

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
COUNTY OF OCEAN
Special Meeting
April 14, 2009**

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: **Lachawiec** **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 three newspapers, The Atlantic City Press, Asbury Park Press and The Beacon. The Notice was posted at the office of the Township Clerk and on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

Awarding of Contract for Waretown Lake Water Dredging and Water Quality Improvement Project

2009-153 Resolution awarding a contract for the Waretown Lake Dredging and stream cleaning project to Compass Construction, Inc. New Egypt, New Jersey for the base bid plus Alternate A-1 in the amount of \$252,400.00

Deputy Mayor Reilly stated this bid is \$30,000 lower than the second bid and about \$45,000 less than the third bid.

Mayor Kraft stated the township received a grant to dredge the lake and a permit is in place. The bids came in significantly lower than anticipated.

Committeeman Lachawiec reported on the lake's condition.

Mayor Kraft stated this is about providing clean water, a clean environment around the lake and creating a waterflow. Over the last 5-6 years a lot of soil sediment has washed out of Route 532 and into the lake. This job will clean that out and get the water flowing.

Committeeman Lachawiec inquired if there were any legal impediments.

Township Attorney McGuckin stated there were seven bids, this is the lowest. The three lowest bids all had minor defects. They are willing to comply with any of the other standard statutory laws.

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

Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Reilly: Yes, Kraft: Yes.

2009-154 authorizing the Township Committee to retire into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, public safety, contractual, real estate and litigation - PURPOSE: Deputy Mayor Kraft stated he has a personnel item for closed session. Administrator Mosca stated he has a contract negotiation item for closed session.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

A resident inquired about a solar installation West of the Garden State Parkway.

Administrator Mosca stated the Township Committee is currently meeting with the companies.

Ed Covitz, Brookville, inquired what the impact of the dredging will have on the paved area of the lake as it relates to the annual clean-up day. Where will the dredge dry?

Mayor Kraft stated it will be put in various locations throughout the town. It might be in the parking area for a day or two. The dredging will work around the clean-up day.

Mr. Covitz inquired when the dredging will start.

Mayor Kraft stated a start date will be given after the pre-construction meeting in a couple of weeks. The Environmental Commission runs a great program and the town will accommodate the clean-up day.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion to open meeting was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reilly.
Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Reilly: Yes, Kraft: Yes

Township Attorney McGuckin stated the discussion regarding the purchase of a lawnmower was not appropriate for closed session.

Administrator Mosca stated the town solicited three quotes to purchase a lawnmower and faxed the specifications to Tri-State, Ace and S&L Equipment. S&L Equipment did not respond. Ace was the low bid at \$14,159. The optional grass-catcher is \$3,964. Tri-State was \$18,875 for the mower and \$4,451 for the optional grass-catcher. The grass catcher is something the town really needs. This mower will be used for the ball fields, street ends, etc.

Committeeman Lachawiec inquired if someone in Buildings & Grounds could see if there was a chance to get a non-commercial type mower. How long can the town expect the mower to last?

Administrator Mosca stated the mower the town has now is 10-12 years old.

Mayor Kraft stated it probably has 5-6 more years.

Committeeman Lachawiec inquired about the mower sent to auction on GovDeals.

Administrator Mosca stated it was pulled out of the woods. It is junk.

Committeeman Lachawiec was looking at a John Deere 22 horsepower, V-twin engine with a 48" cut, with an optional catcher. The cost is \$2,500. Somebody from Buildings & Grounds should take a look at it.

Mayor Kraft stated the Kiboda diesel mower the town has now is going to cut the streets. The new mower will cut the ballfields, town hall, parks. The problem with the little 22 horsepower mower is it will probably last about 3-4 weeks before it falls apart. It cuts slower than a big commercial mower.

Committeeman Lachawiec stated if one guy uses the big commercial and another guy uses the little one, they can only use them for 6-7 hours a day.

Mayor Kraft stated the town wants the mower to cut everything in 2-3 hours. There is too much grass to cut. The John Deere is a homeowner model.

A motion to accept the bid from Ace Outdoor Power Equipment for \$14,159 and the optional grass catcher for \$3,964 was moved by Deputy Mayor Reilly, seconded by Committeeman Lachawiec.
Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Reilly: Yes, Kraft: Yes

Motion to close meeting was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Reilly.
Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Reilly: Yes, Kraft: Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Township Clerk

Date