

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING August 20, 2010

Call to Order

ROLL CALL: WETTER X TREDY X LACHAWIEC X

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STATEMENT: Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was properly provided by sending copies of the Notice of Meeting to two newspapers, The Press of Atlantic City and the Asbury Park Press. The Notice was posted at the office of the Township Clerk and on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion to open to the public was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Michele Rosen, 29 Bradley Beach Way, inquired how far back are the permit fees being refunded in Resolution 2010-278.

Township Attorney Dasti stated it is less than 20 permits. It is only for this year.

Ms. Rosen inquired how much each permit is.

Township Administrator Breeden stated the Township collected between \$75 and \$100 per pool - zoning building and electrical.

Ms. Rosen inquired what are the amounts previously specified and appropriated therein for Ordinance 2010-7 and what is the town changing the amounts to.

Township Administrator Breeden stated Ordinance 2010-7 is a bond amendment ordinance. No additional debt is being increased. The purpose of the ordinance is to allocate another \$218,000.00 from Well #6 to the Water Treatment Plant on Wells Mills Road.

Ms. Rosen inquired why Resolution 2010-283, which is rejecting bids for the rehabilitation and expansion of the 532 Water Treatment Plant, does not include the reissuance of the bid.

Township Administrator Breeden stated it is included in the resolution.

Ms. Rosen stated it should state that on the agenda.

Township Attorney Dasti stated the agenda has resolution headings only. It is stated within the body of the resolution.

Township Administrator Breeden stated the Township reserves the right to restructure and revise the specifications for the work to be performed and to re-advertise the project.

Ms. Rosen inquired the names of the employees who currently hold the positions in Resolutions 2010-280 and 281.

Township Administrator Breeden stated the current Construction Official is Jim McBrien. The current Building Inspector is Ed Alvare. Ed Alvare will become the Construction Official on August 24, 2010 and Jim McBrien will become the Building Inspector on August 24, 2010. The Township Committee decided to go in a different direction with that office, in order to respond to the needs of the community in a more timely and appropriate fashion.

Ms. Rosen inquired what is the direction Mr. McBrien was not following.

Mayor Lachawiec stated it is a personnel matter and cannot be discussed.

John Petrosilli, Vessel Road, commends the Township Committee and Township Administrator Breeden for working on the budget and no increase in taxes.

Township Administrator Breeden stated the budget still provides no tax rate increase and no increase in water/sewer. The two amendments being voted on today are very minor in nature and deal with debt service in the current fund amounting to \$8,800.00 and in the water/sewer, the net difference is zero. It is just reallocating debt service to different line items. The Township Committee should be very proud of the budget. It holds the line on taxes and water/sewer fees and maintains an acceptable and good level of service to the community. The items of revenue that were questioned were approved by the state. The two items of anticipated revenue were the pilot agreement for roughly \$153,000.00 and reimbursement from the open space fund to the current fund for roughly \$133,000.00. Both those items were approved and certified by the state as appropriate and proper anticipated revenue items and should be inserted in the budget.

Mayor Lachawiec stated that is quite an accomplishment. Mayor Lachawiec heard there are federal funds coming in to the state of New Jersey and requested the Governor's office distribute the funds fairly to the school district to make up for the funds that were taken away.

Township Administrator Breeden stated the Township is able to accomplish something very few municipalities in New Jersey have. That is zero increase in school tax, municipal tax and water/sewer fees.

Deputy Mayor Tredy could not find another town in New Jersey, except Woodbine in Cape May County, who has been able to accomplish this.

Mayor Lachawiec stated Governing Officials work as a team. It is not just one individual. The Township Committee has worked on the budget as a team and has brought fiscal conservatism and sanity to this town. The Township Committee has also brought stability to this town. Mayor Lachawiec thanked Deputy Mayor Tredy and Committeewoman Wetter for making this a great team.

Committeewoman Wetter stated the key word is teamwork. That is why things get done. The Township Committee is in the office every day. That is what it is all about. The Township Administrator is doing a fabulous job for being part time.

