

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
COMBINED WORK SESSION AND PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016**

The Meeting was called to order at 8:05PM by Council President Roth who read the Open Public Meetings 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 28, 2016 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 served and those who are serving in the military both here and abroad. It is because of their valor and bravery that we can hold meetings such as these.

Present: Councilmembers Amoroso at 8:15PM; Ariemma; Hermansen; Roth and Sbarra.  
Absent: Councilmembers DiGiulio and Wong.

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

**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.

Mrs. Kate Nunez of 14 Long Avenue said she has attended Council Meetings previously and spoke about the traffic in West Mahwah. She said she started bringing the problem to the attention of the Township in 2014 and nothing is in place. She continued that summer is approaching and those in the area will be faced with increased traffic, etc. She asked the Council to put in intervention before the summer begins. Roth said he would address the matter further with the Township Engineer and Township Attorney. Hermansen said the Township in the past offer a solution to the problem but the residents in the area were not in agreement with it. He suggested everyone sit down and work together.

Mr. Jonathan Marcus of 3 Brook Court said it was a great day on Saturday. All of the 1,000 trees were given out in 2 hours. He thanked the DPW for their help. Next year, 2,000 trees will be requested. They have been told the more trees requesting the more species of trees received.

Mr. Marcus said the Environmental Commission received a response to the letter to the FAA on the change in the Flight Pattern. The FAA has said that before making a new Flight Path permanent they will embark on environmental studies.

On a motion by Hermansen, seconded by Sbarra, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:20PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **WORK SESSION**

### **SUBMISSION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS**

The Bills and Claims will was placed in the Dropbox. Any Councilmember with questions was asked to speak with Administration before the Public Meeting.

### **ENGINEERING**

1a. Bolla Mahwah Realty Corporation; 130 Route 17 South; Block 129, Lot 1; Request for Reduction of Performance Guarantees (Docket #522 PF)

The Township Engineer's Associate said this item is a recommendation for a performance guarantee reduction at 130 Route 17 South. A few items remain outstanding which must be addressed by July 14, 2016. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

1b. Verbal Status Report

2016 Road Program: in the final stages of the design. Expect to Award the Bid at the Meeting after next.

Ariemma said she was contacted by a resident about the No Parking signs on Island Road. The resident said the signs make it appear that there is no parking in between the signs. Suggestion was made to post No Parking signs near corners. The Township Engineer's Associate will go out to the site and report back to Council.

### **2016 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Mr. Ken Sesholtz, Township Chief Financial Officer and Mr. Lou Mai, Township Auditor were present.

The Business Administrator explained the Budget Analysis summarizes the Budget. The Mayor as the Chief Executive Officer of the Township presents the Budget to the Council.

The two parts of the Budget are the Revenue side where taxes are the majority of the money and the Appropriations side where the money is spent.

The Business Administrator went through the Budget Analysis document. He stated the two CAP Laws that we are required to comply with that restrict the money to be spent are the CAP Levy and the Spending CAP (COLA). The Municipal Tax Rate increased \$.004 from 2015 to 2016 equating to an increase to the average homeowner of \$19.00. Ratables are up this year.

In the Public Meeting, the 2016 Municipal Budget shall be voted on.

## LEGAL

2a. Authorization to Demolish Structure and Funding; 56 Eastview Drive; Block 12, Lot 39  
The Township Attorney said the request was made by the Township Construction Official to demolish the structure at 56 Eastview Drive as it was deemed unsafe, unsanitary, a fire hazard and in danger of collapsing. The funds expended on the property will be a lien against the property. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

## ADMINISTRATION

3a. Change Order #1; Resolution #301-15: Purchase of One Type 1 Ford F450 Model 623  
Horton Ambulance Apparatus via Houston Galveston Area Council's Cooperative  
Purchasing Program

MEMS, with the money from Mahwah Ambulance Corps Company #4, acquired two new ambulances which have been delivered. In the process of purchasing the vehicles, there was a feature that is important to have on the vehicles – 360 degree video view camera.

The third vehicle being purchased by the Township is expected to be delivered in the summer. Recommendation is being made to include the 360 degree video view camera on the new vehicle as a Change Order.

Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

## TOWNSHIP COUNCIL and MUNICIPAL CLERK

4a. Eagle Scouts  
1. Christopher J. Bonura  
2. Aidan S. Kooy

Individual Resolutions shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

4b. Request from Boy Scout Troop 50 to Post Signs; Annual Memorial Day Pancake  
Breakfast

Request was made to post signs within the Township.

The Requestor was directed to contact the County for permission to post a banner at the end of MacArthur Boulevard on the Darlington end as this is County property.

Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

## PUBLIC MEETING

### APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

On a motion by Hermansen, seconded by Amoroso, the Bills and Claims, previously signed, totaling \$5,538,309.18, were approved. Roll call vote: Amoroso, yes; Ariemma, yes; DiGiulio, absent; Hermansen, yes; Sbarra, yes; Wong, 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 Combined Work Session and Public Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2016, Budget Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2016 and the Closed

Session Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2016 were approved. Roll call vote: Amoroso, yes; Ariemma, yes; DiGiulio, absent; Hermansen, yes; Sbarra, yes; Wong, absent; Roth, yes.

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

Amoroso said unfortunately the Mayor of Teaneck, Lizette Parker passed away.

Amoroso said the Digitally Distracted Seminar being held on May 5<sup>th</sup> has been moved to the Doubletree Hotel.

Amoroso was notified by Mrs. Anne Powley that on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30AM to 1:00PM at Ramapo College there will be a Program on the Pilgrim Pipeline.

Amoroso said on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Island Road.

