

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2018**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:07PM by Council President Hermansen who read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement as prescribed by law. Notice was advertised in The Record on Sunday, January 28, 2018 and in the Ridgewood News for information only on Thursday, January 25, 2018 stating this Meeting would be held at 7:00PM in the Honorable Judge Anthony J. Gianni Jr. Chambers at the Richard J. Martel Municipal Offices, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, NJ on Monday, January 29, 2018.

Notice of this Meeting is posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board. The Minutes of this Meeting shall be available once 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 valor, meetings such as this one can be held.

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

Also present were Mayor William Laforet, Business Administrator Quentin Wiest, Township Attorney Brian Chewcaskie and Clerical Assistant Carolyn George.

Public Portion

On a motion by Ervin, seconded by May, the Meeting was opened to the Public at 7:09PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Richard Cannava of 16 Davidson Court believed there is no wrongdoing from the Township in the Eruv Litigation.

Mrs. Jessica LoPiccolo of 35 Cortland Trail said she is disappointed the Township is being painted as Anti-Semitic throughout other towns, the county and state. She feels this will sabotage the case being fair.

Mr. Vincent Maiello of 33 Glasgow Terrace – Member of the Recall Mayor Laforet Committee said 12 signs they placed around town are missing. They have filed a Police Report for this incident.

Ms. Audrey Artusio Gold of Miller Road stated she has a safety concern regarding pedestrians walking along Route 202.

Mrs. MaryAnn Mauro of 143 Johnson Avenue explained the Meadow Avenue and Long Avenue's School Blinking School Bus Stop signs have been corrected but believes the

bus stop may have been changed. Ervin explained this topic should be discussed with the Board of Education. He stated it may be a problem with the Bus Driver or the Bus Route.

Mrs. Mauro asked if there is any more information regarding Affordable Housing. Township Attorney stated the Affordable Housing decision is due from Mercer County within the next few weeks.

Mr. Peter Cassotis of South Mahwah Road asked if the Township was told not to say anything regarding the Sinclair Litigation. Township Attorney stated the Mayor and Council are aware if any litigation is pending they are not to speak.

Mr. Cassotis stated he was concerned regarding children's safety at a New York Yeshiva regarding no water and fake fire hydrants.

Mrs. Susan Stadeler of West Ramapo Avenue said she wants the Township to do what is right.

Mr. Greg Gold of Miller Road asked how the taxes are determined for Affordable Housing units. Township Attorney stated the units for sale are taxed at an established amount.

Mr. Gold asked what are the Affordable Housing Rental Qualifications. Township Attorney stated all Affordable Housing Rental Qualification Income is established by the State. An individual has to qualify based on income. It depends on the location, type of unit, and size of family.

Mr. Gold asked if the rental units get a tax break. Township Attorney said the taxes are adjusted.

Mr. Keith Kaplan of Ramapo Road in Teaneck described his beliefs and feels rules should not exclude people.

Mrs. Heather Federico of 30 Tartan Road asked if the Township is aware of Upper Saddle River's transfer for proceeding with the attachments of Eruvs on poles. There were originally 129 poles and now there are 40 poles. Township Attorney is not aware of Upper Saddle River's numbers. Township Attorney stated Orange & Rockland gave a license for Eruvs with attachment to poles. Hermansen stated there may be approximately 112 poles.

On a motion by Ervin, seconded by May, the Meeting was closed to the Public at 7:43PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

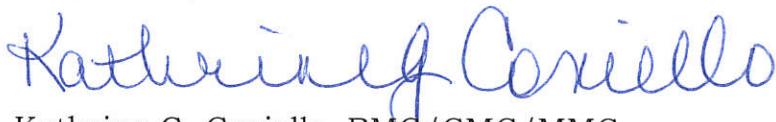
On a motion by Wong, seconded by Paz, Council went into Closed Session at 7:45PM for the express purpose of discussing Litigation. All in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Ervin, seconded by Paz, Council returned to Open Session at 10:38PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Township Attorney made a statement the Council will continue this meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 6:00PM here in the Senior Center to consider the Resolution of Settlement with the Township of Mahwah and Eruv. Formal action may be taken.

On a motion by Hermansen, seconded by Wysocki, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:40PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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