

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
WORKSHOP/CAUCUS AGENDA
October 22, 2009 – 7:00 pm

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

Flag Salute

Roll Call Mayor Kraft X Deputy Mayor Lachawiec X
 Committeeman Tredy X

Also Present: Mr. Adams X Mr. McGuckin X

**PRESENTATION: Proclamation honoring George E. Smith
Nobel Prize Winner in Physics**

Deputy Mayor Lachawiec stated in 1968 George Smith bought a small summer home on Teaneck Road, a year before he co-invented a device that made digital photography possible. Mr. Smith lived there permanently in 2003, after finishing a 17 year trip around the world on his 35 foot sailboat, following his retirement from Bell Labs. That is where George Smith was, when he learned he won the Nobel Prize in physics along with former co-worker, Willard Boyle. Smith and Boyle will share half of the \$1.4 million prize money. The other half will go to Charles Kao for discovering how to transmit light signals for fiber optics. Smith and Boyle's device is a sensor that transforms light into the tiny points of color that can be captured electronically instead of on film.

Deputy Mayor Lachawiec presented a proclamation to Mr. George E. Smith to honor, congratulate and recognize his great achievement of winning the 2009 Nobel Prize for Physics.

Mr. George E. Smith stated he appreciates receiving the proclamation and will find a noble place on his wall to hang it. There was an error reported in his history. He became a permanent resident in 1986, not 2003. Mr. Smith thanked the Township of Ocean for this honor.

Deputy Mayor Lachawiec requested to take a short recess to enjoy cake and coffee, honoring Mr. George E. Smith.

RECESS

Motion to recess was moved by Committeeman Tredy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lachawiec.
Roll Call: Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes, Kraft: Yes

WORKSHOP/CAUCUS AGENDA

Motion to open meeting was moved by Committeeman Tredy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lachawiec.

Roll Call: Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes, Kraft: Yes

1. Committeeman Dennis Tredy

- GovDeals – items to be sold 2 new center consoles, 4 rear interior door panels of the new police vehicles – (Res. 2009-316)

Mr. Tredy has been informed that people will purchase these items.

- Chairperson of Planning and Development (Res. 2009-317)

Mr. Tredy has been assigned the same areas that Mr. Reilly had covered.

Buildings and Grounds

- Purchase of fence for police impound yard for the total amount of \$4,310.56 (Res. 2009-319)

The impound location would be at the Utilities property on 11th Street.

- Awarding the contract for the Sands Point Park, Phase IIB to Crossroads Construction in the total amount of \$942,000.00

Resolution 2009-327. This construction will consist of a boat ramp, bulkhead, parking and bathrooms. The project was placed out to bid and the Committee will be awarding the contract tonight.

Board/Committees

- Appointment to the Planning Board William Sneddon (Res. 2009-322)

William Sneddon is filling the unexpired term of Dennis Tredy.

- Appointment to the Board of Adjustment Antonio DeAlmedia (Res. 2009-323)

Antonio DeAlmedia is currently an Alternate #1 and will be filling the unexpired term of Dennis Tredy.

Mayor Kraft stated, previously, Alternates move into member appointments and is concerned about appointing someone who is not an Alternate for the Planning Board. Mr. Sneddon is a lifelong resident and has the qualifications, however, there is concern about breaking the precedence.

Committeeman Tredy stated the appointments were given to him to fill. Mr. Sneddon would make an excellent Planning Board member.

Deputy Mayor Lachawiec stated he has no objection to Mr. Sneddon being appointed to the Planning Board.

2. Deputy Mayor Joseph Lachawiec

Finance

- Canceling appropriations for Crystal Point Project in the amounts of \$171,222.62 and \$1,025,000.00 (Res. 2009-313 & 2009-314)

The Township wishes to cancel appropriations not funded into the general capital authorization. This project was partially funded by an \$825,000 grant. Currently the total debt for this project is under \$28,000.

- Authorizing electronic procurement from Staples State Contract #74337 (Res. 2009-315)

This is in accordance with the New Jersey State law 530-9A.

Tax

- Authorizing premium from Block 113 Lot 6 from the Tax Sale of February 9, 2004 be deposited into the Misc. Revenue Not Anticipated account in the amount of \$100.00 (Res. 2009-321)
- Authorizing that the Tax Collector is hereby discharged from Collecting 2009 taxes from Mr. Kenneth McAteer and Mr. Henry Krawiec as they are Disabled Veterans (Res. 2009-324 and Res. 2009-325)

3. Mayor's Report Robert Kraft

Mayor Kraft congratulated the Board of Health for their hard work at the Flu Clinic on October 15, 2009. 196 Flu vaccines and 9 pneumonia vaccines were administered. Mayor Kraft thanked the Board of Health Chairperson, Joan Tredy, for coordinating the flu clinic. It was an outstanding effort.

Thanks to all Board of Health members who assisted - Gertrude Arkenberg, Carol Lowe and Nick Bonamassa. Volunteers included Dennis Tredy, Joe Lachawiec, Vince Anepete, Richard Arkenberg, Sharron Wilde and Kate Lowe.