Motion to close to the public was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

RESOLUTION 2010-248 – Budget Amendment – 2nd Reading – Public Hearing

Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey to amend approved budget in accordance with the provision of 40A:4-9. The public hearing will be August 20, 2010 at 10:00 am

Mayor Lachawiec stated upon the motion, the Committee will have an opportunity to discuss the resolution.

Resolution 2010-248, Budget Amendment, was read title and description. A motion to open to the public was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Michele Rosen, 29 Bradley Beach Way, stated this amendment is to alter the amounts in debt service. The Township was required to do this by the Division of Local Government Services. The objections to the revenue items resulted in the Township providing to the Division of Local Government Services additional information which the Township had not provided previously. Two of the items specifically stated that the money was originally taken from the Open Space Trust Fund. The records from the bank show the money was taken from the General Fund. That objection would not have been made if the ordinances were reflected properly. Why didn't the Township utilize the additional \$180,000.00 that is due from Coastal Redevelopment and anticipate that revenue to offset the tax rate?

Township Attorney Dasti stated the issue now is the amendment subject to the resolution. Your comments have nothing to do with this resolution. Please stick to the resolution. You could have discussed this matter in regular public session, which ended ten minutes ago.

Township Administrator Breeden stated a resident questioned two items of anticipated revenue to the Division of Local Government Services. The items were the PILOT agreement with Coastal for \$153,000.00 and the reimbursement from the Open Space Fund for \$132,000.00. Department of Community Affairs reviewed the budget and requested further information. The Township provided everything they asked for and the budget was certified and approved. Anything in excess of \$153,000.00 goes into the fund balance and helps offset any potential tax rate increase in future years. The state supported the town's position and the Township prevailed.

Motion to close to the public was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-248 was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-201

Authorizing the Municipal Budget of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean for the fiscal year 2010. The Budget Summary was published in The Beacon, Press of Atlantic City and Asbury Park Press Newspapers in the issues of May 20, 2010. The Public Hearing on the Budget Resolution was held at the Municipal Building, 50 Railroad Avenue, Waretown, NJ 08758 Meeting Room on July 8, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-201 was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Ordinance 2010 – 6 – First Reading (Title Only)

Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 15 of the Township Code entitled “Building and Construction”

A motion of approval for first reading Ordinance No. 2010-6 was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Ordinance 2010-7 – First Reading (Title Only)

An Ordinance further amending bond ordinance No. 2009-2 adopted on April 23, 2009, which Ordinance was amended by Ordinance No. 2009-5, adopted on June 11, 2009, by the Township of Ocean, in the county of Ocean, new Jersey, to Amend the Capital Improvement Projects and the amounts previously specified and appropriated therein

A motion of approval for first reading Ordinance No. 2010-7 was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Resolution 2010-278

Resolution Authorizing refund of certain Zoning permit, Electrical permit and Building permit fees paid in conjunction with on ground pools.

Mayor Lachawiec inquired if the Zoning office will send a letter of explanation with the checks.

Township Administrator Breeden stated yes.

Deputy Mayor Tredy stated this issue came up due to many families purchasing the low cost pools in this economy. The permits cost more money than the pool.

Mayor Lachawiec stated this resolution shows the Township Committee is sensitive to the residents’ needs.

Township Attorney Dasti stated he and Mr. Breeden met with the Zoning and Code Officials regarding this matter and they were both very helpful.

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-278 was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Resolution 2010-279

Resolution Authorizing the disposal of surplus property of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey – Block 220, Lot 10.163 aka Marina Unit #63 (Boat Slip)

Motion to approve was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

CONSENT AGENDA

The below listed items are considered to be routine by the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

RESOLUTIONS

- 2010-280 Resolution of the Township of Ocean County of Ocean, State of New Jersey appointing Edmond G. Alvare as Township Construction Official effective August 24, 2010.
- 2010-281 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey appointing James McBrien as Township Building Inspector effective August 24, 2010 through December 31, 2010
- 2010-282 Resolution appointing Chris Ebert as Alternate #1 for the Founders' Day Committee for the term ending December 31, 2010
- 2010-283 Resolution rejecting Bids for the Rehabilitation and expansion of the Route 532 Water treatment plant

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2010-280 through Resolution 2010-283

Motion to approve was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Township Clerk

Date