

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
COUNTY OF OCEAN
BUSINESS MEETING
March 8, 2012

Call to Order

ROLL CALL: LACHAWIEC X WETTER X TREDY 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 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.

Proclamation- Officer Matt Azzarone – D.A.R.E. Officer

Mayor Tredy presented a Proclamation honoring Officer Matt Azzarone the D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year award with the D.A.R.E. Police Officers Association.

Rita Sweeney, School Board President

Mrs. Rita Sweeney, School Board Present introduced Mr. David Block, School Business Administrator and School Board Secretary to the Township Committee. Mr. Block looks forward to working with the Township and School District and making that relationship even stronger.

Jersey Outlaws Racing Association

Jeff Von Schmidt, Representative of Jersey Outlaws Racing Association, stated the First Aid, Fire Department, Road Department and Police Department involved in last year's boat race were fantastic. Mr. Von Schmidt presented a photograph of the event to the Township Committee.

Mayor Tredy stated the entire town enjoyed this event. That is why they have been invited back.

RESOLUTION 2012-125: authorizing the Township Committee to retire into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing, Litigation, Contractual, Personnel matters
Motion to approve Resolution 2012-125 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

Committee Reports

Committeeman – Joseph Lachawiec

It was announced at the Emergency Management Coordinators meeting today that on June 12, 2012 there will be a FEMA evaluated exercise regarding Oyster Creek and a practice exercise on May 10, 2012.

The Bond Ordinance in the amount of \$1,850,000 on tonight's agenda is required to finance the water/sewer improvement in Skipper's Cove. The professionals, Utilities staff and Township Committee should be commended in working diligently to secure financial assistance from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure program.

Deputy Mayor – Tina Wetter

The Township Committee attended the installation dinners for the Waretown First Aid Squad and Waretown Volunteer Fire Company. The Township is very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers. The volunteers are committed to the well-being of the community. The Township should always make sure our volunteers have the tools to safely and properly do their jobs. This Township Committee will remain strong advocates of the Township's volunteer public safety agencies and pledges to make sure the volunteers have the resources to respond to the needs of the community.

This year's Waretown Historical Society spring program will be Waretown's Victorian Epitaph on Monday March 19, 2012 at 7:00pm, presented by Adele Shaw. Admission is free. Tickets can be reserved.

Mayor – Dennis F. Tredy

The Buildings & Grounds Department is working to get the parks and ball fields ready for the spring season as well as many other items for the Township.

The Road Department is preparing to restart drainage work throughout the town.

The Clerk's Office listed computer items, a postage machine and a police-confiscated vehicle for sale on GovDeals.com. The auction is complete and the total sale was \$713.00.

The Police Department handled 2,844 calls in February. There were several arrests made for outstanding warrants and motor vehicle summonses. Suspicious persons and vehicles were investigated.

The Recreation Department will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 1, 2012. Ages 6 and under should arrive at 12:45 pm at the Waretown Lake and ages 7-12 should arrive at 2:00 pm. Please bring your own basket. The Easter Bunny will pose for photos with individuals.

The Municipal Alliance will be hosting Community Night at the Frederic A. Priff school gymnasium on March 22, 2012, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Approximately 30 community organizations will be represented. All are welcome to attend.

Administrator Report

Administrator – David Breeden

Ordinance 2012-4, First Reading, is a bond ordinance for water/sewer improvement work in Skipper's Cove on Hornblower Drive, Bluebeard Drive, and partially Hawkins Way. The amount is \$1,850,000. \$1,000,000 represents sewer work. \$850,000 represents the water work. 4,100 feet of ACP pipe will be replaced. This bond ordinance will increase the overall debt of the water/sewer utility unlike previous ordinances that did not. The Township has been using the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust to finance these projects. It is a state program that provides financial assistance to communities engaged in water/sewer work and other environmental projects. The Township assumed the MUA operations in 2007. The Township receives all the revenue but also assumes the liability of the infrastructure.

Resolution 2012-127 adopts the temporary capital budget.

