

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN BUSINESS MEETING November 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 Meeting Act, adequate notice of this meeting was properly provided by sending a copy of the Notice of Meeting to two newspapers, The Asbury Park Press and the Press of Atlantic City. The Notice was posted at the office of the Township Clerk

Committee Reports

Mayor – Dennis F. Tredy

The Township is working through super storm, Sandy. Everyone here has felt the effects of Sandy. Some residents still do not have electricity. The Township Public Works Department, Emergency Management, Police Department and Water/Sewer Department were all prepared. The Township had a shelter managed by the CERT Team and Boy Scout Pack 42. During and after the storm, Township employees were clearing roads and trees, calling in down wires and doing everything to keep the roads open for First Aid, Fire Dept and Police to get through. The Township has areas that are terribly devastated. There are piles of garbage and trash. Meadowbrook Carting came in with 10 packing trucks and were loaded multiple times. Due to the urging of the Ocean County Board of Freeholders, the landfill was open on Sunday to receive 221 tons of trash on that one day. The Township will continue with the clean up until Waretown is made new again.

There was no looting in Waretown. Looting is when people break into stores and carry merchandise out. There were two or three break-ins. Bad people can be present at any time, whether there is a storm or not. The Police Department did a great job with the few instances of break ins and the perpetrators are in the County Jail. The Fire Department and First Aid were dispatched on hundreds of calls. The Township is going to find a way to thank them when everything gets back to normal.

The biggest problem today is power. The Township is trying to get power to every house that power is allowed to be turned on. The Township is constantly calling JCP&L and receiving their emails but that does not help the people without electricity. This has been a tough week and the Township is doing its best for the residents.

The Township Committee is very proud of Public Works and the Police Department for their hard work. Road blocks were set up immediately along all the bay front areas. No one was allowed in or out without identification. The Police Department was given use of a boat, patrolled the lagoons and was successful in finding people that should not have been there.

Deputy Mayor – Tina Wetter

The Construction Department will have extended hours due to the hurricane and will be able to answer any building, plumbing or electrical questions. Friday's hours will be 8a-5p and Saturday 9a-3p. The Townships of Ocean and Barnegat had joint meetings regarding the storm. Township Administrator David Breeden headed the meetings and included the Township of Ocean and Barnegat Fire and Police Departments. The Public Works Department, Township Committee, Police Department, Fire Department, Volunteers and office staffs all did a fabulous job. Public Works removed trees from streets with a foot of water and waves were coming down the street even the day after the storm. It was an unbelievable site. It is absolutely horrible for the residents without power. Deputy Mayor Wetter is very proud of everybody.

Mayor Tredy stated the Township did everything it could and everything it was allowed to do. The electric and gas are not in the Township's control.

Committeeman – Joseph Lachawiec

Emergency Management began tracking and preparing for the storm Wednesday and Thursday prior to the storm arriving. It became apparent the storm would be directed right at the Township. On Saturday, October 27, 2012, Emergency Management declared a state of emergency and the Township is still under a state of emergency right now. There are quite a few homes still without power. The Township is not considering lifting the state of emergency until power is fully restored to those who are able to get power.

Committeeman Lachawiec discussed having to leave the meeting early due to the Township of Berkeley requesting the assistance of the Township's CERT Team. Committeeman Lachawiec will be leaving when he receives the call.

Administrator Report

Administrator – David Breeden

When the Township realized the storm would impact the New Jersey coast, the Township of Ocean and Barnegat joint emergency plan was implemented. There were many joint meetings to discuss the preparation response and recovery to the storm. It was the greatest natural disaster that Waretown and Barnegat experienced since the storm of 1962. Parts of bay fronts and boat towns are devastated. Many people are still suffering without power or homes to go to. Sometime in the future the Township will take the time and effort to recognize everybody that contributed and participated in managing and responding to the storm.

The amount of resources allocated are considerable. There is an emergency appropriation on the agenda for \$735,000 to pay for the storm. That does not include fixing anything. It just includes responding to the storm and picking up trash.

