

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN WORKSHOP/CAUCUS AGENDA March 11, 2010

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

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

Also Present: Mr. McGuckin X

1. Committeeman – Robert Kraft

- Resolution authorizing the amended final water and sewer application for Greenbriar Oceanaire Section 7

The Township Sewer Engineers recommended this approval.

- Resolution authorizing the release of escrow money
- Resolution authorizing a reduction of a performance guarantee for MSC Enterprises Inc. for Morey Place Road

Performance bonds are posted by the builder. After the builder partially completes work, a request for a reduction is made based on the work that is reviewed and inspected by the Township Engineer.

- Resolution authorizing bond reduction of #1 for Section 6, Phase A, B and C, Greenbriar Oceanaire

This is for infrastructure that is complete and has been inspected. Once the work is finished the bond is reduced to 20%. Then a maintenance bond is posted for two years. This is a safety net in case any of the system fails.

- Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector is hereby discharged from collecting 2010 taxes from Mr. Kenneth J. McAteer as he is a disabled Veteran

- Resolution authorizing emergency temporary appropriations for the 2010 Water, Sewer and Operating budgets

2. Deputy Mayor's Report – Dennis Tredy

Deputy Mayor Tredy not present.

3. Mayor – Joseph Lachawiec

- Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the execution of the Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean Prosecutor's Office for the Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program

This is a program where the funds are shared between the Township of Ocean Police Department and the Ocean County Prosecutor in keeping intoxicated drivers off the road.

- Resolution urging the State Legislature to reform interest arbitration

Unions who go to arbitration can only have certain items voted on by the arbitrators. The town would like that to be expanded.

- Resolution endorsing March 2, 2010 as Read Across America
- Resolution endorsing the Month of March 2010 as Census Month, it is important for Every person who resides in Ocean County to be counted

There needs to be an accurate count of citizens in town for future funding.

- Resolutions appointing members to the Recreation Commission, Municipal Alliance and Senior Advisory Committee
- Resolution opposing State Legislation, S-82 and A-427, which would amend the time of decision rule, and again re-affirming the Township's support of the New Jersey League of Municipalities' position on this issue

An example of this is the town is allowed to create or amend an ordinance to prevent certain businesses in town. This resolution allows the developer to go back before the decision was made to allow such businesses in town.

- Resolution appointing bi-annual Dog & Cat census takers
- Resolution authorizing the Clerk to advertise for part-time electrical and plumbing inspectors

4. Mr. McGuckin - Mr. McGuckin has nothing at this time.

DISCUSSION: Items to be placed on Agenda – March 25, 2010

No items at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Hamilton, 27 Belmar Blvd., inquired if there is a dog or cat problem in town.

Mayor Lachawiec stated there are some areas with feral cats in town.

Mr. Hamilton stated if there is not a significant dog or cat problem, the town should not spend any money on it.

Township Clerk Ambrosio informed Mr. Hamilton there is a state law that requires the town to perform a dog and cat census bi-annually.

Ralph Avellino, 10 Central Avenue, inquired if the Emergency Temporary Appropriations means that Water/Sewer is in need of money or a possible rate increase?

Mayor Lachawiec stated the budget is not in place yet. The town has to appropriate money now in order to pay bills. The town does not know how much relief is expected from the State of New Jersey. Governor Christie will make the budgetary announcement March 16, 2010.

Committeeman Kraft stated there is no increase for the public regarding water/sewer this year.

Eileen Doyle, 243 11th Street, heard that the school is losing almost \$700,000 due to the State taking back surplus.

Mayor Lachawiec stated the School Board is holding budget hearings. The Township Committee cannot answer School Board questions. The Township's budget should be presented in about three weeks.

Motion to close Public Comment was moved by Committeeman Kraft, seconded by Mayor Lachawiec.

Roll Call: Kraft: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Motion to adjourn Workshop and move into Regular Business Meeting was moved by Committeeman Kraft, seconded by Mayor Lachawiec.

Roll Call: Kraft: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Township Clerk

Date