

TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018

The Meeting was called to order at 6:06PM by Council President Hermansen who read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement as prescribed by law. This Meeting is a continuation of the January 29, 2018 Special Meeting. Notice of this Meeting was emailed to The Record and The Ridgewood News for Information Only on January 29, 2018 stating this Meeting would be held in the Senior Center at the Richard J. Martel Municipal Offices, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, NJ on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 6:00PM.

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 Veterans and those serving in the military both here and abroad.

Present: Councilmembers Ariemma, Ervin, Hermansen, May, Paz, Wong and Wysocki

Also present were Mayor William Laforet, Business Administrator Quentin Wiest, Township Attorney Brian Chewcaskie, Special Legal Counsel Ruby Kumar-Thompson, Clerical Assistant Carolyn George and Municipal Clerk Kathrine Coviello

Public Portion

On a motion by Ervin, seconded by Paz, Council opened the meeting to the public at 6:06PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Maryanne Mauro of 143 Johnson Avenue has heard that the Recall Petition signs have been taken. Hermansen answered the signs on private property were taken.

Mrs. Mauro asked about the situation with the eruvs. The Township Attorney answered there have been a series of meetings and negotiations. He received the First Draft of the Agreement on Thursday. Mrs. Mauro said every settlement is give and take. It appears this one is only taking. Hermansen interjected Closed Session cannot be released and that Mrs. Mauro may feel she is not getting all of the information but this is all being done in the best interest of the Township. Mrs. Mauro said it is disheartening when most people stop talking as they are directed to and others continue to talk.

Mrs. Rosemary Bergman of 193 Mahwah Road asked for an accounting of the votes. Hermansen answered the Resolution will have open Roll Call taken today if it is voted on.

Mr. Ralph Musco of Walnut Street questioned if it is possible to vote on the Settlement.

Mrs. Diane Harrison of 267 Orchard Drive questioned why there is such a rush for tomorrow. The Township Attorney answered the answer must be filed tomorrow or the Township loses the ability to resolve the problem.

Mrs. Kathy Murray of Bridle Path Lane spoke about the Ramapough Mountain Indians. She detailed how some in her community are being threaten. The Township Attorney advised Mrs. Murray if anyone is being threatened to go to the Police.

Mrs. Elaine Marie of 24 Babcock Road questioned if the Township has a response created. The Township Attorney answered it is ready to be filed. Hermansen said a response is ready but in the process of being finalized.

Mrs. Marie said Mr. Mark Schwartz had gone onto her Linkin page and found out the name of her Employer.

Mrs. Diane Harrison of 267 Orchard Drive questioned why no information about the settlement is being given to the public. The Township Attorney answered if the Governing Body votes on the Settlement Agreement through a Resolution the information can be released.

Mr. Tino Mac of East Mahwah Road pointed out it is a safety issue for families to walk on streets with no sidewalks. And that they will come and demand sidewalks be installed.

On a motion by Ervin, seconded by Ariemma, the Meeting was closed to the public at 6:56PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Closed Session

On a motion by Wong, seconded by May, Council went into Closed Session at 6:57PM for the purpose of discussing Litigation. All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Paz, seconded by May, Council returned to Open Session at 8:33PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hermansen said one change will be made to the Agreement and it will be available for release tomorrow to the public.

Resolution

Resolution #088-18 was voted on and is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Paz, seconded by May, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathrine G. Coviello

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Municipal Clerk