

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
WORKSHOP/CAUCUS AGENDA
September 24, 2009 – 7:00 pm

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PUBLISHED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

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1. Roll Call Mayor Kraft X Deputy Mayor Reilly X
 Committeeman Lachawiec X

Also Present: Mr. McGuckin X

2. Committeeman's Report – Joseph Lachawiec

Utility Department

- Return of payment regarding water connection and meter fees (Res. 2009-291)
- Increase in position and salary for Shane Gederberg (2009-297)
- New Jersey Natural Gas Co. the consent to exercise its franchise right for a period of one year (Res. 2009-271)

NJ Natural Gas requested the period of time to be 50 years. The Township of Ocean amended the period of time to be one year.

Finance Department

- Increase for Accounting Clerk (Res. 2009-292)

Proclamation

Recently, a long-standing member of the community, Mr. William (Bill) Meade, passed away. Bill Meade was a pillar of this community. A proclamation honoring Mr. Meade was presented.

Mr. Meade's son thanked the Township Committee.

3. Deputy Mayor's Report – Dick Reilly

Planning Board

- Release of Escrow money (Res. 2009-289)

Buildings and Grounds

- Hiring William Brown full-time Laborer (Res. 2009-290)

Bill Brown was hired as a seasonal employee for the Summer months and did a tremendous job. The needs of the Buildings & Grounds Dept. have grown. The Township Committee recommends Bill Brown be brought on as a full-time employee.

- Contract with West Jersey Air Conditioning and Heating for the Township of Ocean's Community Center (Res. 2009-298)

The contract is a modest increase of \$32.00.

4. **Mayor's Report – Robert Kraft**

Police Department

- Hiring Carolyn Edwards full-time dispatcher (Res. 2009-293)

Carolyn Edwards will be replacing Kyle Flatt, who is going to the Police Academy.

- Hiring two part-time dispatchers Nicole Alessi and Alper Senman (Res. 2009-296)

Nicole Alessi is from Little Egg Harbor and Alper Senman is a twenty-year resident and a First Aid Squad volunteer.

Administration

- Hiring interim Administrator John Adams (Res. 2009-294)

John Adams was interviewed by all three Township Committeeman. He will replace Ken Mosca on a part-time, interim basis until the end of the year. Mr. Adams will help advertise and interview potential candidates for the full-time position. The position will start January 1, 2010. Mr. Adams was the Administrator in Lacey for 12-14 years and also served as the CMFO.

- Establishing rules and regulations for Governing Body Meetings (Res. 2009-295)

The Township received 10-12 phone requests from meeting attendees to limit the time for public comment. Mayor Kraft read the resolution to the public.

5. **Mr. McGuckin**

Mr. McGuckin has no items to discuss in the Executive Session.

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

Tom Marquet, 95 Spring Lake Blvd., stated five minutes per person, for open public comment, is too limited. It should be five minutes per issue.

Mayor Kraft stated it is not five minutes per issue. It is five minutes every time an individual wants to come up to the podium. There are two meetings, a caucus meeting and a regular meeting. Individuals speak for five minutes each. After the line is complete, if an individual asks for another five minutes, the Township Committee can say yes or no.

Michele Rosen, 29 Bradley Beach Way, stated the resolution for Governing Body Meetings states the Chair can extend the time.

Mayor Kraft stated, "yes".

Ms. Rosen stated as long as video equipment in the meeting room is not a safety hazard, the township cannot dictate where the cameras are placed.

Township Attorney McGuckin stated the portion of the resolution about the extension cords, states a cord cannot be utilized that will increase the amount of available plugs and overload the system. The number of cameras and their location can be determined by the township. There are many towns that have this type of resolution, Lakewood, Brick.

Joe Randazzo, 23 Spring Lake Blvd., suggested the Township Committee answer prior questions presented to them in past meetings. Mr. Randazzo requested a copy of John Adams resume.

Township Attorney McGuckin stated there is a case on applications and resumes, but cannot recall what it states. It should not be a problem. Township Attorney McGuckin will check and let the Clerk know.

Mr. Randazzo inquired if the raises to employees are in the budget.

Committeeman Lachawiec stated "yes".

Ralph Avellino, 10 Central Avenue, stated limiting the public comment time is the only way to keep the meeting from getting out of order.

Sean Denning Jr., 92 Morey Place Road, stated the new rules for public speaking time are fair. Mr. Denning thanked the Committee for recognizing the service of Bill Meade.

Michele Rosen, 29 Bradley Beach Way, inquired if Mayor Kraft and Committee Lachawiec support hiring a full-time Administrator.

Committeeman Lachawiec stated he has not made up his mind yet.

Ms. Rosen inquired if the Township Committee is discussing moving to a five-person Township Committee.

Committeeman Lachawiec stated he never discussed that.

Joe Randazzo, 23 Spring Lake Blvd., inquired if the Township Committee has voted on a Redevelopment Commission.

Mayor Kraft proposed a Redevelopment Advisory Committee that would assist with the Redevelopment meetings. The ordinance did not receive a second motion and failed.

Deputy Mayor Reilly stated he voted against the ordinance in June, as there were portions of it he had concerns with. The probability that the Advisory Committee would bring in professionals at their discretion could be more expensive than is needed. The concept was interesting, but needed more work and consideration, especially how the committee functioned.

Committeeman Lachawiec stated he voted to abandon the ordinance. It may be revisited. If the town had a five-member Redevelopment Advisory Committee, developers would go to that committee first, where professionals would be brought in, then to the Redevelopment Entity, then to the Planning Board. It's an added layer of government. The eleven-member Planning Board should handle this.

Mr. Randazzo stated that does not work. The Planning Board is not sufficient enough. The town needs a separate entity. The town's process is broken.

Vince Anepete, 85 Clearwater Drive, serves on the Planning Board. A citizen's advisory group cannot really do anything. Mr. Randazzo is suggesting a Redevelopment Authority, which is based on law. Mr. Anepete requested the township appoint someone to replace Deputy Mayor Reilly on the Planning Board, so that all seats are filled in October.

Ralph Avellino, 10 Central Avenue, stated the town is trying to get something accomplished without all the layers of government to approve, disapprove. The Planning Board is the second layer that can approve or disapprove. Redevelopment should remain the way it is.

Christy Dunn, Waretown First Aid Squad Captain, thanked the Township Committee for the resolution honoring Bill Meade. Ms. Dunn also thanked the Ocean Township Police Dept. for their help with the procession.

Michele Rosen, 29 Bradley Beach Way, if a municipality is going to do Redevelopment, it has to establish a Redevelopment Entity as opposed to a Redevelopment Authority. The Authority is the body that has the ability to hire professionals and have an Executive Director. The Planning Board is required under the statute to be involved in Redevelopment after the Redevelopment Entity passes a resolution authorizing them to investigate. It cannot be done otherwise.

Committeeman Lachawiec stated he would like to meet with Mr. Randazzo about Redevelopment and inquired if there are other communities that have no Redevelopment Entity.

Township Attorney McGuckin stated not every town has a Redevelopment Entity.

Committeeman Lachawiec requested Mr. Randazzo give him the questions he discussed earlier tonight that were unanswered at prior meetings.

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 close Workshop/Caucus Agenda 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