

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING January 8, 2009

FLAG SALUTE:

ROLL CALL: VAN PELT X REILLY X KRAFT X

STATEMENT: Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was properly provided by sending copies of the Notice of Meeting to two newspapers, The Atlantic City Press and the Asbury Park Press. The Notice was posted at the office of the Township Clerk and on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

MEETING MINUTES:

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2008

A motion of approval was moved by Deputy Mayor Reilly, seconded by Committeeman Van Pelt.

Roll Call: Van Pelt: Yes, Reilly: Yes, Kraft: Yes.

CONSENT AGENDA

The below listed items are considered to be routine by the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

RESOLUTIONS

- 2009-70 Authorizing the Township of Ocean 2009 Temporary Operating Budget in the amount of \$3,251,927.13 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19
- 2009-71 Authorizing the Township of Ocean Municipal Water Utility Budget 2009 Temporary Operating Budget in the amount of \$741,950.00 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-10
- 2009-72 Authorizing the Township of Ocean Municipal Sewer Utility Budget 2009 Temporary Operating Budget in the amount of \$605,300.00 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-10
- 2009-73 Authorizing Change Accounts in Township Offices for the year 2009
- 2009-74 Appointing Martin W. Tellekamp as Plumbing sub-code Official for 90 days at the salary of \$54,810.00 in compliance with the interlocal agreement with Lacey Township
- 2009-75 Resolution of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Ocean requesting review and approval of a municipal affordable housing trust fund spending plan by the Council of Affordable Housing
- 2009-76 Authorizing the Township of Ocean Utilities Department to issue a Utilities Department Leak credit to 237 Bayshore Drive in the total amount of \$80.42

- 2009-77 Authorizing the Township of Ocean Utilities Department to issue a Utilities Department Leak credit to 2 Tiller Drive in the total amount of \$60.28**
- 2009-78 Authorizing the Township of Ocean Utilities Department to issue a Utilities Department Leak credit to 126 Montclair Road in the total amount of \$174.38**
- 2009-79 Authorizing the Township of Ocean Utilities Department to issue a Utilities Department Leak credit to 17 Millstone Way in the total amount of \$115.63**
- 2009-80 Authorizing the Township of Ocean Utilities Department to issue a Utilities Department Leak credit to 16 Reno Court in the total amount of \$171.33**
- 2009-81 Authorizing the Township of Ocean Utilities Department to issue a Utilities Department Leak credit to 8 Long John Silver in the total amount of \$116.56**
- 2009-82 Authorizing the Township of Ocean Utilities Department to issue a Utilities Department Leak credit to 211 Maplewood Road in the total amount of \$254.43**
- 2009-83 Authorizing the Township of Ocean Utilities Department to issue a Utilities Department Leak credit to 12 Stevenson Street in the total amount of \$91.43**
- 2009-84 Authorizing the Township of Ocean Utilities Department to issue a Utilities Department Leak credit to 6 Cable Road in the total amount of \$275.62**
- 2009-85 Authorizing the Township of Ocean Utilities Department to issue a Utilities Department Leak credit to 208 Biscayne Road in the total amount of \$121.95**
- 2009-86 Authorizing the Township of Ocean Utilities Department to issue a Utilities Department Leak credit to 117 Seventh Street in the total amount of \$703.97**
- 2009-87 Authorizing the Township of Ocean to apply for the 2009 Ocean County Tourism matching Promotional Grant for Founder’s Day 2009 in the amount of \$1,000.00**
- 2009-88 Authorizing the Township of Ocean Utilities Department to issue a Utilities Department credit due to a fire and a notice of unsafe Structure on January 28, 2008 declaring the residence uninhabitable for 115 Bonita Road in the total amount of \$703.97**
- 2009-89 Appointing Christine Thorne as Fund Commissioner of the Joint Insurance Fund for the Township of Ocean**
- 2009-90 Authorizing sale of surplus property of the Township of Ocean conducted through GovDeals online auction site State Contract A-70967/T2581**
- 2009-91 Authorizing Mayor to sign Edmunds & Associates, Inc. for computer services to the Township of Ocean for the year 2009 at a cost of \$5,000.**

Committee Van Pelt stated Resolution No. 2009-75 has a typo. The name of the town in the second “Whereas” paragraph says Borough of Fanwood.

Township Attorney McGuckin stated just delete Borough of Fanwood and put in Township of Ocean. It is correct by title only.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2009-70 through Resolution 2009-91:

A motion of approval was moved by Deputy Mayor Reilly, seconded by Committeeman Van Pelt.
Roll Call: Van Pelt: Yes, Reilly: Yes, Kraft: Yes.

Motion of Approval for Taxi Cab Driver Permits representing Cannon Taxi for:

- **William J. Jamieson**
- **Jennifer Zdaniecki**

A motion of approval was moved by Deputy Mayor Reilly, seconded by Committeeman Van Pelt.
Roll Call: Van Pelt: Yes, Reilly: Yes, Kraft: Yes.

