

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING April 22, 2010

ROLL CALL: WETTER X TREDY X LACHAWIEC X

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.

PRESENTATION: Emergency Management & Amergen

Mayor Lachawiec stated a member of the public inquired on how to deal with emergencies involving the power plant. Mr. Benson and Mr. Thompson from the Oyster Creek Power Plant gave the presentation.

Patrolman Scott Murphy and Lieutenant Gerhard Frenz, Township of Ocean Police Department, Office of Emergency Management and Chief of Police Kenneth Flatt introduced the town's emergency response plan for the power plant. Emergencies are coordinated through the Emergency Operation Plan. The plan is a hazardous approach to include information regarding potential risks and hazards of the jurisdictions the town faces. After 9-11, the plan is not made public. If a resident would like to view the plan, please see Patrolman Murphy after the meeting. The town may not be able to evacuate all residents and the residents will end up at a shelter in place. Residents should go into their homes and shut off the air conditioning, heat and any ventilation system to the outside. Residents should listen to the radio and TV Channel for emergency response plans. A list of radio and TV channels are on the township's website. Residents should have medications, plenty of water and a full tank of gas if there is an evacuation. Residents wanting to help may join the CERT Team, which is a 20 hour course, the Fire Department or the First Aid Squad.

Pete Thompson, Emergency Planner, Excelon. Mr. Thompson has worked for Oyster Creek 27 years and has been working in Emergency Management for 4 years. The Oyster Creek emergency plan is approved and reviewed by the NRC. Emergency Drills are run at least one drill for each response organization. There are four teams that are on duty on a rotating basis, with the expectation that the team will respond to the plant in the event of an emergency. There are 57-58 people on each team. Emergency response brochures are sent to residents within a 10 mile radius. Attached to the brochure is a special needs card for the hearing or mobility impaired so the township can provide the necessary support.

There are 42 sirens within the 10 mile circumference of the power plant. The sirens are designed to alert the public to listen to the radio and television to get the information. The sirens are activated from the County dispatch center. If a siren does not sound, the County notifies the impacted municipality and police or fire will drive through the impacted area using a PA system.

The two principal protective actions the state directs citizens to do in the event of an emergency at the power plant are Evacuation and Shelter In Place. Evacuations will be directed to go to a reception center, staffed by the County, where the resident will be screened to determine radioactive contamination and then directed to a shelter.

Potassium Iodide is a pill that protects thyroid glands. In the event there is a radiological release from Oyster Creek, take the potassium iodide pill. The pills are available through the Ocean County Health Department. The pill floods the thyroid gland with stable non-radioactive iodine, so any radioactive iodine a resident might breath in will just pass through the body and not be absorb into the thyroid. The potassium iodide pills do have side effects so please read the precautions. Residents with shellfish allergies or other issues that effect the thyroid should not take potassium iodide pills.

Rocco Orlando, Greenbriar, inquired if there is problem at the plant that requires evacuation, will a siren sound?

Mr. Thompson stated the residents will hear a siren when the state makes a decision to sound the siren. When the sirens sound, which directs people to turn on the radio and TV, the Emergency Alert System Messages are put on the radio system and then the TV system.

Jacqueline Petrosilli, 11 Vessel Road, inquired how many spent rods are being stored at the facility.

Mr. Thompson does not have that specific number and will get the number later.

Eileen Doyle, 243 11th Street, inquired how secure is the data on disabled people.

Patrolman Murphy stated the pamphlets are sent out and put on the website. The pamphlets come back to the police department and are kept confidential within the police department. When the FEMA or state evaluators review the plan, that information is not given out. The only time that book is open is every six months to make sure the residents are still living in town and still have the disability. This summer the CERT Team will be going door-to-door and leaving a pamphlet in everybody's door.

Ms. Doyle inquired if the Emergency Alert System messages will be on Satellite television.

Mr. Thompson did not know if the messages are transmitted to Satellite television.