Personnel in the Township of Ocean and Barnegat did an outstanding job. Many individuals working in both towns had damage to their own house. They remained on duty and should be recognized for that. As Administrator in both Townships that were impacted, Mr. Breeden was very proud of the effort. No matter how hard the employees and volunteers responded, the overriding thing is power. Numerous calls, text messages and emails have been sent to JCP&L. The efforts of Alabama Power needs to be acknowledged. Alabama Power was an angel in the night for both Waretown and Barnegat and did a tremendous job in a matter of hours. Alabama Power was the primary resource for restoration of power in both towns on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Ordinance 2012-22, Second Reading, Public Hearing, adjusting one or two Uniform Construction Code Fees. Over 100 different fees are being charged by Waretown and Barnegat. The fees have to be the same for both towns according to state law. The Township is waiving any and all permit fees associated with repair work as a result of Hurricane Sandy.

Ordinance 2012-5, Second Reading, Public Hearing, renewal of franchise agreement with NJ Natural Gas. It is a five-year agreement retroactive back to June 2008 and expires 2013.

Ordinance 2012-23, Second Reading, Public Hearing, easement and right-of-way on Memorial Drive.

Resolution 2012-337, Authorizes Township Clerk to Request Proposals for different types of professional services mainly surrounding legal and engineering. The firms submit proposals back to the Township. The Township Committee reviews them and awards contracts to professionals based upon the most qualified.

Resolution 2012-338 and 339, regarding finances surrounding Hurricane Sandy. 2012-338 declares an emergency from a financial perspective. 2012-339 allocates an emergency appropriation of \$735,000 to recover and pay for work associated with preparing, responding and recovering from Hurricane Sandy. Due to this being a FEMA declared event, the Township is eligible for certain reimbursements. FEMA reimburses 75% of eligible costs. A certain amount will be reimbursed. It will not be the whole amount of \$735,000. It will probably be in the neighborhood of 60% of the total cost of the storm. The Township will have to absorb the balance in the 2013 budget or allocate 1/5 every year. That determination will be made later on as the 2013 budget is crafted. An emergency of \$250,000 was appropriated this past summer for a thunderstorm. Most of that cost was recovered by insurance. The Township of Ocean had to appropriate \$1 million this year for storm related events. The Township does not budget for hurricanes.

Resolution 2012-240 extends the grace period from November 10 to November 16 for the payment of property taxes, due to the hurricane.

Resolution 2012-341 and 342 is the cancellation of capital improvement funds for water/sewer. That goes back into the fund balance in the general capital accounts of both utilities.

Resolution 2012-346 and 347 are transfer resolutions. 2012-346 is a transfer of \$8,000 in water utility. 2012-347 is the transfer of \$208,000 in the current fund. Transfers do nothing to the overall budget. It simply takes the budget and allocates the funding to different accounts or subaccounts where needed.

Resolution 2012-348 is a cancellation of \$136,960 from the current fund capital account to the fund balance and current fund capital.

Resolution 2012-349 hiring of two temporary, part-time Police Dispatchers that do not receive health care or pension.

Township Attorney McGuckin discussed adding Resolution 2012-250 to the agenda authorizing waving the permit fees related to repairs due to the hurricane.

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

John Petrosilli, 11 Vessel Road, thanked the Township Committee, employees and volunteers for the great job they did with this emergency and with past emergencies along the bay front. The notification emails were great.

Vincent Anepete, 85 Clearwater, is very proud of the effort the town has made with this extreme problem the residents have been faced with. Mr. Anepete is most proud of the residents checking on other people and transporting people with kayaks.

Robert Roy, 115 Harborage Place, commended the Township for a good job with the hurricane. Mr. Roy requested an ordinance be passed to prevent feeding wildlife on personal property. Currently the ordinance prohibits feeding wildlife only on Township property.

Mayor Tredy discussed the Township installed signs a few weeks ago at the end of Bryant Road, end of Tuscarora and at the park prohibiting feeding the wildlife.

Eileen Doyle, 243 11th Street, thanked the Township for all the work during the storm. Mrs. Doyle never felt frightened due to the efforts of the Township and volunteers. Congratulations to Committeeman Lachawiec for being re-elected.

