

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
COUNTY OF OCEAN
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
September 8, 2011

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 2011- 266: authorizing the Township Committee to retire into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing, Personnel matters
Motion to approve was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Presentations:

Proclamation–Ovarian Cancer
Requested by Waretown Thunder – Girls Softball

Mayor Lachawiec read and presented the Proclamation for Ovarian Cancer Awareness.

Hurricane Irene Recognition

Barneгат Township Committee
Township of Ocean – Board of Education
C.E.R.T Team
Waretown Volunteer Fire Company
Waretown Volunteer First Aid

On behalf of the Township Committee, Committeewoman Wetter recognized the dedication and hard work of many Township employees and volunteers in preparing for and recovering from Hurricane Irene. Whether it was the Emergency Management Team getting ready for the storm, the Township of Ocean CERT Team managing the joint shelter in Barneгат, the Waretown Volunteer Fire Company and Waretown First Aid Squad responding to calls or Public Works cutting and clearing trees, the Township of Ocean’s workforce rose to the occasion and did an impressive job in handling the hurricane under difficult and challenging conditions.

The Township Committee thanked Township Clerk Ambrosio for her tireless effort in making sure the Township’s notification systems were in operation during the storm.

The Township Committee also thanked the Township of Barnegat for their cooperation and assistance during the storm event. The joint approach to managing the storm was a huge success. Township Administrator Breeden worked between the two towns during the storm and did a great job.

Mayor Lachawiec thanked Mayor Jeff Melchiondo from the Township of Barnegat, who is in the audience tonight. The two Townships stood strongly together in the face of adversity.

Township Administrator Breeden reported on the Hurricane Irene event. On Tuesday, August 23, 2011 the hurricane advisory came on the Township's radar. A checklist was given to the different departments in order to prepare for the storm. On Wednesday, August 24, 2011, the hurricane appeared to have gale force winds which could cause flooding. A second checklist was given internally to the Township in order to protect property and properly prepare for the event. On Thursday morning, August 25, 2011, the track of the hurricane changed drastically and the forecast stated the hurricane would come over the New Jersey Coast at a Category 1 or weak Category 2. At that point, things looked grave for the area. A third internal advisory was issued adding further action to be taken by the Township. A Mayors meeting took place between the Townships of Barnegat and Waretown regarding the severity of the storm. Both Townships recommended evacuation. A joint meeting between Waretown and Barnegat's Emergency Management Teams took place. Combining the towns' resources, the Townships were able to marshal a more effective response. Shelter, evacuations, work schedules and public information plans were developed. The County indicated there would be two massive regional shelters, one in Toms River and one in Stafford. The Township of Ocean and Barnegat decided that was unacceptable and secured a joint shelter in Barnegat, managed by the Red Cross and the Township of Ocean CERT Team. There were approximately 150 people in the joint shelter, including some residents from Atlantic City. There were no problems or incidents at the shelter. On Friday, August 26, 2011 the hurricane was still being tracked to hit the coast. On Saturday, August 27, 2011 the shelter opened at 8:00 am. The CERT Team Volunteers acted like professionals. Between the hours of 7pm-10pm on Saturday night and 2am-4am on Sunday morning was the worst of the storm, providing approximately 6 inches of rain and wind gusts up to 65mph. The evacuated areas had a very heavy police presence. Public Works responded immediately to tree removal and road clearance requests. Water and Sewer Departments maintained infrastructure. Police, Fire and First Aid responded accordingly. On Sunday morning, August 28, 2011 the mandatory evacuation order was lifted and the shelter deactivated at 4:00 pm. The Atlantic City residents were transported back to Atlantic City in Barnegat Board of Education busses and the Township of Ocean provided police security. The Barnegat Boy Scouts received a thank-you poster from the residents of Atlantic City for assisting at the shelter. Clean up started Sunday afternoon and continued for the entire week.

Township Administrator Breeden thanked the Township Committee, Police, Fire, First Aid, CERT Team and workforce of the Township of Ocean for a commendable job.

