

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
COMBINED WORK SESSION AND PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2015**

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00PM by Council President Roth who read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement as prescribed by law. Notice was advertised in The Record on August 27, 2014 and The Ridgewood News on September 5, 2014 and January 2, 2015 stating this meeting would be held in the Council Chambers of the Richard J. Martel Municipal Offices, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, NJ on Thursday, August 20, 2015 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 have been approved by the Township Council.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR VETERANS AND THOSE SERVING IN THE
MILITARY AND EDWARD F. SINCLAIR**

Moment of Silence was observed for those serving and those who served in the military both here and abroad. And for Mr. Ed Sinclair who recently passed away.

Present: Councilmembers Amoroso, Ariemma, DiGiulio, Hermansen, Roth, Sbarra and Wong.

Also present were Business Administrator Brian Campion, Township Attorney's Associate Nylema Nabbie, Township Engineer Michael Kelly, Municipal Clerk Kathrine Coviello and Clerical Assistant Carolyn George.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR ED SINCLAIR

Roth said Ed Sinclair was a beloved son, valued employee, EMS Member, Fire Company #2 Member, coach, mentored and assisted in Eagle Scout projects. His family is our family. We all have many treasured memories of Ed.

Sbarra told of a coaching story that he experience with Ed where Ed did not care if the kids won the game but rather they had fun with their friends.

DiGiulio said "Ya think" was Ed's famous line. Ed always helped DiGiulio with the Beautification Committee. She said he cared about Mahwah.

Hermansen said years ago he met Ed at a Giants Tailgate Party. Ed welcomed him in the group. Mahwah Day would not have been a success without his help. Hermansen said he is an alleged super hero and singer.

Amoroso said she met Ed at the Federal Express store front. He was so kind to her. At the wake and funeral, Amoroso said she saw that Mahwah is still a small town. And Ed is a Hometown hero.

Wong said Mr. Sinclair helped him with a problem a resident was having with pesticides that were being used in the park. He said Ed went the extra mile to help. And that he was a leader.

Ariemma said Ed helped her son do community service. Ed will certainly be missed.

Hermansen suggested in honor of Ed that we all sing "Under the Boardwalk" – Ed's favorite song.

Roth said in closing, the DPW has done an outstanding job in an extremely difficult situation. He thanked the surrounding towns showing their support and brotherhood for Ed.

PUBLIC PORTION

On a motion by Hermansen, seconded by Sbarra, the meeting was opened to the public at 8:33PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Being no comments were made from the public, on a motion by Amoroso, seconded by DiGiulio, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:34PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

WORK SESSION

SUBMISSION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

Roth reminded the Council the Bills and Claims Listing is in the Dropbox and if anyone has any questions on the Bills and Claims to speak with Administrator prior to the Public Meeting.

ENGINEERING (Boswell-McClave)

1a. Bid #MTB-14-31: School Zone Signs for Ridge Road and Fardale Avenue; Change Order #1 (Decrease)

This is the Final and Change Order #1. Change Order #1 decreased the Contract by \$5,700. There is a concern the flashing lights may be caused by a controller problem. This will be fixed before school. Resolution will be voted on in the Public Meeting.

1b. Verbal Status Report – August, 2015

MA-1340: East Slope Booster Pumping Station – Pre-Construction Meeting scheduled for August 25th.

MA-1417: ADA Curb Ramp Improvements – County Roads – the Island Road curb ramps are completed. Paving is scheduled to be completed before school begins. Remaining roads will take about 3 more weeks.

MA-1500: 2015 Road, Curb and Sidewalk Program – additional drainage needed to be added on Third Street. Will take an additional three weeks to complete. Program will not be finished before the start of school.

ADMINISTRATION

2a. Authorization to Award Bid # MTB15-15: DPW Dump Truck with Material Spreader and Snow Plow

The Business Administrator said Bids were received and came in below the estimate. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2b. Amendment #1 to Resolution #182-15: Award of Bid #MTB15-13; DPW Janitorial Material and Supplies

Resolution, to be voted on in the Public Meeting, is a correction to Resolution #182-15.