Is a FEMA reimbursement like a loan that has to be paid back?

Township Administrator Breeden discussed that a FEMA reimbursement is FEMA will reimburse certain eligible costs associated with preparing, responding and recovery from the storm. The Township will be able to recover some costs but not all of the costs.

Mrs. Doyle inquired if there is an association for “charitable giving” to the people of Waretown.

Township Clerk Ambrosio discussed the Waretown Methodist Church is accepting donations. The Buckets Brigade is donating their time. Residents are donating amongst themselves to families in need. Most people are going to the Waretown Methodist Church and St. Stephen’s Church.

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

Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

Resolution 2012-336 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$2,386,072.81

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

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

Ordinance 2012-22 – First Reading – Title Only

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 15 OF THE OCEAN TOWNSHIP GENERAL CODE BOOK

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

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

No public comment.

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

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-22 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

Ordinance 2012-5 Second Reading – Public Hearing – (tabled 3/8/12)

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 open Public Hearing was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

No public comment.

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

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-5 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

Ordinance 2012-23 – Second Reading – Public Hearing

An Ordinance of the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Vacating all Right, Title and Interest in the “Memorial Drive Right-of-Way Easement” across Lots 32.03 and 32.04 and Transferring Ownership of Block 33, Lots 9 & 10 and Block 35, Lot 1 to the County of Ocean for Purposes of Land Preservation.

Township Attorney McGuckin stated the Township is transferring property to the County, which will be Open Space. It is the Guido Aceto property on the south side of Memorial Drive and to the east of the Waretown Recreation & Lake Area. In return the Township is receiving property back from the County. The Township will be reserving this property for purposes of mitigation in the Town Center. The County has agreed to reserve over 60 acres for that purpose.

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

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

No public comment.

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

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-23 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

2012-337 Resolution authorizing the Township Clerk to advertise for Request for Proposals from professionals for the year 2013

2012-338 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to declare Hurricane Sandy an emergency

2012-339 Resolution authorizing the form of emergency resolution with respect to Hurricane Sandy in the amount of \$735,000.00

2012-240 Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to extend the grace period for taxes until November 16, 2012 and resume statutory interest on November 17, 2012

2012-341 Resolution authorizing \$30,000.00 be cancelled from the Sewer Capital Improvement fund balance

2012-342 Resolution authorizing \$200,000.00 be cancelled from the Water Capital Improvement fund

2012-343 Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to put a lien on 14 Letts Landing Road in the amount of \$65.22 for failure to maintain property

2012-344 Resolution expressing the Township of Ocean's strong support for Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and will support the continued base operation

2012-345 Resolution appointing Sean J. Spinello, Esq. as Alternate Prosecutor

2012-346 Resolution authorizing the appropriation transfer of \$8,000.00

2012-347 Resolution authorizing the appropriation transfer of \$208,000.00

2012-348 Resolution authorizing the canceling an unexpended balance of \$136,690.00

2012-349 Resolution authorizing the appointment of two part-time dispatchers for 90 day appointments as per the Telecommunications contract.

2012-350 Resolution waiving permit fees as allowable per the NJDCA.

Motion to approve Resolutions 2012-337 through 2012-350 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. Mary Hammett – November 9, 2012
2. Bernadette Howarth/Kim Solimine – November 30, 2012
3. Recreation –Exercise, Cards & WII Bowling – 2013
4. Recreation – Knitting – 2013
5. Recreation – Exercise – 2013
6. Recreation – Mahjong – 2013
7. Recreation – Men's Cards – 2013
8. Recreation – Exercise Class – 2013
9. Recreation – Zumba Class – 2013
10. Recreation – Senior Advisory Meeting – 2013
11. Recreation – Line Dancing – 2013
12. Our Gang Players – November 16, 2012
13. Lord of Lords Community Church – Wed, 2013
14. Duck Pond – 2013
15. Duck Pond – December 24 & 25, 2012
16. Waretown Holly Auxiliary of the SOMC Foundation – 2013

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 Utility Collectors report dated October 11, 2012

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

Next Scheduled Meeting – December 13, 2012 at 6:30 pm

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 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