

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
COMBINED WORK SESSION AND PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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, September 17, 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**

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION**

**#241-15: Appointment of Director of Public Works – Advice and Consent of Council**  
Resolution is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

On a motion by Hermansen, seconded by Sbarra, the meeting was opened to the public at 8:11 PM. 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 8:11 PM. 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 the Administrator prior to the Public Meeting.

## **ENGINEERING (Boswell-McClave)**

### 1a. NJDOT State Aid Application for Fiscal Year 2016; Resolution Endorsing Application

The Township Engineer said the section of MacArthur Boulevard going eastbound looks favorable to the DOT and is being sent out to bid. Also, Hilltop and Stag Hill Roads will be reviewed for next year's application. Resolution will be voted on in the Public Meeting.

### 1b. Verbal Status Report:

The Township Engineer reported the Road Paving Program is being completed. Everything else is status quo.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### 2a. Cancellation of Taxes on Foreclosed Properties

The Business Administrator said this resolution is from the Tax Collector and is a tax foreclosure judgement for six items, all owned by Mahwah. The resolution is to cancel the taxes for the parcels of land. No homes are involved. These parcels of land were owned by corporations, and miscellaneous mountain area properties. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

### 2b. Pay to Play Compliance

#### 1. Len Thonus Plumbing and Heating

The Business Administrator said Len Thonus Plumbing and Heating had the lowest quote for plumbing services. The Company will exceed the \$17,500 threshold for Pay to Play; therefore, a resolution recognizing alternate non-fair and open compliance is necessary. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

#### 2. Meadowland Ford Truck Sales

The Business Administrator said Meadowland Ford Truck Sales, had the lowest quote for auto parts. Meadowland Ford Truck Sales will exceed the \$17,500 threshold for Pay to Play; therefore, the resolution recognizing alternate non-fair and open compliance is necessary. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

### 2c. Chapter 159; Municipal Escrow Account

#### 1. Trailer for Mahwah Police Department Off Road Vehicle

#### 2. Video Retrieval Kit

The Business Administrator said the County Prosecutor has approved funds for the purchase of the above mentioned items. Mayor Laforet added that in cases of investigations, the surveillance cameras can be accessed quickly and gets past the use of a password with the Video Retrieval Kit. Roth added that in the past, the Police Department would download software to view the variety of video programs which could jeopardize our system. Therefore, this is a more efficient retrieval system. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

### 2d. Mayoral Appointment; Historic Preservation Commission – Class C Member Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2e. Bergen County Community Development Grant Application; Stag Hill Road Paving  
The Business Administrator indicated that as the Township Engineer mentioned earlier, a Grant for the Second Section (Part II) for \$120,000 has been proposed. Community Development funds need to be used for infrastructure repair only. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

2f. Professional Services Contract; Employee, CDL and HAZMAT Physicals; Hepatitis B Vaccines and Titters and Lap Interpretations, and Training and Tuberculosis Testing and Training.

Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

### **TOWNSHIP COUNCIL and MUNICIPAL CLERK**

3a. Mahwah Chief of Police Report

Roth said that the Police Chief's Report has been distributed for their review.

3b. Request for Permission to Post Signs in Township Right-of-Ways; M. Galow

Roth said a letter was received from Board of Education Candidate Galow requesting permission to post signs in the Township right-of-ways. Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS**

On a motion by Amoroso, seconded by Hermansen, the Bills and Claims, previously signed, totaling \$1,207,342.75, 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 Amoroso, the Meeting Minutes from the August 20, 2015 Meeting 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 attended the Board of Education Meeting which was well attended. Mahwah High School won the National Merit semi-finalist.

Amoroso stated the Bergen County passed resolution opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline.

Amoroso added that the Housing Authority representative from Rutgers, Dr. Burc had a stroke and a new person will need to replace him.

Ariemma attended the 9/11 Ceremony which Lisa DiGiulio did a wonderful job.

Ariemma attended the Planning Board Meeting where they discussed a proposal for a variance of an Italian restaurant near the Brakeshoe that wants to combine two restaurants. The parking will be a problem because there are 17 spaces now and there needs to be 20 spaces.

Hermansen extended congratulations to Glenn Dowson.

Hermansen reminded everyone that Mahwah Day is on Saturday.

Hermansen attended the Trail Conference opening. He was impressed with its outcome.

Hermansen congratulated the MMA for their approval of the grant they received which will be given over the next five years.

Hermansen attended the Ordinance Meeting on Wednesday, September 16.

Hermansen stated the pool is not closed for the year but it had a wonderful year. They are looking into some upgrades before next season in the facility. The Swim/Dive Team had much success.

Hermansen congratulated three Mahwah High School Baseball Players who were chosen for early commitments to colleges.

Hermansen thanked the EMTs, police, and those who came to help him recently when he had an emergency at his home.

Hermansen welcomed Acme who will be replacing the A & P on Franklin Turnpike.

Hermansen congratulated Stryker for the 9/11 packages sent overseas for service troops. They have done this for the past 14 years.

Hermansen congratulated Denise from the Library for the Summer Reading Program. In addition, he thanked all of the businesses who donated and focused on the Reading Program. He lastly, congratulated the community for reaching out to young children.

Sbarra congratulated the MMA on their significant grant which will be used to help serious drug issues since it starts with education.

Sbarra attended the 9/11 ceremony. He indicated that this may be Lisa's last year as coordinator but she is so passionate about it that he does not see her retiring.

Roth attended the Cable Committee Meeting. They are working on slides, videos and aerial pictures with the Fire Department's help on Mahwah Day.

Roth attended the President's State of Address at Ramapo College.

Roth attended the 9/11 ceremony.

Roth attended the Senior Advisory Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 16. They have a busy program schedule. He also attended their fall luncheon using a new caterer, Marianne's Gourmet Deli. They surveyed the crowd and there was nothing but compliments.

Roth congratulated the MMA for their extraordinary job with the significant grant of \$650,000 over a five year period. He asked the Council to draft a resolution of congratulations and on a job well done and present it to them at a future meeting.

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

Mayor Laforet attended the League of Municipality Breakfast in Hackensack.

Mayor attended the Chamber of Commerce luncheon with Bergen County Executive Tedesco.

Mayor attended the Ramapo College State of Address with the Chief and Council President Roth.

Mayor attended the Trail Conference Grand Opening on Thursday, September 17.

Mayor attended the PBA Golf Tournament at Apple Ridge on September 14.

Mayor attended the Senior Advisory Board Meeting with Council President Roth.

Mayor stated the Net-a-Porter Job Bank received 94 applications, 47 people attended, and 33 were hired.

Mayor stated the water restrictions are still in force.

Mayor extended his thanks and appreciation to the residents' for their patience while the road repairs and paving are underway.

Mayor has been a MMA member and has worked for 4 years to get the grant. He stated that the Council's support is very much appreciated. Over the four years, parents came in to discuss the needs of the group. There are parent, teacher, and student programs covering some areas like the internet, depression, and heroin.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

On a motion by Sbarra, seconded by Hermansen, the meeting was opened to the public at 8:52PM. 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 8:53PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Resolutions #242-15 through #250-15 were voted on under the Consent Agenda. Resolutions are attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ariemma asked for money to be put in next year's budget to purchase an additional number of trees as a result of the shade trees that have been cut down.

Ariemma asked about getting defibrillators at the pool added to the budget.

Ariemma added that a resident asked what it would take to get a traffic light at the corner of Campgaw and Seminary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

On a motion by Hermansen, seconded by Ariemma, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine G. Coviello". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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