

TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
COMBINED WORK SESSION AND PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:00PM by Council Vice President DiGiulio who read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement as prescribed by law. Notice was advertised in The Record on November 26, 2012 and The Ridgewood News on November 30, 2012 stating this meeting would be held in the Council Chambers of the Richard J. Martel Municipal Center, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey on Thursday, September 12, 2013 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 SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Moment of Silence was observed for those who are serving and those who have served in the military both here in the United States and abroad.

Present: Councilmembers DiGiulio, Jandris at 9:10PM, Larson, Roth and Sbarra.

Absent: Council President Williams.

Also present were Mayor William Laforet, Business Administrator Brian Campion, Township Engineer's Associate Michael Kelly and Municipal Clerk Kathrine G. Coletta.

PRESENTATION

Championship Women's Softball Team

Mayor Laforet presented Certificates of Achievement to the 12U and 14U Softball Teams for winning two Championships games.

PUBLIC PORTION

On a motion by Larson, seconded by Roth, the meeting was opened to the public at 8:19PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barbara Alberts of 61 North Railroad Avenue questioned when the new FEMA flood maps will become available as she is of the understanding her property will no longer be shown in a flood zone on the new maps. Mrs. Alberts also said that she was told that letter would be sent to those affected by the changes to the new maps. The Township Engineer's Associate said FEMA is in the process of revising the flood maps. After the revisions are made to the maps, the maps will be provided to the Township Engineer who will notify the residents affected. The Township Engineer's Associate said they have been told by FEMA that they would get the maps during the summer. However, the maps were not received. The Township Engineer's Associate shall contact

FEMA for an update. He added once the maps are received, the Township Engineer will review the maps and provide comments to FEMA.

Mr. Gregg Sgambati of 2293 Oakham Court questioned if all four Candidates for Council need to request permission to post campaign signs in Township right-of-ways.

Sbarra feels each Candidate should make their own request.

Mr. Sgambati requested permission to post campaign signs within the Township right-of-ways. He said he shall follow up with an email to the Municipal Clerk.

Mr. Jonathan Wong of 43 James Brite Circle requested permission to erect campaign signs in Township right-of-ways.

On a motion by Roth, seconded by Larson, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:36PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

WORK SESSION

SUBMISSION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Any Councilmember with questions on the Bills and Claims was asked to confer with Administration prior to the Public Meeting.

ENGINEERING (Boswell-McClave)

1a. Written Status Report – September 2013

None.

1b. Authorization to Submit Local Aid Application (FY 2014); Seminary Drive Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

2a. Authorization to Award Bid #MTB-13-14: Company #1 Roof Replacement and Chimney Repair

The Business Administrator said the work is being done on the old part of the building not the part that was renovated. Resolution to award the Base Bid will be voted on at the Public Meeting.

2b. Sanitary Sewer Connection; 62 Sparrowbush Road, Upper Saddle River
The Business Administrator said the Property Owner is looking to tie into the Township's Sewer System.

Roth questioned the cost to the homeowner. The Business Administrator said \$20,000. for the connection cost.

The Township Attorney Shall prepare the Agreement for consideration at the next Council Meeting.

2c. Pay to Play Compliance; GenTech
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2d. Authorization for Tenants Lease of Space on Existing Campgaw Water Tank for Communications Antenna Use

The Business Administrator said currently there are 5 communication companies on the Campgaw Water Tank Tower. And four of the five contracts expire this year. The Business Administrator is requesting a Resolution authorizing the advertising for the Bids.

Roth questioned if a minimum bid will be set. The Business Administrator said yes – it will be between \$25,000. - \$30,000.

Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2e. New Jersey Highlands Grant Agreement; Amendment
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2f. Storm Water Ordinances

a. Ordinance to Regulate Private Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting

b. Ordinance to Regulate Refuse Containers and Dumpsters

The Business Administrator said a review is conducted by the DEP every year. During this years inspection, the Inspector advised the Township there were two Ordinances which we should have in place: one to regulate private storm drain inlet retrofitting and the other regulating refuse containers and dumpsters.

Both Ordinances shall be introduced in the Public Meeting.

2g. Amendment to Resolution #292-12: Award of Bid MTB#12-21 Recreation Materials and Supplies

Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2h. 2012 Salary Ordinance; Amendment

Roth questioned how much is paid to Per Diem Dispatchers per year. The Business Administrator shall find out.

Roth questioned what Per Diem Dispatchers in Allendale and Ramsey are being paid.

Larson suggested finding out what surrounding towns are paying Per Diem Dispatchers.