Lieutenant Gerhard Frenz stated messages are also sent through the Reverse 9-1-1 System and on message boards on the side of the road.

Patrolman Murphy stated if a resident has a cell phone that is not registered with the 9-1-1 System, the resident will not be notified.

Mayor Lachawiec inquired what radio stations will be broadcasting the emergency.

Mr. Thompson stated WJLK, WOBN and AM Stations.

A resident inquired how fast residents will be effected in the event of an emergency.

Mr. Thompson stated the power plant provides numerous barriers between the radioactive material and the outside. There are at least three physical barriers between the fuel and the outside, which are all

managed, observed and integrity verified. The worst accident in this country, which is Three-Mile Island, thirty years ago, nobody outside the property received any lethal explosion.

Patrolman Murphy stated the town has plans set in place if an emergency occurs. The towers are made so they fall within each other to hold everything in place. It is not a huge plume that is going to happen.

Mr. Thompson stated there are numerous safety and monitoring systems. Should something get out of bounds, there are automatic systems that will shut the power plant down.

Nick Bonamassa, Greenbriar, inquired if the area over the power plant is a no-fly zone.

Mr. Thompson does not know the answer to that.

Mayor Lachawiec stated there is a huge amount of concrete surrounding the reactor.

Mr. Thompson stated it is a concrete structure that surrounds the reactor vessels.

John Petrosilli, 11 Vessel Road, inquired if the evacuation site is in town.

Lt. Frenz stated the evacuation site would be out of town. Residents required to shelter in place would stay in their homes.

Elena Bruno, 181 Royal Oaks, inquired what the CERT Team's purpose is.

Patrolman Murphy stated the purpose of the CERT Team is to give assistance to the other first responders. The Police Department only has 18 officers, the Fire Department has approximately 20 and the First Aid Squad has approximately 15. If a shelter is needed, the manpower is very limited. That is when the CERT Team is activated. It allows the officers to perform the day-to-day operation calls and any other emergency calls. The CERT Team also assists in evacuating the area. The CERT Class is 20 hours.

Sherry Fortner, 21 Spruce Street, stated she did not get the pamphlet from the CERT Team. She lives in Sands Point.

Patrolman Murphy stated the pamphlets were given out in the Sands Point section of town about six months ago. It was a brown pamphlet from the Ocean County Sheriff's Dept. and it was placed in residents' doors.

Donna Hewitt inquired if the potassium iodide pill has an expiration date.

Patrolman Murphy stated everything has an expiration date. Check with the Ocean County Health Dept.

Ralph Avellino, 10 Central Avenue, inquired what is leaking and contaminating the atmosphere that residents do not know about.

Mr. Thompson stated the plant has sensors that surround the power plant that monitor the environment. The State of New Jersey has sensors that monitor the air and radiation levels around the plant. The radiation monitor is read out of Trenton on a routine basis.

Eileen Doyle, 243 11th Street, inquired if the evacuation sites accept pets.

Patrolman Murphy stated that is done through the American Red Cross. The Ocean County Sheriff Dept. takes care of any type of animals. Most shelters will not allow pets. The pet cannot be in the same room as its owner at an evacuation site. Take the pet in a carrier to the evacuation site and the Ocean County Sheriff Dept. will take the animal from there.

Mayor Lachawiec thanked Mr. Thompson, Lt. Frenz and Patrolman Murphy for their informative presentation. It would be nice to make this presentation an annual event before the each testing in June.

