

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
COMBINED WORK SESSION AND PUBLIC MEETING MINTUES
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00PM by Council President Roth who read the Open Public Meeting 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, April 14, 2016.

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 C. Laforet, Business Administrator Brian T. Campion, Township Attorney Nylema Nabbie, Township Engineer's Associate Michael Kelly and Deputy Municipal Clerk Jan Fox.

PUBLIC PORTION

On a motion by Hermansen, seconded by Sbarra, the meeting was opened to the public at 8:06PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Jonathan Marcus of 3 Brook Court reminded everyone on April 23rd the Township is participating in the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign. It will be held in the Municipal parking lot from 9AM until 2PM. Each resident can each claim five trees. He thanked the Department of Public Works who has been working with the Environmental Commission on this.

On a motion by Sbarra, seconded by Wong, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:10PM. 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

1a. Written Status Report -- April 2016

MA-1340 - East Slope Booster Pumping Station: The Township Engineer's Associate mentioned the work is completed and only punch list items are being addressed.

MA-1518 -- Demolition of Structures at 70 Island Road: The Township Engineer's Associate said this project is complete.

MA-1625 -- 2016 Road, Curb and Sidewalk Program: The Township Engineer's Associate stated they are wrapping up the design and expect to be done in two weeks.

Sbarra asked what happened to the FEMA Flood Maps. The Township Engineer's Associate answered FEMA was supposed to have the revised Flood Maps the first quarter of 2016. He said the maps have been delayed a year. When he spoke to FEMA, the first quarter of 2016, they said they had to re-study various streams. The updated map should be completed in the first quarter of 2017. On behalf of the residents, he provided them with a letter and a map of the current flood plain and what will take them out of the flood plain for them to take to their insurance company.

The Township Engineer's Associate said he did follow up on the "No Parking" sign for Island Road. The DPW has put up a sign.

The Township Engineer's Associate said the DPW cleaned out the basins on Chapel Road and there may be issues to connecting to the pond. He said they will have to explore other situations.

ADMINISTRATION

2a. Change Order #1; MTB #16-04: Mahwah Swim Club Building Alterations
The Business Administrator said good progress is being made on the Municipal Pool. The contractor will be completing everything on schedule. There are some safety issues which calls for Change Order #1 for modifications.

Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2b. Direct Install Energy Savings Program; PSE&G and Township of Mahwah; DPW Facility

The Business Administrator mentioned our Township has participated in the PSE&G Green Solution Program in the past. This will be used for some energy savings at the DPW. PSE&G's contribution will be 75% and the Township's 25%. They will review the scope of work and are looking to do 2/3 of the proposed work.

Sbarra asked how often this program is done. The Business Administrator answered that it depends when the program has funding from the state.

Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2c. Authorization to Execute Shared Service Agreement; Upper Saddle River Sewer Connection

The Business Administrator distributed a map of the area being discussed for Shared Sanitary Sewer Use by Mahwah, The Borough of Upper Saddle River, Apple Ridge USR, L.L.C. and Apple Ridge Mahwah, L.L.C. The Business Administrator said the Planning Board and Upper Saddle River approved two separate projects; one on the Mahwah side and one on the Upper Saddle River side. They are both going to be single family units. There will be a Developer's

Agreement that is still being worked on by the Attorney in reference to a sub-division of 34 single family building lots.

The Business Administrator explained that the Township has been requested to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the above properties for the use of Sanitary Sewers. The developers of certain properties in Upper Saddle River are developing a solution for them to connect with the Township of Mahwah's Sanitary Sewerage System. The Business Administrator feels this is in the best of interest of our Township and we will not have any responsibility to maintain the Lichult Pump Station.

He said the Township will monitor how much flow there is and have the right to access, inspect and obtain readings from the facilities related to the sewage being discharged into the system. There will be a manhole on East Crescent Avenue so that Mahwah could take the Lichult Pump Station out of service and the flow will go by gravity to the manhole. He further stated that they will dismantle the Lichult Pump Station. There will be no pump stations in Mahwah. Mahwah will have not responsibility of maintaining the one in Upper Saddle River. They will also pay to Mahwah, a sewer connection fee of, \$900.00 for each single family unit.

The Township Engineer's Associate said that Janice Court's Pump Station has to be upgraded. Apple Ridge will pay \$300,000.00 to Mahwah which will be used for upgrades to accommodate additional flows.