Ordinance 2012-5 is the renewal of the franchise agreement with New Jersey Natural Gas Company. This ordinance will be tabled until a future meeting.

Resolution 2012-128 combines certain issuances of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$1,060,000. New Jersey Infrastructure Trust does the permanent financing. The Township is combining issuances of \$300,000 for the rehabilitation of Well No. 6 and \$760,000 is for the work on Tuscarora.

Resolution 2012-130 through 2012-132. At the end of the year the Township adopts a temporary budget to fund operations until a permanent budget is adopted by the Governing Body. The Temporary Budget is running out. In order to continue operations, temporary budgets for the current fund and water/sewer operating accounts must be adopted. These temporary budgets are still well below the budget for 2011.

Resolution 2012-134 authorizes a change order to BTW Enterprises. Community Development Block Grant money was used for Americans with Disabilities Act work at the Community Center. Additional work was done beyond the initial scope of the proposal totaling \$633.00. A change order must be completed

Resolution 2012-135 authorizes T&M Associates to design, bid and manage construction of the handicap ramp improvements at the Senior Center. The Township has additional funding in the Community Development Block Grant which will be used to build a handicap ramp. Cost of Contract is \$9,500.00.

Resolution 2012-136 Ocean County Mayors Association supports legislation to permit property tax assessment adjustments and expand the role of the local Assessor's office. The New Jersey Assessment system is flawed and outdated. This legislation gives the local Assessor the ability to make the adjustments based upon economic conditions.

Resolution 2012-140 supports the passage of Senate Bill 243 and Assembly Bill 327 regarding volunteers. This bill prohibits car insurance companies from determining premiums of volunteers who drive their personal cars to transport people on behalf of volunteer organizations.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion to open Public Comment was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

John Petrosilli, Vessel Road, inquired if the bonding money comes from the state.

Township Administrator Breeden stated the \$1,850,000 is paid for by the Township, however the state is the financing mechanism the Township will use. The Township will use the power of the state to secure low interest, no interest loans or principle forgiveness. The trust fund may say 75% of that 1.8 million will have no interest. The trust fund may say 20% of that is market rate bonds and 5% or 10% of that would be principle forgiveness. Using the Environmental Infrastructure Trust is most favorable regarding borrowing costs.

Eileen Doyle, 243 11th Street, stated the front doors of the Community Center do not work.

Township Administrator Breeden stated the purpose of the change order on tonight's agenda is to fix those doors.

Mrs. Doyle stated her tax assessment went down and the proposed tax went up. What percentage of residents experienced this same increase?

Township Administrator Breeden stated based on economic conditions, the vast majority of assessments went down. Mrs. Doyle's tax rate went up. That does not necessarily mean the taxes went up. It is a proposed number based on certain assumptions. Let the Township, School and County adopt their budgets. At that time the Township will do everything to minimize the increase in the tax rate yet maintain acceptable services to the community.

Nick Bonamassa, 32 Belmar, stated traffic does not stop for Rail Trail walkers at Barnegat Boulevard and many of the residents of Patriots Cove do not pick up after their dogs.

Township Administrator Breeden stated Barnegat is aware of the situation. The County installed a lighting system for the walkers. Barnegat Police will oftentimes have a vehicle there. Many citations have been issued there for speeding and failing to stop. The dog issue will be addressed with Barnegat.

Stan Anderson, 208 Maplewood Road, stated having vehicles slam on their brakes is teaching the children and adults not to look for traffic. It is a poor concept to make the cars stop for pedestrians all the time and the pedestrian do not have to look for traffic.

Mr. Bonamassa stated the law states if there is a crosswalk, the cars have to stop and let walkers pass.

Motion to close Public Comment was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2011.

Motion to approve meeting minutes was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-126

Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$2,367,799.86

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-126 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-127

Resolution authorizing the adoption of a temporary capital budget for the year 2012 in the amount of \$1,850,000.00.