Meeting Minutes

Approval of the February 11, 2010

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-176: Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$393,331.07

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

- 2010-177** Resolution authorizing the execution of Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the Prosecutor's Program
- 2010-178** Resolution appointing John Maczuga, T & M Associates as Township Planner for the remainder of the year 2010
- 2010-179** Resolution approving quote for rehabilitation of Seneca Boulevard Pump Station
- 2010-180** Resolution approving an increase to the Temporary Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,072,863.94
- 2010-181** Resolution approving an increase to the Temporary Water Operating Budget in the amount of \$200,000.00
- 2010-182** Resolution approving an increase to the Temporary Sewer Operating Budget in the amount of \$400,000.00
- 2010-183** Resolution authorizing signatures for TD Bank Accounts
- 2010-184** Resolution authorizing signatures for TD Tax Office Bank Account
- 2010-185** Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector be discharged from collecting taxes from Block 124, Lot 1.02, from Mr. Henry Krawiec as he is a disabled Veteran and exempt from all taxes effective January 1, 2009

- 2010-186** Resolution authorizing the release of escrow money for Block 150, Lot 9 in the amount of \$925.48
- 2010-187** Resolution authorizing Change Order #1 for Sand Point Park-Phase 2B in the amount of \$1,016.21 which is a 0.37% increase based on the total contract
- 2010-188** Resolution appointing Joseph Lachawiec Chairperson of Administration & Finance
- 2010-189** Resolution appointing Dennis F. Tredy Chairperson of Planning and Development
- 2010-190** Resolution appointing Christina Wetter Chairperson of Revenue
- 2010-191** Resolution supporting the Department of Transportation for the Route 9 over Waretown Creek Bridge Replacement Project
- 2010-192** Resolution authorizing signatures for Ocean First Bank Accounts

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2010-177 through Resolution 2009-192:

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

RESOLUTION 2010-193: authorizing the Township Committee to retire into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing: No matters to discuss. Resolution 2010-193 is removed from the agenda.

Motion of Approval for use of the Community Center:

- 1. Christine Nardi – June 6, 2010**
- 2. George Anzovino – May 2, 2010**
- 3. Barbara Drummond – Grand Bay Harbor Condo Assoc. – June 5, 2010**

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

Motion accepting Tax Collector's and Utility Collector's Reports:

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

Motion accepting the Finance Report:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Elena Bruno, 181 Royal Oaks Drive, stated her children have done wonderfully at the Waretown schools. Ms. Bruno requested the Township Committee keep the children in the forefront of the budget decision-making.

Rocco Orlando, 180 Brigantine Blvd., inquired what the process is for the School Board and the municipality to review the budget.

Township Attorney McGuckin stated by May 19, 2010, the Township's Governing Body must certify to the County Superintendent of Schools the amount required for a thorough and efficient education at the Ocean Township School District. The procedure is set forth under the statute of the administrative code as to how the governing body gets to that decision making process. The School District did forward the budget information to the Township. There will be a meeting between the School District representatives and the Governing Body. There will be two public meetings of the Governing Body to discuss the budget process and the budget itself, giving anyone the opportunity to comment. The Governing Body has to make specific cuts by line item, indicating where the revenue should be cut and come up with a total levy by May 19, 2010. From that decision, the Board of Education can accept the decision of the Governing Body although the Board does not have to accept each line item. The Board can accept the total amount reduction. If the Board disagrees, the Board has the right to appeal to the County Superintendent of Schools and eventually to the State Commissioner of Education.

Georgia Escoffery, 227 Bayshore Drive, inquired if four districts approved the budget and one district did not approve the budget.

Mayor Lachawiec stated yes, the Township of Ocean has five voting districts. The votes are tallied together and a pass or fail is determined.

Ms. Escoffery inquired if the township has the results.

Township Clerk Ambrosio stated the election will not be certified until Monday.

Ms. Escoffery stated her children are in college due to Waretown schools and requested the town help the parents with only a \$20 increase per year, per family.

Basil Shehady, 99 Railroad Avenue, the future of Waretown relies on the Township Committee for the education of the children.

Penny Golinski, 135 Admiral Way, four out of five districts voted yes to a tax increase for the children.

Chris West, 18 Bayview Drive, Teacher, the budget was voted down due to a lot of misinformation. The average teacher's salary is in the mid-fifties. It is not a tremendous amount of money for the responsibility of bringing up children. Waretown is a small community and should be treated with a little respect and given what is due.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Township Clerk

Date