- Authorizing continued discussions with the representatives of the Township of Barnegat and other area municipalities in order to facilitate a shared services agreement (Res. 2009-326)

Mayor Kraft stated the Township of Ocean is considering entering into shared services for various projects, related to Public Works and Water/Sewer, with the Township of Barnegat. Private work, as opposed to public work, drives the cost up by 40%. There is several million dollars worth of work that needs to be done in the Pebble Beach area. The water/sewer system in some areas of Pebble Beach is 50-60 years old.

Police Department

- Appointing David White as Assistant Crossing Guard to act in the absence of Mr. Schmidt at the hourly rate of \$10.00 (Res. 2009-318)

The state mandates a crossing guard at Route 532 and Route 9.

- Authorizing the purchase of new computers for the Police Department in the amount of \$2,197.65 (Res. 2009-320)

The Police Dept. requested five computers. They are getting three at this time.

Deputy Mayor Lachawiec stated he discussed the Barnegat shared services with Mr. Adams, and a tally sheet will be created to determine the value of the shared services. There should be a contract to determine which town will repair equipment that breaks down while in use by the other town.

Committeeman Tredy stated Waretown does not want to lose its identity to Barnegat.

4. Administrator John Adams

No items for discussion.

5. Mr. McGuckin

No items for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to open to the public was moved by Committeeman Tredy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lachawiec.

Roll Call: Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes, Kraft: Yes

Michele Rosen, 29 Bradley Beach Way, stated Resolution 2009-321 certification is by Dorothy Horner.

Ms. Rosen inquired about the shared services agreement with Barnegat.

Deputy Mayor Lachawiec inquired with Township Attorney McGuckin if discussion with Ms. Rosen about the shared services agreement is appropriate for public comment.

Township Attorney McGuckin stated discussion on the actual contract is not appropriate. The draft agreements would be appropriate to discuss.

Ms. Rosen stated on Monday evening Barnegat passed a resolution, with a shared services agreement attached, authorizing the Mayor, Administrator and Clerk to sign. The Township of Ocean has a resolution on the agenda this evening authorizing continued discussions, not authorizing the signing of the agreement. Does the town believe this resolution enables the town to sign that agreement?

Mayor Kraft stated no.

Ms. Rosen stated Barnegat Township refers to the Interlocal Services Act as the basis of their negotiations. The Interlocal Services Act was repealed in 2007, according to the Uniform Shared Services Act.

Charles Palaya, 107 Grand Bay Harbor Drive, stated there has been a lot of deterioration of Grand Bay Harbor Drive and requested the town consider putting a barrier there to stop the erosion.

Deputy Mayor Lachawiec stated it is really Pacific Avenue that is eroding. A bulkhead was built on Clearwater Drive to prevent eroding. Mr. Palaya is requesting that be done on Pacific.

Mr. Palaya stated it's not a good idea to use it as a launching ramp for jet skis and boats. People are using his driveway to turn around.

Mayor Kraft stated Clearwater is a County Road. The County has more money than the township and can build a retaining wall quicker. The town will look into it. Something has to be done.

Deputy Mayor Lachawiec requested Township Administrator John Adams meet with Mr. Palaya.

Joan Tredy, 131 Englewood Avenue, congratulated Mr. George E. Smith and thanked Mayor Kraft for recognizing the Board of Health. There are wonderful volunteers in this town.

Joe Randazzo, 23 Spring Lake Blvd., congratulated Dennis Tredy for winning the nomination.

Mr. Randazzo requested the Township Administrator's resume.

Township Clerk Ambrosio stated she has it.

Mr. Randazzo inquired the thoughts of the Township Committee rethinking the Redevelopment Committee.

Mayor Kraft stated it's a good thing. There are qualified residents that would fill the position well.

Deputy Mayor Lachawiec is in favor of a Citizens Advisory Redevelopment Committee that would meet with the Redevelopment Committee entity to listen to the builders. There would be eight people listening to what the builders have to say.

Mr. Randazzo inquired who the eight people would be.

Mayor Kraft stated it would be the Township Committee plus five.

Mr. Randazzo stated the Redevelopment Commission should be a separate entity that is not governed by the Township Committee.

Committeeman Tredy stated he does not agree with either Mayor Kraft or Deputy Mayor Lachawiec. Mr. Tredy stated the Redevelopment Entity has done a great job up to this point, but its job is finished. Redevelopment does not need to go forward anymore. Redevelopment does not speed things up. It adds another layer of bureaucracy that is not necessary at this time.

Mr. Randazzo stated the reason he wants a Redevelopment Commission is to prevent the perception of collusion between the Township Committee and the developer and eliminate the fact that there are only three people involved in these decisions. The Township Committee should want a Redevelopment Commission as a check and balance. Mr. Randazzo read a publication regarding legislation bill A1904 & S930.

Deputy Mayor Lachawiec stated that publication was directed at County Political Committees.

Township Attorney McGuckin agreed with Deputy Mayor Lachawiec. It was related to County Political Committee.

