

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING December 21, 2010

Call to Order

ROLL CALL: WETTER X TREDY X LACHAWIEC X

Flag Salute

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.

RESOLUTION 2010-349: authorizing the Township Committee to retire into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing: Personnel and Contractual Matters.

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

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

Mayor Lachawiec stated the Governor has announced that the Oyster Creek power plant will close in nine years. The closure of the plant will have an extreme impact on Barnegat Township, Lacey Township and Ocean Township. Lacey Township will lose hundreds of jobs. There are 98 people in the Township of Ocean who work at the plant. All three towns need to show the State in Trenton, the Federal Government and Exelon that they need a seat at the table, when planning the replacement of the generation capacity. It may mean a gas-fired peaking plant in Lacey or Waretown. The Township of Ocean had a conference call with Commissioner Martin, Department of Environmental Protection, about being part of the discussions regarding closing the plant. The Township will be reaching out to the New Jersey Energy Coalition in Millville, NJ, whose mission is to help keep energy production in New Jersey.

Township Administrator Breeden stated the conference call focused on the power plant. All the towns were caught off-guard with the announcement of the closure and the tritium issue. The Commissioner apologized and made a commitment that all three towns will be kept aware and informed of the status of the plant. All three towns express concerns about jobs, what will replace the plant and nuclear waste being stored on-site. The conference call was positive and all three towns made their point with the Commissioner.

Committeewoman Wetter stated funding for wind turbines or other energy sources should be looked into.

Deputy Mayor Tredy inquired how many Barnegat residents have jobs at the plant.

Township Administrator Breeden stated 80 or 90. All three towns have something at stake. If the three towns get together, there is much more leverage and the State is more likely to listen.

Mayor Lachawiec stated New Jersey Public Power Association is composed of ten small towns and one big city, Vineland. Vineland has its own electric company. The other ten towns buy in bulk from Vineland through an interlocal agreement. The town processes the billing. Joseph Sullivan, Board of Public Utilities, advised the three towns to enter into an interlocal agreement. Mayor Lachawiec will keep everyone informed.

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

No comment from the public.

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 NO. 2010-350 **Payment of Claims** – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$99,617.39

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-351

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN INTERIM PROJECT CONSTRUCTION LOAN FROM THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST UNDER THE 2011 FINANCING PROGRAM

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

- 2010-352** Resolution authorizing unexpended balances which are part of the 2010 Current Fund Operating Fund Budget be cancelled
- 2010-353** Resolution authorizing Utility Department Credit for 44 Southwind Drive in the amount of \$72.00
- 2010-354** Resolution authorizing Utility Department Credit for 15 Bluebeard Drive in the amount \$72.00
- 2010-355** Resolution authorizing and acknowledging a correction in Resolution numbers as listed
- 2010-356** Resolution authorizing unexpended balances in 2010 Water Operating budget be formally cancelled

2010-357 Resolution authorizing unexpended balances in the 2010 sewer Operating Budget be cancelled

2010-358 Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Schedule C Agreement for 2011

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2010-352 through Resolution 2010-358:

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

Motion for Short Recess and Move into Executive Session;

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

Open Meeting

Township Attorney McGuckin stated there was action taken against an employee in Executive Session. Due to it being a personnel issue, those items cannot be disclosed to the public. At the request of the employee, that discussion was resolved in Executive Session.

Next Scheduled Meeting – January 1, 2011 at 12:00 noon

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn meeting 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