The Business Administrator commented that the two home owners that are not part of this will be charged \$20,000 each.

Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL and MUNICIPAL CLERK

3a. Access for All; Ordinance

Roth mentioned 12 people have volunteered and are waiting to have an Organization Meeting. Roth said he sent a note to them that they will try to have it within two weeks. He will provide the Mayor with the names for appointments. There will be an Ordinance Introduction this evening.

3b. National Autism Awareness Month – April 2016

Roth said a Resolution has been prepared, to our support, in recognizing National Autism Awareness Month.

Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

PUBLIC MEETING

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

On a motion by Wong, seconded by Amoroso, the Bills and Claims previously signed, totaling \$6,210,062.14 were voted on. 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

The Combined Work Session and Public Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2016 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 Beautification Committee Meeting last Tuesday. The Tree Planting is scheduled sometime in April by the DPW around Commodore Perry School.

Amoroso mentioned the Welcome to Mahwah template signs are almost in production. The DPW Director has a vendor in mind.

Amoroso said the dangerous stairs at Winters Park have been fixed by the DPW.

Amoroso mentioned that on April 16, 2016, at 2:00PM, the Library is sponsoring a documentary about the American Indians.

Amoroso mentioned that the Mahwah Municipal Alliance is having a seminar called Digitally Distracted Talking about how kids are always on their devices. They also are sponsoring a program called NARCAM Training at 7:00PM on April 28th at the Mahwah Police Station. This program is already booked but one can get on a waiting list.

Ariemma attended the Beautification Committee Meeting. She mentioned the plans that the DPW is going to do with the tree planting.

Ariemma said the Bus Shelters were on the agenda at the Beautification Committee Meeting. It is something the Committee is discussing.

Ariemma attended the Freeholder's Meeting on the Pilgrim Pipeline. She said there were good speeches made against the Pipeline and good points made. She said we have to fight this and need all the support we can get as the pipeline would not be safe. Ariemma suggested getting together with Ramsey and Allendale as we need their support.

DiGiulio asked the Township Attorney if the pipeline does not serve its purpose and not valuable for people can the County charge a fee as she knows the State can. The Township Attorney answered she will have to let her know.

DiGiulio mentioned that Sue Stedler has been named Chairman and Maria LaSalvia Co-Chairman of the Beautification Committee.

DiGiulio said she appreciates the Access for All Ordinance as she feels this is great for everyone involved.

Hermansen wished everyone a Happy Passover.

Hermansen attended the Freeholders Meeting with the Mayor, Roth and Ariemma. He said he was embarrassed for the Township of what he heard. He said the Freeholders changed their rules and the Freeholder Chairman refused to vote for anything. He said the people against the Pipeline were treated horrible and the Democrats did nothing. He said the Pipeline makes no sense and everyone has to stand strong on the Pipeline issue.

Hermansen congratulated the Mahwah Baseball team which has started off well.

Hermansen mentioned the Municipal Pool is moving in the right direction.

Hermansen asked if there will be cleanup on Continental Soldiers Field. Sbarra answered he thinks MEVO does the cleanup.

Hermansen addressed the students in the audience telling them the importance of the buddy system as a friend of his just passed away at the Ramapo Reservation that was by himself.

Hermansen mentioned the Vietnam Moving Wall will be displayed at Overpeck Park in May. He said he would like to reach out to the Veterans so they can go as a unit from Mahwah on that day.

Sbarra mentioned that the Ramapo College's Baseball Team which is 20 and 1 and number one in the Country in Division #1.

Sbarra thanked everyone who took time to go to the Freeholders Meeting. He said the Pipeline is a serious issue and Mahwah has been the forefront to battle this. We are going to continue fighting and need everyone's support.

Sbarra addressed the students telling them to please be careful and take driving seriously.

Wong thanked everyone for electing him to Council and serving this past 1½ year. He mentioned that Council and Mayoral petitions will be available tomorrow, April 15, 2016.

Roth said he attended the Freeholders Meeting and hopes no one will give up.

Roth said April 9th he toured the MEVO farm and it should be advertised as it was an amazing thing to see. He said he will be doing a video interview with Eric Fuchs Stengel of MEVO.

Roth attended the Affordable Housing Meeting. He said the numbers keep changing and Mahwah has an extension until July.