Amoroso said on May 7<sup>th</sup> is the Youth Sports Parade.

Ariemma said she attended the Tree Giveaway on Saturday. She said many residents attended.

Ariemma said she spoke with Eric of MEVO and the DPW is planting trees at Commodore Perry.

Hermansen offered his condolences to the family of Mayor Lizette Parker.

Hermansen paid respects to Sheriff's Officer Mike Shaeffer who recently passed away.

Hermansen said the Youth Sports Parade is next Saturday.

Hermansen said on the FAA Flight Path, he is unsure what Flight Path is being referred to. He said many planes have flown over his home recently.

Hermansen congratulated his daughter and two of her friends who won Gold medals for their presentation on How To Help the County – Center For Food Action. The girls will be going to Kentucky to compete.

Sbarra offered his condolences to the Parker family and the town of Teaneck.

Sbarra attended on April 16<sup>th</sup> the Fire Company #2 Fundraiser Meatball Dinner.

Sbarra said on April 20<sup>th</sup> the School Board Meeting. There was much talk on the Budget. Dr. Schoen said Mahwah was ranked 32<sup>nd</sup> of the High Schools in New Jersey. Mr. Brian Muller of Ramapo Ridge Middle School will be retiring on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sbarra attended on April 21<sup>st</sup> the Senior Luncheon.

Roth congratulated the students from Mrs. Beatrice's class for attending the meeting tonight.

Roth attended on April 16<sup>th</sup> Fire Company #2's Fundraiser where they were selling meatball heroes.

Roth attended on April 20<sup>th</sup> the Senior Advisory Board Meeting.

Roth attended on April 21<sup>st</sup> the Senior Luncheon.

Roth went on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to the MEVO Stag Hill Clean Up.

Roth attended the Environmental Commission Tree Giveaway.

Roth said on April 26<sup>th</sup> he met with the Mayor, Business Administrator, and Matrix representative.

Roth attended on April 27<sup>th</sup> Mahwah Marine Mom's Fundraiser at Brady's in Ramsey.

#### **REPORTS OF MAYOR AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**

Mayor attended the Teterboro Noise Abatement Committee Meeting. The April 1 start date of the flight plan has been changed. Only one flight has been completed. To date, there were reports of 230 reports or more. Real test will not start for 30 days.

Mayor said Mahwah has been chosen as one of the 50 safest Townships in New Jersey.

Mayor will attend on Sunday, May 1, the Mayor's Wellness at Brandywine. All three sessions are full. There will be one at Senior Center in June.

Mayor said many residents attended the Tree Giveaway on April 23.

Mayor met with PSE&G concerning the high-pressure gas line at the River Palm.

Mayor said MMA held its first Narcan Training for residents, and it was a full house.

Mayor said Digitally Distracted Seminar has been moved to the Doubletree Hotel.

Mayor said the basketball courts by Commodore Perry are being redone and will be finished in about one week.

Business Administrator attended a Progress Meeting with the contractor at the pool. The work should be done in two weeks. It looks good for Memorial Day.

Roth congratulated Ariemma on being a new grandmother.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

On a motion by Sbarra, seconded by Hermansen, the meeting was opened to the public at 9:20PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Collin Stanford of 173 Mahwah Road with regards of the Tree Giveaway, his father came and was happy. He felt Access for All was great for the township.

On a motion by Sbarra, seconded by Amoroso, the meeting was closed to the public at 9:27PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Sbarra said he has been seeing random signs all over the township. He asked if there is a way to educate the public. His suggestion was to include information in the newsletter and on Mahwah Channel.

Hermansen suggested the Council Liaison to Access to All be Roth and Sbarra.

**RESOLUTION**

Resolution #130-16 was voted on. Resolution is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

**ORDINANCES-PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The title of an Ordinance was read as follows:

**CALENDAR YEAR 2016: ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)**

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

On a motion by Sbarra, 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. 1775**

**RESOLVED** that the ordinance be passed and adopted on second reading and the Municipal Clerk is authorized to advertise by title only as having been finally adopted, as required by law.

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

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The title of an Ordinance was read as follows:

**2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

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

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

On a motion by Sbarra, seconded by Hermansen, the following resolution was passed and adopted:

**RESOLUTION – ORDINANCE NO. 1777**

**RESOLVED** that the ordinance be passed and adopted on second reading and the Municipal Clerk is authorized to advertise by title only as having been finally adopted, as required by law.

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

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The title of an Ordinance was read as follows:

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

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

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

On a motion by Roth, seconded by Hermansen, the following resolution was passed and adopted:

**RESOLUTION – ORDINANCE NO. 1778**

**RESOLVED** that the ordinance be passed and adopted on second reading and the Municipal Clerk is authorized to advertise by title only as having been finally adopted, as required by law.

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

Freeholder DeNicola thanked the Council on behalf of the County for creating the Access for All Commission.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolutions #131-16 through 136-16 were voted on. Resolutions are attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

**CLOSED SESSION**

On a motion by Amoroso, seconded by Sbarra, Council went into Closed Session at 9:35PM for the express purposes of discussing:

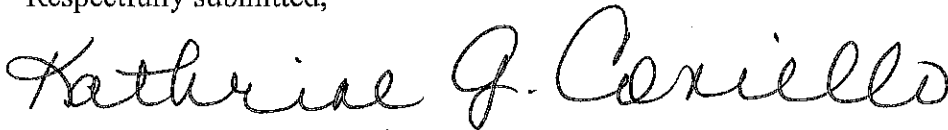
C1. Affordable Housing; Update

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

On a motion by Hermansen, seconded by Sbarra, Council returned to Open Session at 9:39PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Wong, seconded by Amoroso, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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