2c. Authorization to Award of RFP#15-03: "IT" Services (Township Internet Services)

The Business Administrator said proposals were solicited for IT services. Recommendation was to award to the lowest bidder – Tri-State Technical Computer Services. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2d. Proposal; Affordable Housing Planning Services; Maser Consulting, PA

The Business Administrator said a Settlement Conference will be held at 3PM next Wednesday, August 26, 2015. The Settlement Conference requires first to review historical documents, which has been completed. The second is to look at statistics, which is for the second half. The New Jersey Highlands Council could provide the Township with a grant to fund the work by Maser Consulting. At the next Council Meeting, Council will be updated.

The Business Administrator went on to say the Rules have changed so we have additional information to complete.

Tonight, on the Agenda is a proposal from Maser Consulting to perform Affordable Housing Services. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2e. Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

Resolutions are required to continue membership in the BCMJIF as well as to renew the Agreement with the BCMJIF. Resolutions shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2f. Bergen County Trust Fund – Municipal Park Improvements; 2015 Application

Resolution, authorizing the submission of the 2015 Application for a Guided Fitness System at Continental Solders Field, shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2g. Authorization for Mayor and Business Administrator to Execute Agreement Between Mahwah PBA Local No. 143 and Township for Years 2015 through 2017

The Township Attorney said the Agreement has been passed by PBA. Roth pointed out there was much give and take on this contract. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2h. Salary Ordinance Amendment; 2015 Police Salaries

Ordinance shall be introduced in the Public Meeting.

2i. Shared Services Agreement; County Road Resurfacing Program

The Business Administrator said the Township wants to have the milling and paving of Island Road done before the start of school. Requesting authorization to execute Shared Services Agreement with the County for County Road Resurfacing. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL and MUNICIPAL CLERK

3a. Mahwah Chief of Police Report

3b. CDBG Grant Endorsement; Pascack Valley Meals on Wheels – Funding Year 2016 Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

3c. Mahwah Marine Moms; Request for Approval to Hold Wreaths Across America Ceremony

Mahwah Marine Moms are requesting permission to hold their Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Service at Veterans Park on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 12 Noon.

PUBLIC MEETING

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

On a motion by Wong, seconded by Sbarra, the Bills and Claims, previously signed, totaling \$1,982,875.71, were approved. 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.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP COUNCIL and MUNICIPAL CLERK

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL; COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Amoroso said the Board of Education has rolled out their new enhanced web site.

Amoroso said Newsweek released a Survey of the top 500 High Schools and Mahwah was 169. Six of the top ten high schools are in NJ with Bergen Academies.

Amoroso said Bergenfield hired their first woman Chief of Police.

Ariemma said the last Planning Board Meeting was cancelled. The next Planning Board Meeting is next Monday. On the Agenda is Apple Ridge.

Ariemma met with residents of Ramapo Ridge. They have some concerns and complaints (28 noise problems). They want to write a letter to the State of NJ about the noise from 287 and the tractor trailers parking on the shoulder of the road idling. Ariemma said she read from October 16, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes there was a resolution on this subject. In 1999, Governor Christine Todd Whitman redirected all trucks to I-287. The Residents want to get a petition to present to the Council. Ariemma asked who owns the land around I-287.

Ariemma read the article in the Suburban News about bow hunting in Saddle River. She questioned how this is legal. The Township Attorney explained bow hunting less than 450 feet is prohibited. The Township Attorney said he will review the subject further and report back to Council.

Ariemma questioned why the Township no longer has a Shade Tree Commission. The Business Administrator said the Shade Tree Commission function is within the Environmental Commission. It is the best way to function within our town. Ariemma questioned how we get funding for the planting of shade trees. The Business Administrator said the DPW, Parks and Playgrounds will plant in the spring. Ariemma questioned who looks and replaces the shade trees. The Business Administrator said as long as a budget permits, the Environmental Commission looks and prioritizes for shade trees.

DiGiulio agreed that I-287 has more trucks. She suggested that the State Senators be approached for sound barriers.