Mr. Randazzo discussed appointing members to the Planning Board. The process should be transparent. When a board has an opening and the Township Committee appoints without any input from the board members, it is a private society that is making the decisions.

William Rott, 179 Wells Mills Road, stated five years ago, a sign was put up at the lake stating "No brush would be collected at the leaf storage. Offenders will be prosecuted". How many summons were issued?

Mayor Kraft stated he did not know.

Mr. Rott stated all the dredging from the Northeastern storms was bulldozed, put in dump trucks and dumped at the lake by the township. Mr. Rott took photos of the dredging and the overflowing dumpster with cats hanging around it.

Deputy Mayor Lachawiec stated he will inquire with the Road Department if that is true.

Mr. Rott inquired when the township will relocate the leaf collection area.

Mayor Kraft stated five years ago the town was planning on a new town hall facility and potentially seeking grants for a recycling center. Needless to say the town hall is still here and there is no recycling center. There is no leaf composting going on at the lake. It is more of a leaf transfer. The residents use it to dump their leaves, as opposed to throwing it in their garbage and the town paying \$95/ton to put them in the landfill. Some reconsideration is needed for the town's leaf storage.

Mr. Rott stated there are dead trees by the "No Brush" sign. Now there is garbage being dumped there. When is the Committee going to address that?

Mayor Kraft stated the township will have to increase patrol there. Thank you for bringing this issue forward. Next year it will be given more consideration on how it is being operated.

Deputy Mayor Lachawiec stated an ordinance is being considered for trapping and neutering/spaying cats, to address the issue of the cats at the lake dumpster.

Harry Dering, 15 Dock Avenue, researched Michele Rosen on the internet. Ms. Rosen owes \$550,000 in liens, has 42 businesses and in May was taken to court for \$13,000 by the owner of her residence. The process for people running for office should change and include background checks.

Ralph Avellino, 10 Central Avenue, stated the Haunted Hayride for Founders Day was rained out. Hopefully the funds lost will be made up at the costume party at the Fire Department, this Saturday - \$20 per person. There will be a buffet, music and a cash bar.

Deputy Mayor Lachawiec stated the Hayride was cancelled for safety reasons during the Northeastern storm. The town will do everything possible to make sure there is a Founder's Day next year with fireworks. Deputy Mayor Lachawiec suggested a chili or barbeque cook-off and requested a booth at Albert Music Hall.

Jacqueline Petrosilli, 11 Vessel Road, Founder's Day Committee Member, stated the fireworks are not paid by taxes. The fireworks are paid by the Founder's Day Committee fundraisers. Between \$6,000 and \$8,000 was lost due to the Northeastern storm canceling the Hayride. If the people of this township want fireworks, they need to make donations to the Founder's Day Committee.

Mayor Kraft stated the Founder's Day Committee works very hard. Founder's Day recognizes our heritage. It will not go away.

Joan Tredy, 131 Englewood Avenue, inquired how to become a member of the Founder's Day Committee.

Mayor Kraft suggested Mrs. Tredy attend the next Founder's Day meeting.

Shawn Denning Jr., 92 Morey Place Road, stated the word should be spread around that the town needs money for fireworks.

Mr. Denning stated another layer of government does not stop corruption. It adds cost and discourages growth of our beautiful town. The current system is doing a good job.

Joe Randazzo, 23 Spring Lake Boulevard, believes in checks and balances. When Dennis Tredy was elected by the nomination committee, Mr. Randazzo asked to see the interviews and was told no. Why?

Committeeman Tredy stated Mr. Randazzo was not given the interviews because he is not a member of the County Committee.

Mr. Randazzo stated the nomination committee should elect in front of the whole Republican Club. Mr. Randazzo requested five-minutes from each Committeeman to state their thoughts on expanding the Township Committee.

Deputy Mayor Lachawiec stated he approves of expanding the Township Committee. A public hearing should be held next Spring. There is a deadline of August 15, 2010 to get in on the 2010 ballot.

Mayor Kraft stated it is not the decision of the Township Committee to add more members. It is the people's decision. If enough people support it, Mayor Kraft is willing to listen. Mayor Kraft would not prevent it from happening.

Committeeman Tredy stated the town needs a five-man committee.

Mr. Randazzo stated a list should be made of all questions asked at meetings and the questions should be answered at the next meeting.

Mr. Randazzo read in the newspaper the town is hiring a part-time administrator.

Deputy Mayor Lachawiec stated he would consider a part-time administrator. If the town increases committee members, it may be possible to call the Administrator a Facilitator, who would field phone calls and send questions to various committee people.

Mr. Randazzo stated members on the Zoning Board should not be on the Planning Board.

Committeeman Tredy stated there would be a lot of vacancies if board members could not be on more than one board.

Motion to close to the public was moved by Committeeman Tredy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lachawiec.

Roll Call: Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes, Kraft: Yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to close Workshop/Caucus Agenda Meeting was moved by Committeeman Tredy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lachawiec.

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

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Township Clerk

Date