On behalf of the Township of Ocean, Mayor Lachawiec thanked the Ocean County Fire Academy, Red Cross, Township of Ocean CERT Team, City Connections, Police Officers and Dispatchers, Perlmart Shop Rite, Waretown Bakery, Longshots, Mr. & Mrs. Sneddon, Mr. & Mrs. Ridsen, Wawa, the Brachman School and the Priff School.

Deputy Mayor Tredy stated the volunteers, Police, Fire, First Aid and CERT Team all had families at home and still kept the Township of Ocean safe.

A plaque was presented to Barnegat Township with sincere appreciation for providing assistance in preparing for and responding to Hurricane Irene.

Mayor Melchiondo stated emergency response is all about training. The two Townships pulled their resources together and did a much better job protecting everyone in both communities. Thank you.

Mayor Lachawiec presented a plaque and proclamation to Rita Sweeney, President, for the Ocean Township Board of Education, who provided a facility and staff for volunteers and their families during Hurricane Irene.

Mike Conti, Township of Ocean CERT Team, was presented a proclamation for the CERT Team's cooperation and assistance at the joint emergency shelter during Hurricane Irene.

Jack Bennett, Chief, Waretown Volunteer Fire Company, accepted a plaque on behalf of the Waretown Volunteer Fire Company #1 for their assistance during Hurricane Irene.

Christy Dunn, President, Waretown First Aid Squad, accepted a proclamation of appreciation for the squad's assistance during Hurricane Irene.

Ptrl. Scott Murphy, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, was presented a proclamation for his assistance during Hurricane Irene. Ptrl. Murphy worked diligently on behalf of the Township of Ocean and Barnegat and was successful in securing a Red Cross sanctioned evacuation shelter.

Committee Reports

Committeewoman – Tina Wetter

The Historical Society will present a lecture on September 19, 2011 at 7:30 pm, by Pola Galie of the Lighthouse Center for Natural Resource Education, on the center's history, present and future.

Deputy Mayor – Dennis F. Tredy

Deputy Mayor Tredy thanked the Township of Ocean employees for their tireless efforts during Hurricane Irene. The employees were out there day and night. Some didn't even sleep.

Sunday, September 11, 2011 is Patriot's Day. It is the 10th anniversary of the tragedy of 9-11. The Township and Municipal Alliance is having a Patriot's Day remembrance at the public area next to Dunkin Donuts at 2:00 pm on Sunday, September 11, 2011.

Mayor – Joseph Lachawiec

Governor Chris Christie sent a proclamation regarding Patriot's Day, which will be read during the September 11th event.

Mayor Lachawiec read a letter from a Township family thanking the Township for the many improvements taking place in Waretown and not increasing property taxes.

NJ Monthly Magazine rated Waretown 127 out of 566 best places to live this year. Last year Waretown was 388 out of 566 best places to live.

Administrator Report

Administrator – David Breeden

Ordinance 2011-15 Second Reading, Public Hearing regulates and licenses the buying and selling of used goods on various commercial establishments

Ordinance 2011-16 First Reading, amends the Township Codes and establishes a Department of Public Works. Public Works will have two divisions, roads/drainage and buildings/grounds. The department will be headed by a Superintendent of Public Works, who will allocate resources based on work demand, scheduling and need.

Ordinance 2011-17 First Reading, establishes fee schedule for Uniform Construction Code inspections. The Township of Ocean and Barnegat share inspectors for UCC inspections. The state of New Jersey requires the same fee schedule for towns that share inspectors.

Ordinance 2011-18 First Reading, regulates clothing bins. The current ordinance permits four (4) bins per site. This ordinance reduces it to one (1) clothing bin per site and establishes a \$25 registration fee. Clothing bins must include language on the side stating the name of the entity that is receiving the proceeds from the sale of the clothing.

Resolution 2011-268 authorizes the Township to submit applications to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Fund for 2013, as part of the ongoing effort to enhance and improve the water/sewer infrastructure.

Resolution 2011-269 authorizes T&M Associates to go out for bid for handicap access to the Senior Center on 11th Street in the Pebble Beach section.

Resolution 2011-270 authorizes the issuance of a TIGG Corporation maintenance bond and releases the performance bond.