DiGiulio said the Beautification Committee met on September 2, 2015. The new Mahwah sign is up on MacArthur Boulevard. The Committee is now working to raise money for the smaller signs.

DiGiulio said the Ordinance Committee will be meeting on September 16th to discuss the Noise Ordinance.

DiGiulio reminded everyone the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony is on Friday, September 11, 2015 at 7:00PM.

Hermansen said Mahwah Day is Saturday, September 19th.

Hermansen reminded everyone the pool is still open. This year the pool has done very well. Saturday night is Pool Night.

Hermansen said idling trucks are a problem but the alternative is sleepy truck drivers which are worse. It is better there are more trucks on I-287 than on our local roads due to the increase in tonnage and accidents.

Hermansen said school will be in session by the time we have the next Council Meeting. He wants to give the coaches, sports directors, recreation, a big thank you.

Hermansen gave a big thank you to Ramsey Police and DPW, EMTs, and Bergen County Police for their reverence due to the unfortunate circumstance. There was an outpouring of love and all of the departments were very touching in their support.

Wong said the motorcade was very moving from the Ramsey DPW traveling past Fire Co. #2, very touching memorial.

Roth thanked the Council for attending the services for Ed Sinclair and for all they did.

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

None.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION

The title of an Ordinance was read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1766: SALARY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH

RESOLUTION – ORDINANCE NO. 1770

Introduced by Hermansen, Seconded by Sbarra

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

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ordinance be considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on September 3, 2015 at the Richard J. Martel Municipal Offices, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey at 8:00PM.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal 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: Amoroso, yes; Ariemma, yes; DiGiulio, yes; Hermansen, yes; Sbarra, yes; Wong, yes; Roth, yes.

PUBLIC PORTION

On a motion by DiGiulio, seconded by Amoroso, the meeting was opened to the public at 9:30PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Being no comments were made from the public, on a motion by Hermansen, seconded by Sbarra, the meeting was closed to the public at 9:31PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions #220-15 through 227-15 and #232-15 were voted on under the Consent Agenda.

Resolution #228-15 was not voted on as a Resolution.

Resolution #229-15 was voted on separately.

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

Mahwah Marine Moms – Permission to Hold Wreaths Across America Ceremony

Motion by Hermansen, seconded by Wong, to permit the Mahwah Marine Moms to hold their Wreaths Across America Ceremony on Saturday, December 12th at 12 Noon at Veterans Park.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Sbarra questioned whether or not the Township has ever looked into purchasing equipment to pave our own roads. The Business Administrator explained it would be cost prohibitive.

Hermansen questioned if the air conditioners at Fire Co#2 and the DPW were repaired. Administration responded they only found out the problems existed two days ago. They are addressing the problems.

Wong said he was interested in looking into a safe trade stations. Internet commerce is booming and these areas will help when meeting strangers on the other side of an email. He distributed to Council an article from The Record on Safe Zones. Roth said Administration will look into further and discuss with the Police Department. If it is practical, then it will be on the Agenda.

He questioned "What are the ramifications?" Time, place, logistics, liability, parking.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Hermansen, seconded by DiGiulio, Council went into Closed Session at 9:45PM for the express purpose of discussing the Tax Appeal for 14 Industrial Avenue in Block 110.01, Lot 10. All in favor. Motion carried.

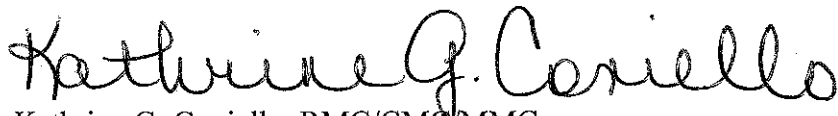
On a motion by DiGiulio, seconded by Hermansen, Council returned to Open Session at 9:46PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Resolution #230-15: Tax Appeal Settlement; 14 Industrial Avenue; Block 110.01, Lot 10 was voted on. Resolution is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by Wong, seconded by DiGiulio, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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