Item shall be carried.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL and MUNICIPAL CLERK

3a. Request to Place Campaign Signs on Township Property; J. Marcus
Verbal requests were received from Candidates Sgambati and Wong. Written requests were received from Candidates Marcus and Hermansen.

Individual Resolutions shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

3b. Raffle Application; Bergen Highlands Ramsey Rotary (On Premise, 50/50)
Raffle Application was tentatively approved. Final approval shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

3c. Permission to Erect Signs on Township Property; P. Spiech
Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

PUBLIC MEETING

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

On a motion by Roth, seconded by Larson, the Bills and Claims, previously signed, totaling \$6,565,093.51 were approved. Roll call vote: Jandris, yes; Larson, yes; Roth, yes; Sbarra, yes; Williams, absent; DiGiulio, yes. A List of Bills and Claims is filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

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

Jandris attended the 9/11 Ceremony. He said everyone involved did a great job.

Sbarra attended the 9/11 Ceremony and thanked Lisa for all of her work putting together the Program.

DiGiulio thanked everyone who participated in the 9/11 Ceremony.

DiGiulio asked everyone to mark their calendars as November 11, 2013 is the Veterans Day Ceremony. She said the monuments will have pictures of the wars.

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor attended an event at the Governor's Mansion for breakfast with eight other Mayors.

Mayor attended the 9/11 Ceremony.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTIONS

The title of an Ordinance was read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PRIVATE STORM DRAIN INLET RETROFITTING

RESOLUTION – ORDINANCE NO. 1727

Introduced by Roth, seconded by Sbarra.

RESOLVED that the ordinance be passed and adopted on first reading.

FURTHER RESOLVED that said ordinance be considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on September 26, 2013 at the Richard J. Martel Municipal Center, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, NJ at 8:00PM.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk shall publish said ordinance with notice of introduction, passage and time and place where said ordinance will be considered for final passage.

Roll call vote: DiGiulio, yes; Jandris, yes; Larson, yes; Roth, yes; Sbarra, yes; Williams, absent.

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The title of an Ordinance was read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING REFUSE CONTAINERS AND DUMPSTERS.

RESOLUTION – ORDINANCE NO. 1728

Introduced by Sbarra, seconded by Roth.

RESOLVED that the ordinance be passed and adopted on first reading.

FURTHER RESOLVED that said ordinance be considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on September 26, 2013 at the Richard J. Martel Municipal Center, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, NJ at 8:00PM.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk shall publish said ordinance with notice of introduction, passage and time and place where said ordinance will be considered for final passage.

Roll call vote: DiGiulio, yes; Jandris, yes; Larson, yes; Roth, yes; Sbarra, yes; Williams, absent.

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The title of an Ordinance was read as follows:

2012 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Introduced by Jandris, Seconded by Roth.

RESOLUTION – ORDINANCE NO. 1729

Introduced by Roth, seconded by Sbarra.

RESOLVED that the ordinance be passed and adopted on first reading.

FURTHER RESOLVED that said ordinance be considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on September 26, 2013 at the Richard J. Martel Municipal Center, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, NJ at 8:00PM.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk shall publish said ordinance with notice of introduction, passage and time and place where said ordinance will be considered for

final passage.

Roll call vote: DiGiulio, yes; Jandris, yes; Larson, yes; Roth, yes; Sbarra, yes; Williams, absent.

PUBLIC PORTION

On a motion by Roth, seconded by Sbarra, the meeting was opened to the public at 9:35PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Robert Hermansen of 6 Meester Street asked about permission to post political signs on Township right-of-ways.

Mr. Hermansen attended the 9/11 Ceremony. He thanked Lisa for coordinating the ceremony.

On a motion by Roth, seconded by Larson, the meeting was closed to the public at 9:39PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions #210-13 through #215-13, 217-13 and #218-13 as well as the Raffle Application for the Bergen Highlands Ramsey Rotary (On Premise, 50/50) were voted on under the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions are attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Roth asked for an update on the NWBCA and the refunding of money. The Business Administrator said the Township is involved in the refund. He added the better part of a year ago a question was raised by Waldwick. Many years ago there was a Bond Reserve Fund. The last payment on the Reserve was made. Mahwah is 30% of the Authority. It is still being worked out how much towns involved will receive.

CLOSED SESSION

Council did not go into Closed Session.

Items C2. Monthly Litigation Report – September 2013 and C3. Property Acquisition; Block 96, Lots 14, 15, 16 and 17 were carried to the September 26, 2013 Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION

#216-13 Tax Appeal Settlement; 2 Surrey Lane

Resolution is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Sbarra, seconded by Roth, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathrine G. Coletta". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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