Motion of Approval for use of the Community Center

1. Kerry Eck'Art, January 24, 2009
2. Lydia Todd, January 31, 2009
3. SOCH Program, February 13, 2009
4. Ed Grover, January 17, 2009
5. Karen Capone, February 15, 2009
6. Executive Comm. Republican Club, January 15, 2009
7. Township of Ocean, Board of Health – Rabies Clinic – February 14, 2009
8. Dan Loftus, January 31, 2009

A motion of approval was moved by Deputy Mayor Reilly, seconded by Committeeman Van Pelt.
Roll Call: Van Pelt: Yes, Reilly: Yes, Kraft: Yes.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion of approval was moved by Deputy Mayor Reilly, seconded by Committeeman Van Pelt.
Roll Call: Van Pelt: Yes, Reilly: Yes, Kraft: Yes.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE UTILITY COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion of approval was moved by Deputy Mayor Reilly, seconded by Committeeman Van Pelt.
Roll Call: Van Pelt: Yes, Reilly: Yes, Kraft: Yes.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE CMFO/TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion of approval was moved by Deputy Mayor Reilly, seconded by Committeeman Van Pelt.
Roll Call: Van Pelt: Yes, Reilly: Yes, Kraft: Yes.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Robert Kraft – Administration – Administrator, Office of the Clerk, Revenue & Finance,
Utilities, Recreation

Richard Reilly – Planning & Development – Planning Board, Zoning Board, Buildings &
Grounds, Bulkheads, Docks and
Redevelopment Agency

Daniel M. Van Pelt - Public Safety – Police Dept., Fire Dept., First Aide, Emergency
Management, Communications and Welfare

No reports due to proximity of reorganization Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion to open to the public was moved by Deputy Mayor Reilly, seconded by Committeeman Van Pelt.
Roll Call: Van Pelt: Yes, Reilly: Yes, Kraft: Yes.

Joan Finn, 26 Ocean Grove Lane, inquired about Resolution No. 2009-75. Ms. Finn is concerned about the COAH housing responsibilities in Waretown and the affordable housing for all the people in Waretown. For every eight (8) units created, the town needs to have one affordable housing unit. By December 31, 2008 each town needs to have a plan. Ms. Finn inquired as to where the plan and ratios are for the Township of Ocean and would like to show support for the affordable housing.

Mayor Kraft stated the plan is Trenton and has been filed on time.

Township Attorney McGuckin stated in the most recent bill, the ratio changed for commercial property and now 2.5% of the assessment value must be paid. There's talk that it will be repealed very shortly. The concern is that it is anti-business and makes no sense in this economy. It is particularly anti-business in the Southern portion of the state, where as the state is trying to attract new business into these areas and what business would want to relocate and start a new project when they have to pay a 2.5% tax on top of all the other development costs. For housing it is one per six (6) units.

Township Administrator Mosca stated on the NJ State League of Municipalities website, the Director Bill Dressler had a very good editorial on this subject.

Mayor Kraft stated tonight the town has moved forward on a project that had 29 affordable housing units in it.

Ron Negra, 8 Manasquan, compliments the Township Committee and those responsible for the ordinance relative to signage. Mr. Negra stated even though the town has good ordinances in place, violations continue to pop up. The town does not want this honky-tonk look. There are three things specifically. Mr. Negra is not in favor of interior, backlit lights. The first thing is there are blinking lights in the new nail salon. According to the ordinance, they are not to exist on the interior window. The second thing is neon lights have existed around the perimeters of windows in Lighthouse Plaza. The third thing is there are signs on fences in the town center. Mr. Negra inquired if the town could start strongly enforcing these ordinances. You don't need to put signs on fences to increase your business.

Deputy Mayor Reilly stated there are a number of illegal signs on Saturday and Sunday. There was an inflated balloon advertising haircuts. On Monday morning the paper signs were removed. There is nothing that makes a town look bad than signs all over the place. Oskar Huber was wallpapering the County the last couple of weeks with their going-out-of-business signage.

Township Administrator Mosca stated he gets calls from the Committee about illegal signs and it will be addressed. Mayor Kraft called Township Administrator Mosca over the weekend regarding the \$2.99 haircut and the large balloon. Township Administrator Mosca met with Mrs. Clune, who oversees code enforcement and Mr. Schultz, the Code Enforcement officer. They have been very aggressive in going out and getting these signs. There are times, as quickly as the town takes them down, they go back up. Summons' are issued. There are letters that went out yesterday regarding temporary signage at the town center, stating to take them down immediately. The town does the best it can. It is challenging at times.

Mr. Negra compliments the Township Committee for the ordinances that were put in place.

Rick Johnson, 35 Grand Bay Harbor, stated he came before the Committee about a month ago regarding the slip that was sold at auction. Nothing has happened. If there is some reason that this is a big problem to get this thing turned over, at least send a letter to Prime Management to say that Joe is the beneficial owner, so that we can charge him rent. According to the Ocean County Clerk, the township has owned that slip since 2003. The Grand Bay Harbor bylaws say that anybody who owns a slip has to pay maintenance fees. The Association is maintaining that slip, put in bulkheads, keeping ice off it, etc.

Township Attorney McGuckin stated the Association Attorney has told the town if the slip is sold, they want to be paid the outstanding association fees. It is not in the township's interest to convey the title if the attorney for the association wants money from the township. It is the Association's attorney that is stopping it from occurring.

Mr. Johnson stated he did not believe that to be true. You will receive a letter from the Association Attorney. He will contact Prime Management and the attorney to have it resolved immediately.

Motion to close to the public was moved by Deputy Mayor Reilly, seconded by Committeeman Van Pelt.
Roll Call: Van Pelt: Yes, Reilly: Yes, Kraft: Yes.

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting was moved by Deputy Mayor Reilly, seconded by Committeeman Van Pelt.
Roll Call: Van Pelt: Yes, Reilly: Yes, Kraft: Yes.

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Township Clerk

Date