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-127 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

ORDINANCE 2012-4 – First Reading – Title Only

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,850,000), AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CLEAN WATER AND DRINKING WATER PROJECTS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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

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

ORDINANCE 2012-5 – First Reading – Title Only

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, CONSENTING TO THE FRANCHISE RENEWAL RIGHTS FOR NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY TO LAY AND MAINTAIN GAS MAINS, PIPES, AND SERVICE PIPES, IN AND UNDER THE SURFACE OF ANY OR ALL OF THE ROADS, STREETS, AVENUES, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC PLACES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURNISHING NATURAL GAS TO THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN

Motion to table was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-128

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,060,000

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-128 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

- 2012-129 Resolution authorizing the release of two year maintenance guarantee for the project known as Ocean Memorial Plaza, MSC Enterprises, located at Memorial Drive on Route 9
- 2012-130 Resolution authorizing an increase in the 2012 Temporary Budget in the amount of \$2,137,667.00
- 2012-131 Resolution authorizing an increase in the 2012 Temporary Water Operating Budget in the amount of \$272,931.00
- 2012-132 Resolution authorizing an increase to the 2012 Temporary Sewer Operating Budget in the amount of \$549,906.00
- 2012-133 Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector is hereby discharged from collecting 2011 taxes from Edward Hamilton as he is a disabled Veteran
- 2012-134 Resolution authorizing a change order to BTW Enterprises in the amount of \$633.56 for Senior Center doors
- 2012-135 Resolution authorizing T & M Associates for Handicapped Ramp Improvements at the Senior Center with Community Development Block Grant
- 2012-136 Resolution of the Ocean County Mayors' Association County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, supporting Legislation to permit property tax assessment adjustments and expand the role of the local Assessor's office
- 2012-137 Resolution authorizing part time employment of Sandra Brennan as Tax Clerk/Floater
- 2012-138 Resolution authorizing the Treasurer to refund an overpayment of \$535.31 due to overpayment of taxes
- 2012-139 Resolution authorizing Stewart Business Systems to handle the copier and printer contracts for the Township of Ocean
- 2012-140 Resolution supporting the passage of S243 and A327 and urges legislators to do the same
- 2012-141 Resolution authorizing the acceptance and assumption of street lighting cost for the project known as Ocean Memorial Plaza LLC

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2011-129 through Resolution 2011-141 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.
Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

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

1. Gina Westman, June 16, 2012
2. Bill Brown, Waretown Bulldogs – Toumey Park Ball Fields Friday, Sunday
3. Susan Avellino, March 31, 2012
4. WAA Baseball, Toumey Park Ball Fields, Tuesday and Thursday
5. Roxanne Lacey, March 17, 2012
6. Ryan Dalon, Waretown Memorial Park, June 9, 2012
7. Micki Barboni, March 4, 2012
8. Recreation Dept., 1st & 4th Thursday
9. Janine Popvich, March 18, 2012

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

Motion to approve the Tax Collector's Report dated January 31, 2012, February 29, 2012 and the Utility Collector's Report dated February 23, 2012

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

Motion for a short recess and go into Executive Session;

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

OPEN MEETING:

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

RESOLUTION 2012-142

RESOLUTION HIRING SPECIAL OFFICER JEREMY SAMUELS AS PATROLMAN IN THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE DEPARTMENT CONDITIONED UPON THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PBA SIDEBAR AGREEMENT AND MR. SAMUEL'S CONSENT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-142 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-143

RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEVEN MILLETTE TO CONTINUE AS THE DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR WITH AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$36,985.00

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-143 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-144

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING T&M ASSOCIATES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE T.I.G.E.R GRANT FOR VOLUNTEER WAY

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-144 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-145

Authorizing the purchase of a Public Works four wheel drive vehicle including a snow plow package off state contract for \$55,751.00. The line item for Public Works vehicles is in Bond Ordinance 2007-19.

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

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

A discussion took place regarding changing the date of the April meeting.

Next Scheduled Meeting – April 26, 2012 at 6:30 pm

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Township Clerk

Date