Roth said on April 16th the Mahwah Co. #2 Firehouse on Island Road is holding a fundraiser from 5:30 to 8:30PM. They will be selling meatball heroes.

Roth said there is a breakfast being held at the American Legion in Oakland from 8:00AM to 12:00PM on April 16th. This is held by the Marine Corp. League and the Mahwah Marine Moms

Roth mentioned this evening there is a Dine to Donate NJ Sharing Network Dinner at the Mahwah Bar and Grill with every dinner bought 10% of the proceeds will go to the Foundation.

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Laforet stated as a result of a Grant the Northwest Bergen Mayor's Group will be discussing some mentoring opportunities to help other communities to get off the ground with a Mahwah Municipal Alliance Group.

Mayor Laforet mentioned the Mahwah Municipal Alliance is a raffle beginning next week for a 2016 Jeep Wrangler. He thanked the Ramsey Auto Group for their generosity.

The Mayor attended the Pipeline Freeholders Meeting to hear the voices of the people and work away frustrations. He feels the biggest problem is transparencies.

Mayor Laforet mentioned that Sunday, April 17th is the Mayor's Wellness Program on Mental Illness. The house is full for this Meeting and he is glad the Township has created awareness on this issue.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION

The title of an Ordinance was read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH CHAPTER II AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH OF MAHWAH CHAPTER II ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH SECTION 2-21 THEREOR ENTITLED THE ACCESS FOR ALL IN MAHWAH COMMISSION

On a motion by Roth, seconded by Hermansen, the meeting was opened to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – ORDINANCE NO. 1778

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mahwah that the Ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH CHAPTER II AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH OF MAHWAH CHAPTER II ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH SECTION 2-21 THEREOR ENTITLED THE ACCESS FOR ALL IN MAHWAH COMMISSION** be passed and adopted on first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 28th day of April, 2016 in the Council Chambers at the Richard J. Martel Municipal Center, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey at 8:00PM or as soon thereafter as opportunity to be heard concerning this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary actions pursuant to NJSA 40A:2-17 and to publish said Ordinance

according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading, and of the time and place when and where such Ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

Roll call vote: Amoroso, yes; Ariemma, yes; DiGiulio, yes; Hermansen, yes; Sbarra, yes; Wong, yes; Roth, yes.

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING

The title of an Ordinance was read as follows:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$950,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

On a motion by DiGiulio, seconded by Hermansen, the meeting was opened to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

Being no comments were made from the public, on a motion by Wong, seconded by Hermansen, the meeting was closed to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Sbarra, seconded by Amoroso, the following Resolution was passed and adopted:

RESOLUTION – ORDINANCE NO. 1776

RESOLVED that the Ordinance be passed and adopted on second reading and the Municipal Clerk is authorized to advertise in summary or in full as having been finally adopted, as required by law.

Roll call vote: Amoroso, yes; Ariemma, yes; DiGiulio, yes; Hermansen, yes; Sbarra, yes; Wong, yes; Roth, yes.

PUBLIC PORTION

On a motion by Wong, seconded by Sbarra, the meeting was opened to the public at 9:10PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Sbarra, seconded by Wong, the meeting was closed to public at 9:11PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions #125-16 through #127-16 were voted on under the Consent Agenda. Resolutions are attached and are made part of these Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Roth said Amoroso is taking on additional new responsibilities and she cannot serve as Board of Education liaison. A motion by Roth, seconded by Amoroso, to nominate Steve Sbarra as Liaison to the Board of Education for the balance of this year. Roll call vote: Amoroso, yes; Ariemma, yes; DiGiulio, yes; Hermansen, yes; Sbarra, Abstain, Wong, yes; Roth, yes.

Ariemma asked if the Council is going to recognize MEVO. Roth answered they are deciding what to do and is having the Municipal Clerk work on it.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Hermansen, seconded by Wong, Council went into Closed Session at 9:17PM for the express purpose of discussing:

- C1. Affordable Housing; Update
 - C2. Blue Collar Collective Bargaining; Update
- All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Wong, seconded by Hermansen, Council returned to Open Session at 9:30PM. All in favor. Motioned carried.

RESOLUTION

Resolution #128-16 was voted on. Resolution is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

Resolution #129-16 was voted on separately. Resolution is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Amoroso, seconded by Hermansen, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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