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

Joan Finn, 26 Ocean Grove Lane, invited the Township Committee to a non-partisan event at the Community Center on October 18, 2011. All residents are invited to attend. The Executive Director of Courage to Connect NJ will be addressing the concept of town clusters.

Eileen Doyle, 243 11th Street, was impressed how hard the Township worked on the Hurricane. An 80 year old resident told Mrs. Doyle how well she was taken care of at the shelter.

Mrs. Doyle reported a down tree limb behind the Community Center.

Dennis Clune, 6 Skippers Blvd., stated some residents of Skippers Cove cleaned up the beach area and the Township allowed a special pick up of the debris. Thank you. The Township did a fantastic job.

Mr. Clune inquired if the public can find out about actions taken during the Executive Session by the Township Committee.

Township Attorney McGuckin stated after the Executive Session, the Township Committee opens the meeting again, checks if the public is still here and invites them back into the meeting room. Sometimes action is taken and sometimes the meeting is adjourned.

Ralph Avellino, 10 Central Avenue, stated the biggest problem with the clothing bins is the overflow of clothing not the number of bins.

Township Administrator Breeden stated overflow is an issue in many towns. The ordinance forces the owner to properly maintain the clothing bin. If the owner does not maintain it, they could be subject to fines and/or removal of the clothing bin.

Mr. Clune inquired if the Township of Ocean is adopting Barnegat's code fees.

Township Administrator Breeden stated the fee schedules will be exactly the same. Adjustments were made in both Townships in order to accomplish that.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 267 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$1,567,245.64

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

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Abstained on Lachawiec Tax Refund and voted yes on the balance of payment of claims.

Ordinance 2011-15 2nd Reading – Public Hearing

ORDINANCE LICENSING AND REGULATING BUYING AND/OR SELLING USED GOODS OR EQUIPMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANTIQUES, PRECIOUS STONES, GOLD, SILVER, PLATINUM OR OTHER PRECIOUS METALS, JEWELRY, COINS, TOOLS, TELEVISION SETS, RADIOS, RECORD OR STEREO SETS, CES, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, SPORTING GOODS, AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT, COLLECTIBLES, GAME CARTRIDGES, DVDS, CDS, AND OTHER ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED MATERIAL, FIREARMS, CAMERAS AND CAMERA EQUIPMENT, VIDEO EQUIPMENT AND BRIC-BRAC

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

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2011-15 was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

ORDINANCE 2011-16 – 1st Reading – Title Only

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND REPEALING CHAPTERS 2.32 AND 2.104.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2011-16 was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

ORDINANCE 2011-17 – 1st Reading – Title Only

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE INSPECTIONS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OCEAN

Motion to approve Ordinance 2011-17 was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

ORDINANCE 2011-18 – 1st Reading – Title Only

An Ordinance of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 5.60 Entitled "Clothing Bins" of the Township Code of the Township of Ocean.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2011-18 was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 268

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCING UNDER THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST 2013 FINANCING PROGRAM FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF BOTH ASBESTOS CEMENT PIPE POTABLE WATER MAINS AND SANITARY SEWER MAINS AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS ON HORNBLOWER DRIVE, BLUEBEARD DRIVE AND A PORTION OF HAWKINS WAY

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.

- 2011-269 Authorizing T & M Associates to go out for bid for Handicapped Access to the Senior Center
- 2011-270 Authorizing TIGG Corporation Maintenance Bond and releasing performance bond for provisions of the 10' diameter horizontal pressure filter

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2011-269 through Resolution 2011-270 was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Motion to approve the Community Center, Township Ball Fields and Waretown Memorial Recreation Park:

1. Arlene Servis – October 9, 2011
2. James Nauagato – October 8, 2011
3. Brownie and Girl Scouts – 2011 – 2012
4. Glen Avellino – September 18, 2011
5. Barnegat Bay Assembly of God – September 18, 2011 (Memorial Rec. Park)
6. Linda Kolb – September 23, 2011
7. Dan Loftus – September 10, 2011
8. Roxanne Lacey – September 24, 2011

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

Motion to accept Tax Collector's Report

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

Motion for a 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

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

ADJOURN

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

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

Next Scheduled Meeting – October 13, 2011, 7:00 PM

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Township Clerk

Date