

OCEAN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
Reorganization and Regular Meeting  
January 6, 2014  
7:00 PM

Meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Call to Order – Flag Salute

Open Public Meeting Act – Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, sending copies of the notice of the meeting properly provided adequate notice of the meeting to the Asbury Park Press and the Press of Atlantic City. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

Roll Call:	Ed Covitz	Heide Geary
	Lorraine Flohr	Pola Galie
	Don Lippincott	Tom Leaming

Members Absent: Jack Henderson, Bob Knowles, Elise Carson

Secretary asked for a nomination for Chairman. Mr. Leaming nominated Don Lippincott for Chairman. Seeing no others, motions closed. Roll call: (aye) Leaming, Covitz, Flohr, Geary, Galie. Abstain: Lippincott.

Secretary congratulated Chairman Lippincott and turned the meeting over to him at this time.

Chairman asked for a Vice-Chairman nomination. Mr. Leaming nominated Mr. Covitz. Seeing no others, motions closed. Roll call for Mr. Covitz as Vice-Chairman. Roll call: (aye) Leaming, Flohr, Geary, Lippincott, Galie. Abstain: Covitz.

Official Newspapers will be Press of Atlantic City and the Asbury Park Press.

The secretary read the meeting dates for 2014 into the record as: February 3, March 3, March 31, April 28, June 2, June 30, September 8, September 29, November 3. A motion was made by Ms. Geary, seconded by Mr. Covitz. Roll call: Geary, Covitz, Flohr, Leaming, Lippincott, Galie.

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Galie, seconded by Mr. Leaming. All in favor (aye).

Reorganization meeting was adjourned.

The regular meeting then was started.

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A motion was made by Ms. Galie and seconded by Mr. Leaming to approve the minutes of October 7, 2013. All in favor: (aye).

Correspondence was reviewed by the Committee.

Chairman Lippincott acknowledged Mayor Tredy and invited him to speak to the Commission. Mayor Tredy wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. Mayor Tredy spoke that the Township Committee is happy to help with any questions/suggestions that may arise. The Commission's liaison is Committeeman Lachawiec. Ms. Galie spoke and thanked Mayor Tredy for coming and feels as though the Environmental Commission and the Township Committee are a team. Mayor Tredy expressed the appreciation of the town for the work that the Environmental Commission does.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Beach plums have been ordered by the secretary for Founder's Day. Tubes can be used from the posters that we have left over.

Tom Leaming spoke regarding the newspapers that are distributed to everyone. He feels as though it is pollution/litter. Mr. Leaming spoke to the Clerk's office and unfortunately, there is nothing that can be done about it. Mayor Tredy spoke regarding this situation. He has known about this for awhile and also inquired over a year ago about this situation. There is nothing that can be done as a Township. If you do not want the paper, you can call and get it stopped. Mr. Leaming did this and then it started again. Various papers are littered around town and just accumulate. Mayor Tredy invited any ideas that would help with this problem.

**NEW BUSINESS – Review of MBI Development Company, Docket 04-13-PB.**

Since Mayor Tredy was still present, Chairman Lippincott invited him to give the Commission a synopsis of the project. It is a 76 unit project. Senior citizen, low-income. Rules as far as age and income are determined by the state, not by the Township. 70 of the apartments are one bedroom and 6 are two bedroom. Build is "L" shaped and will be three stories. The company that will build it will also operate and manage it. This project started a few years ago with a 100 unit project. At the time they did not receive grant funding from the state so the project never continued. The Township is comfortable with this project as it helps to satisfy our COAH obligation. It is also a low impact on the Fire Company, Police, and School system. The project will be west of Shoprite on the other side of the drainage area. The property is owned by Coastal Development. The same land owner is the same as the Shoprite portion.

A brief recess was taken to review the plans.

The Commission after a brief discussion felt this is a great project for Waretown, sees no environmental issues and the Chairman asked the secretary to prepare a letter to be sent to the Planning Board Secretary.

Bonnie McDevitt from the New Jersey Water Association introduced herself and spoke to the Commission. She is currently working with the Township's water department. Her group is funded to help small communities. The five wells in town are active and healthy. Chairman Lippincott spoke that we could maybe get Ms. McDevitt involved in Founder's Day this year with our table. She has a ground water model that can be displayed. It shows fresh drinking wells that kids can contaminate it with red food dye. She also complimented the township on our Clean-Up Weekend. Chairman Lippincott went into detail about what we can and cannot take during Clean-Up Weekend. The Commission spoke about private wells and when they need to be tested. Ms. McDevitt collected phone and emails for the Commission. Chairman Lippincott thanked Ms. McDevitt for coming and welcomed her to attend any of our meetings or events.

Mr. Covitz requested having an off-site meeting in 2014 at the Lighthouse Center. It was agreed upon that it would be the April 28, 2014 meeting and the Secretary will notice the paper as such. A speaker from Sustainable Jersey would be checked into for this meeting.

Ms. Galie spoke about a few things she is involved with at this time. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation came out with a grant of over one hundred million dollars for coastal resiliency for recovery from Sandy. The money and the grant came up quickly. Barnegat Bay Partnership is applying with other estuarial programs for a living shoreline grant. It would go from North Jersey all the way down to Delaware. Ms. Galie has been helping them gather information for our section.

US Strong (Sandy related) – they are looking at getting Federal money together so that municipalities wouldn't be wiped out in the case of a natural disaster. They are looking at recovery and mitigation.

Short Leaf Pine Initiative – A meeting was just recently scheduled at the center. As additional information unfolds regarding this, Ms. Galie will pass it along. The group involved feels the pines are disappearing from the landscape which is changing the succession of the forest and birds.

The Commission spoke further about Sustainable Jersey. Ms. Galie explained about the Black Sheep Squadron.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Galie, seconded by Mr. Leaming.

## **ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth O'Connor  
Secretary