administrator on December 21, 2016 to review an Interlocal Agreement with Upper Saddle River having to do with sewers and the new development going up. When it is finalized it will be brought before the Council for review and approval.

Roth said he received an e-mail from Mrs. Green today and it is encouraging news that her husband is showing a lot of improvement.

Roth said he attended the first organizational Kilmer Meeting. Alex Michelini is amazing.

Roth stated, unfortunately, he cannot attend the January 23rd Kilmer Festivities Meeting as he has an Eagle Scout Ceremony to attend.

Roth gave his condolences to Rosalie Guidice on the passing of her husband.

Roth attended the Mahwah Fire Department Swearing In Ceremony on January 1, 2016 and there was a broad range of new officers.

Roth stated, as Council President, he has to defend the Council in unwarranted and inaccurate criticism that is put forward in a public venue. He said the Councilmembers give too much of their time and talent to have to endure unfounded attacks and smears. Roth said criticism is welcome if it is constructive. Roth mentioned that the Press carried a story reporting on the Council's approval of a vendor for conducting the Mahwah Police Department Staffing Study. The Mayor posted the story on his personal Facebook page. One comment posted was an unfavorable comment by a Planning Board Member David Bagatelle. Roth said Mr. Bagatelle has a right to his opinion but has never attended a Council Meeting and had no right to "name call" when his sources are questionable. Roth said as a member of the Planning Board Mr. Bagatelle has violated all Boards and Commissions in our Township as we do not criticize each

other. Roth said we should be held to a higher standard and should not go around criticizing other boards as it is entirely inappropriate.

Hermansen said in the past two years that he has been on the Council they have cut taxes and saved money for the taxpayers. He does not know how Mr. Bagatelle can take a "shot" at the Council and feels Mr. Bagatelle should come in and give us an apology.

Ariemma said she does not appreciate being called names at a Council Meeting and would like the Council President to respect the Council and stop the name calling.

Amoroso feels it is good business practice to have this Audit of the Police Department and the Council should not be defensive as the Audit has been discussed a great deal.

Sbarra said one has to watch what they say as there could always be a law suit.

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Laforet congratulated both appointments. He said he has worked with Roth for a number of years and is devoted, dedicated and diligent.

Mayor Laforet said Administration is reviewing the department budgets and are determined to deliver a budget sometime in February. He said the community will be proud of the budget. Roth asked when the budget will be delivered. Mayor Laforet answered on or before February 15th.

The Mayor said he thanked Ariemma for her position on the Planning Board. He said she has done a fine job and thanked her.

Mayor Laforet wished his condolences to the people mentioned before. He said there is a lot of tragedy coming up for a number of residents.

Mayor Laforet congratulated all the professionals and looks forward to another great year.

PUBLIC PORTION

On a motion by Hermansen, seconded by Wong, the meeting was opened to the public at 9:37PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Jonathan Marcus of 3 Brook Court said being on the Planning Board he thanked Councilwomen Ariemma for her time. He said she was very passionate and thought she did a good job and will be missed.

Mr. Marcus said he looks forward to working with Sbarra on the Planning Board this coming year. He congratulated Council President Roth and Council Vice President Sbarra. He said Roth has done a great job in heading up the Council.

On a motion by DiGiulio, seconded by Amoroso, the meeting was closed to the public at 9:43PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions #039-16 through #046-16 and #048-16 through #051-16 were voted on under the Consent Agenda. Resolutions are attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

Resolution #047-16 was removed from the Agenda.

Resolution #053-16 was voted on separately. Resolution is attached and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ariemma mentioned she feels there should be more civilized methods of controlling the bear population than bating, luring and then killing them. She feels the state should consider more humane methods of control such as sterilization, education and use of bear resistant trash cans. Bear hunting and bow hunting is very troubling to her as the bear can suffer a horrible death. Ariemma feels the Township can control the bear population within our Township by promoting the use of bear proof garage containers. Ariemma said she would like to propose the Township make a wholesale purchase of bear resistance trash cans at a nominal fee for those that want one. Ariemma said she feels this will accomplish her goal.

Roth said we will need a little more information and research on this issue before we could recommend this to the Mayor for his budget.

Hermansen feels education should be introduced first before purchasing trash cans. Hermansen said the state controls hunting.

Roth said he will consider putting it on the Agenda as soon as he has more information and suggested the Mayor deciding if he puts this in his budget.

Amoroso said they will need an assessment of the problem.

Hermansen said in Hasbrouck Heights they are honoring people in their community who served, are serving or in the future are serving in the military. He suggested on the bottom of every tree in Continental Soldiers Field to have a small plaque for each soldier and figure out a way to fund this. Roth said for Hermansen to come back with more information and feels it is a good idea.

Hermansen said it has come to his attention individuals that are not department heads are sitting in on Budget Meetings. He asked the Mayor why this is happening. The Business Administrator said only Department Heads have attended Budget Meetings on their department's budget. He said there were additional meetings other than Department Heads for other projects going on. He said they have had two meetings with regard to radios in the Police Department that involves various people. They have also had separate meetings on Capital Projects with various people involved. Mayor Laforet the people in these other various meetings have experience.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Hermansen, seconded by Amoroso, the Council went into Closed Session at 10:00PM for the express purpose of discussing:

- C1. Affordable Housing; Update
- C2. Tax Appeal; Block 21.08, Lot 5; 18 Walsh Drive

All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Sbarra, seconded by Amoroso, the Council returned to Open Session at 10:32PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

#052-16: Tax Appeal Settlement; Block 21.08, Lot 5; 18 Walsh Drive

Resolution #052-16 is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Wong, seconded by Sbarra, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathrine G. Coviello, RMC/CMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk

Meeting Minutes Prepared and Typed by Deputy Clerk Jan Fox