

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
WORKSHOP/CAUCUS AGENDA
February 12, 2009 – 7:00 pm

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

Flag Salute – Boy Scouts of America Color Guard – Troop 42 and Pack 42

Mayor Kraft read the Proclamation presented to the Boy Scouts.

1. Roll Call Mayor Kraft X Deputy Mayor Reilly X
 Committeeman Van Pelt X

Also Present: Mr. Mosca X Mr. McGuckin X

3. Administrator's Report

- Town Center – RFP
 - o Pre-Conference Meeting 2/18/09 @ 10:00 am

Administrator Ken Mosca stated the Town Center RFP is out to bid. The pre-conference meeting is scheduled for the 18th of February at 10:00am. Five companies have RSVP'd that they will be in attendance. At the last pre-conference meeting, there were some companies that came to the meeting that did not RSVP.

Deputy Mayor Dick Reilly stated he was speaking to someone today, who is going to give Diane a call to attend the meeting.

Township Clerk Ambrosio inquired if all the Committee members are planning to attend the meeting.

Mayor Kraft stated that will be discussed tonight. Mayor Kraft instructed the Clerk to advertise for the meeting.

- Personnel Issues (Closed Session)

Township Administrator Mosca stated he has a personnel issue for Closed Session.

- Renewal of Health Benefits

Township Administrator Mosca stated on February 4th he gave the Committee the renewal summary for the Health Benefit package. That will need to be discussed soon, in order to move forward. His recommendation memo was included in the packet.

- NJEIT Financing

Diane Ambrosio and Ken Mosca attended the NJEIT (New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust) Financing seminar last week. The town used NJEIT to purchase the utility truck, which will be in soon and two trucks in support of that. The town is submitting three applications this funding period for various water/sewer projects. One being Well #6, the other being the eight lift stations and the third being the water treatment plan. 100% financing at 0% interest. Mr. Fleishman has been completing the application with Wayne McVicar. The timeframe was compressed and the application had to be completed quickly. Township Administrator Mosca complimented Mr. Fleishman and Mr. McVicar in getting it done.

There are two resolutions on the agenda this evening. One is Resolution 2009-105, appointing Fleishman to do the applications. Resolution 2009-108 approves the actual applications.

4. Mayor's Report – Robert Kraft

- Gypsy Moth Spraying

Mayor Kraft stated it is that time of year again when the town decides if there will be gypsy moth spraying. Three years ago the town was hit hard with defoliation. Last year was not quite as bad. This winter's monitoring of the egg mass proves it will be even lighter. The town is spending less money each year. Next year the town will probably not spend any money. \$29,400 will be appropriated to treat 600 acres. 400 acres is in the Dog Town section, which was hit very hard a couple years ago. The other 200+/- acres are in Brookville, along Jones Road. The anticipated date is approximately May 5, 2009 early in the morning. It is not a pesticide. It is a natural organic compound. The State of New Jersey does this process for the town.

- Land Acquisitions through Ocean County Natural Lands Trust

There are a couple Resolutions on the agenda giving the Township's support to the Ocean County Freeholders for acquisitions in the municipality. The County has partnered with the Trust for Public Lands to purchase various blocks and lots throughout the municipality. It is roughly 650 acres. They are important pieces in the watershed of the Oyster Creek. They come out of the Wells Mills Park area and work their way down past the Oceanaire entrance, under the stream, and into the Waretown Lake. The town always supports open space and thanks the Freeholders for their initiative.

The Township's website is back up to speed. The town is undergoing a recodification of the codebook. The codebook can now be accessed on-line at the Township website. The meeting minutes and agendas are also posted on the website. The agenda is available on the website on the Tuesday before the Thursday meeting.

Mayor Kraft signed the town up to become a Barnegat Bay Buddy, through the Save Barnegat Bay Program. This pamphlet contains information on over-fertilizing lawns, putting too much nitrogen on your grass and leaking it into storm water sewage, through stream corridors, lakes and into bays. The nitrogen promotes vegetation growth on the bottom, which kills the other natural life. It is an unbalanced ecosystem. The pamphlet explains a defective way to use nitrogen and it will be available at town hall in about two weeks.

5. Deputy Mayor's Report – Dick Reilly

- On – Line Auction
 - o Items Sold
 - o New Items to be Sold

Deputy Mayor Dick Reilly stated the Administrator and Town Clerk had an ingenious idea to auction off non-useable equipment online. They auctioned four generators from the Utility Dept. the last two weeks in January. These items were sold for over \$16,000. After a modest fee of 7.5%, the township netted close to \$15,000 for what the town considered worthless material. On February 17th the town is auctioning off a wood chipper, recycling truck, trailer, power box asphalt paver, and dump truck. Other people see value in what the town can't use. Deputy Mayor Reilly thanked all involved in the auction.

- COAH
 - o Municipal Housing Liaison Creating and Appointing

Ordinance 2009-1 establishes the title, job and requirements for the Affordable Housing Liaison. Tonight is the first reading for this ordinance. This is a mandate from the State.

6. Committeeman – Daniel Van Pelt

- Resignation

Committeeman Daniel Van Pelt stated as most people know, he has submitted his letter of resignation. His last day is February 28, 2009.

7. Mr. McGuckin

Township Attorney McGuckin stated he has three items for closed session.

Deputy Mayor Reilly stated Resolution No. 2009-111 appoints Dan Lee Filak for four years as the Plumbing Subcode Official. The Township of Ocean is sharing services with Lacey Township for Electrical and Plumbing Subcode Officials.

Motion to close Workshop/Caucus Agenda 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