

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
COMBINED WORK SESSION AND PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 8:03PM by Council President Roth who read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement as prescribed by law. Notice was advertised in The Record on November 14, 2013 and The Ridgewood News on November 15, 2013 stating this meeting would be held in the Council Chambers of the Richard J. Martel Municipal Center, 475 Corporate Drive in Mahwah, New Jersey on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 8:00PM.

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 SERVICING IN THE MILITARY

Moment of Silence was observed for those who served in the military who are both living and deceased. It is because of them that we can meet in valor tonight.

Present: Councilmembers DiGiulio, Hermansen at 8:17PM, Jandris, Larson, Roth and Sbarra.

Absent: Councilmember Williams.

Also present were Business Administrator Brian Campion, Township Attorney Brian Chewcaskie, Township Engineer Kevin Boswell, Township Engineer's Associate Michael Kelly and Municipal Clerk Kathrine G. Coviello.

PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of Retiring Council Persons

Council President Roth and Vice President Sbarra presented plaques to outgoing Councilmembers Jandris, Larson and Williams. Each were thanked for their dedication and hard work.

PUBLIC PORTION

On a motion by Larson, seconded by Jandris, the meeting was opened to the public at 8:07PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Joey Bourgholtzer of 29 Hillside Avenue mentioned the Council Resolution that was sent to the Planning Board on whether or not the DPW Property is an area for redevelopment. The Township Attorney said the Planning Board will be discussing the matter this coming Monday, December 22nd. Ms. Bourgholtzer requested the Council extend the period for the Planning Board to review the matter. She said with the holidays it is not a good time for people to come out to attend the meeting. Larson suggested the response date be extended by 45 days. Council concurred.

Mrs. Audrey Artusio of Miller Road asked with the DPW property if the use is going to change who determines what it will be used for. The Township Attorney answered the Council.

On a motion by Sbarra, seconded by Hermansen, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:25PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

WORK SESSION

SUBMISSION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Roth said the Bills and Claims Listing has been sent to each Councilmembers Dropbox.

ENGINEERING (Boswell-McClave)

1a. Mahwah NL Cedars Developer, LLC; Masonicus Road, Tree Farm Lane & Arbor Lane; Block 126, Lots 129.01-129.07 & 130.01-130.03; Request for Reduction of Performance Guarantee (Dkt. #524)

The Township Engineer's Associate said the Developer has submitted a partial As-Built Survey for the Drainage, Sanitary Sewer and Site Improvements completed. And the Engineer's Office recommends reducing the Performance Guarantee. Two Year Maintenance Guarantee will not be posted until the completion of the project and acceptance by the Township. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

1b. Verbal Status Report – December

FEMA Flood Maps: attending a Meeting with the County Officials on January 6th. Next step thereafter would be to have Open houses with the residents, which will be in February.

Glen Gray Bridge: work started on December 10th. The bridge deck is mostly removed. Bridge is scheduled to be delivered next week.

ADMINISTRATION

2a. Authorization to Award Bid MTB #14-31; Township of Mahwah School Signs for Ridge Road and Fardale Avenue

Bids were received. Grants were received from the NJDOT for two parts in total \$54,000. Recommendation is to award bid to Zuccaro for both parts. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

Jandris asked if the speed of travel was able to be integrated into the signs. The Township Engineer's Associate said it was not as it was a significant cost to add it.

2b. Authorization to Award Bid MTB #14-34; Purchase of a 2015 Dump Truck for the DPW

Recommendation is to award bid to International Trucks at cost of \$157,000. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2c. Authorization to Award Bid MTB#14-32; Recreation Department Materials & Supplies

Recommendation is to award to the lowest vendor for each item. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2d. Authorization to Award Bid MTB#14-26; Township of Mahwah Fire Department Company #1 Purchase of One New 2015 Rescue Support Truck
Recommendation is to award to General Fire Equipment at cost of \$191,900.

As several members of the Fire Department as sitting in the audience, Roth suggested a straw poll be taken: DiGiulio, yes; Hermansen, yes; Jandris, yes; Larson, yes; Sbarra, yes; Williams, absent; Roth, yes. Resolution, confirming the Award of Bid, shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2e. Authorization to Award Bid MTB#14-33; Police and Dispatcher Uniforms
Recommendation is to award to the lowest vendor for each item. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

Roth questioned what the total amount of the award is. The Business Administrator answered it depends on how many units of each item is purchased.

2f. Pay to Play Compliance; Whirl Corporation, Inc.
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2g. Pay to Play Compliance; Roberge Electric Co.
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2h. Pay to Play Compliance; Bolkema Fuel Co. Inc.
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2i. Authorization to Change Last Name of Custodian of Petty Cash; Municipal Clerk
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2j. Approval of Contract; Tyco Animal Control Services
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2k. 2014 Budget Transfers (Rescue Truck; DPW Diesel Engine)
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2l. Appointments to Bergen County Community Development Committee
DiGiulio shall be the Council Appointment and Hermansen shall be the Alternate.
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2m. Drug and Alcohol Testing Services Agreement; Valley Medical Group
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2n. Delta Dental Contract for 2015
Mr. Frank Covielli of PIA MCCarthy Forde was present.

