

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 10:20AM by Council President Hermansen. Notice of this meeting was faxed to both The Record and The Ridgewood News on January 22, 2018 stating this meeting would be held in Conference Room #319 at the Richard J. Martel Municipal Offices at 475 Corporate Drive in Mahwah on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 10:00AM.

Notice of this Meeting is posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board. The Minutes of this Meeting shall be available 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 serving in the military both here and abroad. Because of their bravery and valor meetings such as these can be held.

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

Also present were Business Administrator Quentin Wiest, Township Attorney Brian Chewcaskie, Attorney Matt Giacobbe, Attorney James McGovern, Attorney Ruby Kumar-Thompson, Municipal Clerk Kathrine Coviello and Clerical Assistant Carolyn George

On a motion by May, seconded by Ervin, the Meeting was opened to the public at 10:23AM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. John Fesen of 20 Falcon Road spoke about the new Bergen County Firing Range on Campgaw Road. He is concerned with the decibel level of the noise. He added at a Planning Board Meeting, the Administrative Officer stated there is no prior decibel level data. Mr. Fesen said he will be attending an upcoming Meeting of the Freeholders and urge them to reduce the decibel level of the noise from the Range by 50 percent.

Mr. Fesen questioned if the property the Gun Range is on is contaminated and is the water contaminated that is being used for the Golf Course. Council President said the Township closed our well and on the County property on Campgaw Road there is a well. Councilman President pointed out the Business Administrator will reach out to the County for information. The Business Administrator confirmed he is in the process of obtaining information.

Mayor Laforet said the Township can only go to the property line and measure the decibel level. He added we are not aware of a Study that was done on the noise.

Mayor Laforet said the wells are in control of the County. The wells belonging to the Township were tested and passed. The County should be contacted to see if the water is used for the Golf Course.

Mayor Laforet explained an investigation is being done by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. He suggested Mr. Fesen ask for the findings of the LRSP.

The Township Attorney said if there is an LRSP then there is a DEP Case Number assigned. And the Report should be available and on the DEP Web Site.

Ariemma suggested the Newspaper Reporters present write an article on the subject. The Reporter for The Record said he could not write the article as another Reporter covers the County.

Mrs. Susan Steinberg of 96 Armour Road asked if there will be anything voted on as a result of today's meeting. Township Attorney stated if there is any action to be taken it will done after the Council comes out of Closed Session.

Mrs. Steinberg stated this meeting was lacking two days' notice. Township Attorney stated it was not necessary to publish in the newspapers just to notify the newspapers.

On a motion by Paz, seconded by May, the Meeting was closed to the public at 10:45AM. All in favor. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION


On a motion by May, seconded by Wysocki, Council went into Closed Session at 10:46AM for the purpose of discussing Litigation. All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Ervin, seconded by Paz, Council came out of Closed Session at 12:43PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Township Attorney stated nothing will be voted on.

On a motion by Paz, seconded by May, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


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