

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN WORKSHOP/CAUCUS AGENDA January 28, 2010

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THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

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

Also Present: Mr. McGuckin _____ X

1. Committeeman – Robert Kraft

Finance

- Resolution executing the agreement with City Connections, LLC for the year 2010 in the amount not to exceed \$5,021.00 (Res. 2010-102)

Three quotes were solicited. City Connections was the lowest. City Connections maintained the website development storage maintenance for SPAM and virus filtering for 2009 and has done a good job.

2. Deputy Mayor's Report – Dennis Tredy

Recreation

- Resolution appointing Dance Aide (Res. 2010-99)

The dance aides are part time, attend the Friday night dances and help maintain the children.

- Discussion on Sign Ordinance

Deputy Mayor Tredy checked with the construction and zoning offices regarding the sign ordinance. The sign ordinance is not uniformly used throughout the township. The town requires signs that can cost approximately \$5,000. This is a burden on a new business. The Township Committee can meet with the Engineers, Attorney and Construction and Zoning officials to adjust the ordinance to make the signs more affordable and uniform throughout the town.

Committeeman Kraft agreed with Deputy Mayor Tredy. It is difficult to open a business today and the signs are very expensive. The intention of the ordinance is good. The sign shown tonight is compatible and more affordable.

Deputy Mayor Tredy stated a few months ago, off-site marina advertising was approved. The town is working toward helping businesses stay in business.

- Discussion regarding a potential purchase of a new recording system for meeting room/court room

The recording system the town has is a tape system. The tapes do not last forever and hard to copy. Most of Ocean County has digital recording systems with CD's.

Township Clerk Ambrosio stated the system quoted is compatible with the wiring in this meeting room. It is a digital system. The audio files are stored on a computer and can be copied onto CD's. The files can be accessed from Town Hall by the Planning Board Secretary, Zoning Board Secretary and Clerk. The digital system is certified by the Courts. There are different features with the recording of minutes. Two quotes have been obtained. The third one has not responded to the town's request for a quote. The second quote requires extra wiring with an additional cost.

Deputy Mayor Tredy requested the Township Clerk inquire about receiving grants for the system.

Township Attorney McGuckin inquired if the firm is under state contract. Township Clerk Ambrosio will check.

3. Mayor – Joseph Lachawiec

Utilities

- Resolution authorizing the resubmission of the 2009 application for loans from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust under the 2010 financing program (Res. 2010-98)

The financing is for two drinking water projects involving the rehabilitation of the Route 532 water treatment plant, the modification of Well No. 6 and one clean water project involving the rehabilitation of several sanitary sewer pumping stations.

- Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Maintenance Bond for Well House No. 7, Quad Construction Company (Res. 2010-101)

The Township Engineer reported the work has been done to the town's specifications. The town is requesting the release of the performance bond money in the amount of \$390,000.

- Resolution authorizing Change Order #1 for Well House No. 7 – Quad Construction in the final contract decrease in the amount of \$3,161.69 (Res. 2010-103)
- Resolution authorizing the appointment of Utilities Attorney, Berry, Sahradnik, Kotzas & Benson P.C. (Res. 2010-104)

Police

- Resolution authorizing the hiring of three part-time dispatchers (Res. 2010-105)

There has been a high turnover of dispatchers.

Founder's Day

- Resolution appointing Theresa Jakeman to the Founder's Day Committee (Res. 2010-97)
- Resolution 2010 Ocean County Tourism Matching Promotional Grant in the amount of \$1,200 (Res. 2010-100)

Deputy Mayor Tredy requested an explanation of Resolution 2010-100.

Mayor Lachawiec stated the township will put up \$1,200 and Ocean County Tourism will put up \$1,200.

4. Mr. McGuckin

Township Attorney McGuckin stated he has three (3) items for Executive Session.

DISCUSSION: Items to be placed on Agenda – February 11, 2010

Deputy Mayor Tredy has no items.

Committeeman Kraft has no items.

Mayor Lachawiec would like to add two items to the February 11, 2010 agenda:

- The appointment of Crowell Mooring, the attorney firm regarding the potential cooling towers and potential energy issues at Oyster Creek Generating Station.
- Discussion regarding hiring an energy expert for \$5,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

Eileen Doyle, 234 11th Street, supports Deputy Mayor Tredy's sign suggestions.

Ms. Doyle stated the second Friday in February is a holiday and wants to confirm Oceanride will reschedule the trip. The riders' requests to add Ocean County Mall trips is just a change of direction, no additional service.

Ralph Avellino, 10 Central Avenue, stated the town is always laying off and hiring police dispatchers.

Mayor Lachawiec stated some dispatchers do not work out, are not suited for the job, find employment elsewhere.

Mayor Kraft stated new positions are not being created, just filling vacancies.

Vince Anepete, 85 Clearwater Drive, the EPA will be listing restrictions on businesses. The town should be prepared and ready with the help of an energy consultant. Eneractive Solutions gave a good presentation.

Mayor Lachawiec stated a request for proposals went out for the solar landfill project. Three replies were received. Only one company made a firm offer, which was Pepco. The project was put on hold due to permits not being issued by the Pinelands Commission. Mr. Nagel of Eneractive Solutions had a display at the Energy Expo at the Ritacco Center and Mayor Lachawiec invited him to speak at the township meeting. Mr. Nagel can educate the town as to whether the town is getting the best deal for this project. Mr. Nagel can act as an advisor to the Pinelands Commission as well.

Deputy Mayor Tredy stated before agreeing with Mayor Lachawiec about hiring Eneractive Solutions, Deputy Mayor Tredy needs project approval from the Pinelands Commission.

Mayor Kraft would like more of a commitment from the Pinelands Commission as well. Mayor Kraft will make some calls next week.

Rita Mygrant, 12 Stevenson Street, lives in a cul-de-sac and would like a street light installed at the end of the cul-de-sac. The town has to determine a safety issue.

Mayor Kraft will have the Clerk's office contact JCP&L.

Mrs. Mygrant inquired if the town has requirements for the public to volunteer for a township board.

Mayor Lachawiec suggested the volunteer check with Township Clerk Ambrosio to see if there are any vacancies. The Civilian Service Act requires the volunteer to fill out a form, giving basic information.

Township Clerk Ambrosio stated the form is on the Township's website.

Mrs. Mygrant inquired if there will be a discussion on CDBG tonight?

Mayor Lachawiec stated yes. The town will apply for \$40,000 for handicap access to the community center and town hall.

Mrs. Mygrant inquired if the money can go to programs for people in the community.

Mayor Lachawiec stated the first requirement is the grant has to be applied to a certain location.

Nick Bonamassa, 32 Belmar Blvd., inquired if the landfill is the only property appropriate for the solar project.

Mayor Lachawiec is interviewing people to be on the Economic Development Committee. Names will be submitted to Deputy Mayor Tredy and Committeeman Kraft for approval. The committee will be in charge of taking an inventory of all vacant land in town to determine optimum use of such vacant land. There are other places in town where wind turbines or other solar projects may be constructed.

Harry Dering, 15 Dock Avenue, inquired if he could put a wind turbine in back of his house.

Committeeman Kraft stated a resident on the bay is in the process of doing it.

Deputy Mayor Tredy suggested Mr. Dering ask the construction office the details of installing a wind turbine.

Mr. Dering inquired if the new court recording system would make it easier to process OPRA requests.

Mayor Lachawiec stated yes.

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

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

Motion to adjourn Workshop/Caucus and move into Regular Business Meeting was moved by Committeeman Kraft, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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