Recommendation was made to continue with Dental Dental for the next 24 months starting January 1, 2015. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2o. Health Insurance; 2015 Third Party Administrator and Stop-Loss Carrier
Mr. Covielli said Claims from the Township in 2014 were about \$700,000 lower than expected. A recommendation is being made to secure with Nationwide for the Township Medical Benefits Plan. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2p. Cancellation of Prior Year Outstanding Checks
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2q. Cancellation of Various Balances
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2r. Cancellation of Improvement Authorizations
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2s. Cancellation of 2014 Appropriation Balances
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2t. Professional Services Contract; Pool Consultant
Recommendation was made to award Professional Services Contract to Wade Associates.
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2u. Pay to Play Compliance; Cliffside Body Corporation
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL and MUNICIPAL CLERK

3a. Approval of 2015 Towing Applications
Roth explained at this time Big Tows is the only tower who has met the Township's requirements. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

3b. 2015 Fire Department Officers
Roth congratulated all of the new Fire Officers who will be sworn in on January 1, 2015.
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

PUBLIC MEETING

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

On a motion by Hermansen, seconded by Sbarra, the Bills and Claims, previously signed totaling \$689,933.07, were approved. Roll call vote: DiGiulio, yes; Hermansen, yes; Jandris, yes; Larson, yes; Sbarra, yes; Williams, absent; 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 Hermansen, seconded by Sbarra, the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2014 were approved. Roll call vote: DiGiulio, yes; Hermansen, yes; Jandris, yes; Larson, yes; Sbarra, yes; Williams, absent; Roth, yes.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP COUNCIL and MUNICIPAL CLERK
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL; COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS
OF SUBCOMMITTEES

DiGiulio wished the Clerk a Happy Birthday.

DiGiulio attended the Tree Lighting. She said Dawn and the Recreation Committee did a great job.

DiGiulio attended the Menorah Lighting.

DiGiulio wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas.

DiGiulio said it was a pleasure working with Larson, Jandris and Williams on the Council and she wishes them well.

Hermansen thanked Larson, Jandris and Williams for their service to the Township.

Hermansen asked everyone to keep Detective Hebert in our prayers. He was injured in a car chase recently.

Hermansen attended the Ramapo Ridge Winter Concert this evening.

Hermansen attended the Wreath Across America Ceremony on December 13th.

Hermansen wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Hermansen read an email on what the Mayor said at a recent Beautification Committee Meeting which he said was what was said in Closed Session. He asked the Mayor to apologize to the Council, residents and Mrs. Kozdra. Hermansen also asked the Township Attorney about the rights of the Council and individuals who divulge Closed Session information.

Jandris attended the Tree Lighting on December 7th.

Jandris attended the Planning Board Meeting on December 8th. He said Bergen County United Way received a Map Filing Extension.

Jandris said he appreciated the opportunity of being able to serve on the Council and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Larson thanked the residents of Mahwah for electing him to serve two terms as a Councilman. He added he feels the Township would be better served by exploring and using shared services now.

Sbarra thanked Williams, Jandris and Larson for their service and wished them well.

Sbarra attended the two Menorah Lightings.

Sbarra attended the Senior Holiday Luncheon.

Sbarra wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Roth attended the Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa's Visit.

Roth said a on December 8th at the Cable Television Meeting, the 2015 Budget was discussed.

Roth attended the Mahwah Regional Holiday Luncheon on December 12th where the Mahwah MMA received an award.

Roth attended Wreaths Across America on December 13th.

Roth attended the Rio Vista Christmas Party on December 13th.

Roth attended the Menorah Lighting on December 16th at the Temple.

Roth attended the Senior Holiday Luncheon on December 18th.

Roth offered farewell wishes to Williams, Jandris and Larson.

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

The Business Administrator pointed out that the Department of Community Affairs has added once month to the Budget Due Date, Introduction and Public Hearing Dates for the 2015 Budgets. He added Administration is still planning to provide the Budget to Council mid-January.

PUBLIC PORTION

On a motion by Larson, seconded by Hermansen, the meeting was opened to the public at 10:10PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Dave Ende of NAR Towing said he is one of the towing companies for the Township. He said he has called the Police Department several times and cannot get an answer on what is happening with the new towing schedule.

Mrs. Jen Kozdra of North Railroad Avenue thanked the Council for standing up for the town.

On a motion by Larson, seconded by Hermansen, the meeting was closed to the public at 10:14PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions #332-14 through #354-14 and #356-14 were voted on under the Consent Agenda. Resolutions are attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions #353-14 and #354-14 were voted on separately and are attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

Resolution #357-14: Extending the 45 Day Deadline for the Planning Board to Provide a Recommendation to the Council on Whether or Not the DPW Property Would Qualify as an "Area In Need of Redevelopment" was added to and voted on. Resolution is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Larson, seconded by Sbarra, Council went into Closed Session at 10:20PM for the express purposes of discussing C1. Litigation Report (A. Fede and B. Chewcaskie) and C2. Professional Services Agreement; Personnel Issues. All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Larson, seconded by DiGiulio, Council returned to Open Session at 11:06PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Resolution #355-14 was voted on and is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

Councilmembers Roth and Hermansen and Business Administrator Brian Campion returned to the Meeting at 11:07PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Council Vice President Sbarra returned to his seat and Council President Roth chaired the remainder of the Meeting.

On a motion by Larson, seconded by DiGiulio, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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