

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN BUSINESS MEETING August 31, 2011

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 transmitting a copy 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.

RESOLUTION 2011- 263: authorizing the Township Committee to retire into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing, Litigation, Contractual, Personnel matters
Motion to approve was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

TID Presentation and Discussion

Wayne McVicar, Remington & Vernick, is here to today to explain the Transportation Improvement District (TID) study performed in January 2009. Tara McKay, Remington & Vernick was instrumental in the preparation of this Transportation Study Report.

Ms. McKay stated the report identifies roadway improvements to enhance traffic flow and safety throughout the area on primary streets and not impact residential streets. The area is bounded by Barnegat Township to the south, Lacey Township to the north, Barnegat Bay to the East and the Garden State Parkway to the west. An engineer's estimate was prepared to come up with costs associated with the various improvements that were deemed necessary. A Transportation Improvement District and Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Ordinance was established to collect the money required for these costs.

Traffic counts were taken first. Crash history was researched throughout the area. Accident reports were collected throughout the region and the Township submitted areas of concern. The key locations are Bay Parkway and Route 9, Main Street and Route 9, Volunteer Way – Lighthouse Drive – Route 9, Lighthouse Drive and Main Street, Memorial Drive and Route 9, Wells Mills Road – Route 9 – Bryant Road, Bryant Road and Main Street, Railroad Avenue and Clearwater Drive, Clearwater Drive – Main Street – Westcott. The data collected for these locations was analyzed. All of the locations were operating at capacity. The counts taken from 2008/2009 were applied to NJDOT growth rate factors to extract those numbers up to 2018.

Recommendations to resolve the short-term mitigation categories would give the town an immediate benefit with short-term projects including striping, crosswalks, signal-timing adjustments, signage, school crossings, warning signs and tree & brush clearing.

Long-term project solutions would include capital projects, addition of right-of-ways, widening intersections, realignment, geometric improvements, traffic circle projects, realignment of Main Street into a traffic circle at Route 9, resurfacing, pedestrian signals, updating and adding signal equipment, turn arrows, curb ramps and new lighting at some of the intersections.

Costs were estimated for each of these recommendations. The recommendations were prioritized according to the conditions and the urgency. There are a variety of funds through the Department of Transportation including grants, loans, aid programs, safety funds and job planning assistance. Fees can be collected from any applicant of subdivisions, site plans, or change of use applications to the Township. This would be done through an ordinance. It will establish the Township's Transportation Improvement District and dictates a way to apply certain fees to each of the developer applications. The fees will be applied based on how many projected P.M. peak-hour trips the new development would generate. That number would be multiplied by a per-trip dollar amount. The developer would be responsible for paying that amount as part of their application.

Wayne McVicar stated the TID area is basically everything east of the parkway. The cost of a P.M. trip was calculated at approximately \$1,742.00 per trip. A minor subdivision would have one (1) additional P.M. trip therefore the fee would be \$1,742.00. The Township Committee would decide if the Township wants to assess minor subdivisions/site plans plus the major subdivisions/site plans or just the major subdivisions/site plans applications alone.

Ms. McKay stated the traffic study was done in 2008. The traffic volumes were from 2006 through early 2009. The costs were based on dollar values at that time. A lot has changed in the last few years and Volunteer Way was not included in the study costs.

Mr. McVicar stated the study will be updated with the new 2010 population data. Accident data from 2006-2008 will be incorporated into the study as well as the intersection data. Volunteer Way will also be considered. The Ocean County Rail Trail could affect the recommendations. There were proposed changes to Main Street from the previous Township Committee. The Township Committee will have to agree or disagree with those changes. Also the calculations of the fees will change as the study is updated.

Deputy Mayor Tredy stated the ordinance states the fees are adjusted annually.

Mr. McVicar stated once the TID Report is finalized, the ordinance can be adopted. Once the study is complete it should be updated every year by the Township Engineer for necessary adjustments to the fees and construction.

Deputy Mayor Tredy inquired the advantage of the TID study.

Mr. McVicar stated to identify the various improvements and put an ordinance in place to collect the fees for the improvements.

Committeewoman Wetter inquired if all towns are required to prepare a TID study.

Township Attorney McGuckin stated the Township cannot force a developer to make improvements off site unless this ordinance is in place. This will not affect any application that has already been approved.

Mayor Lachawiec inquired why the previous Township Committee tabled the TID study.

Township Attorney McGuckin stated the Committee was changing and there was no consensus.

Mr. McVicar stated there were only two Committee members present at that time.

Deputy Mayor Tredy stated the Township Committee needs to decide whether the TID study should be updated.

Mr. McVicar submitted a cost proposal for Remington & Vernick to update the TID study.

Jim Oris, T&M Associates stated Wayne and Tara did an outstanding job. Mr. Oris suggested he meet with Wayne and Tara to relate other initiatives that may impact their work.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion to open Public Comment was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

No public present.

Motion to close Public Comment was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion to move into Closed Session was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

Motion to move into Open Session was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

RESOLUTION 2011-264 Appointing Florence Evangelist as full-time Accounting Clerk for the Township of Ocean

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

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

RESOLUTION 2011-265 for the Amended Redevelopment Agreement with Coastal Redevelopment Partners and MBI Development Company, Willows at Waretown Senior Affordable Housing Project, subject to the approval of the Attorney and Administrator for the final language, was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec.

Adjourn

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

Next Scheduled Meeting – September 8, 2011 7:00 PM

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Township Clerk

Date