

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN BUSINESS MEETING January 9, 2014

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 recent cold wave had an effect on some Township buildings. The Township meeting room/court experienced frozen pipes and lost heat. The Community Center has been without heat for three days. The parts will arrive from Philadelphia tomorrow. The Township had a little snow and there may be snow coming. The Public Works Department is prepared and ready to deal with it.

Deputy Mayor – Tina Wetter

The Township Committee will be voting tonight on the purchase of various public safety equipment. The equipment will be funded as a result of two bond ordinances that were approved by the Township last month and include a fire command vehicle, two police patrol cars, fire safety equipment and communication equipment. The Township is authorizing a public bid for a new Emergency Medical Service (EMS) rig.

Committeeman – Joseph Lachawiec

The Township did a lot of work on the landfill solar project. Unfortunately, Atlantic City Electric was going to charge the Township \$21 million to run an electric line seven miles. The Township should review the project again in light of the potential Memorandum of Agreement the Pinelands Commission is working on with South Jersey Gas and the owner of the Pinelands pipeline that will go to the England Plant in Tuckahoe. The Township should support this as it is good to convert from dirty coal to clean natural gas down in Tuckahoe. If the Memorandum of Agreement is approved by all parties, Waretown should go to the Pinelands and ask for a Memorandum of Agreement for 1.5 miles of underground electric lines from the solar field to the Atlantic City Electric high-tension lines, which are just west of the

Parkway. It will certainly cost a lot less than \$21 million. Committeeman Lachawiec requested approval from the Township Committee to discuss the matter with the involved parties to see if this is viable. Committeeman Lachawiec discussed if the Township spends \$1 million, the Township can get \$300,000 to \$500,000 a year for the next 25 years.

Administrator Report

Administrator – David Breeden

Four resolutions on the agenda are regarding the acquisition of public safety items. The Township adopted two public safety ordinances at the last meeting. Ordinance 2013-26 for \$145,000 for the Fire Department and Ordinance 2013-27 for \$482,000 of which \$250,000 was earmarked for the Police Department and \$232,000 was allocated for the First Aid Squad.

Resolution 2014-80 awards a state contract to Winner Ford for the acquisition for the Fire Command Vehicle in the amount of approximately \$32,400, which does not include various emergency equipment and other safety items that need to be placed in the vehicle.

Resolution 2014-81 awards a state contract to FF1 Professional Safety Services in the amount of approximately \$92,642 for various fire suppression and safety equipment.

Resolution 2014-82 awards a state contract to Atlantic Communication for \$6,600 for radios and pagers.

The state of New Jersey acquires bids from various vendors statewide. The state secures very competitive prices.

Resolution 2014-84 The Township is seeking a Municipal Alliance grant of approximately \$24,000. The Township has been receiving this grant for many years.

Resolution 2014-86 is an application for a no-net loss grant with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. The grant is for the planting of trees. The Township is seeking between \$25,000-\$30,000 to provide financial assistance to plant trees.

Resolution 2014-87 awards a state contract to Winner Ford for the acquisition of two police patrol vehicles, which is part of the bond ordinance adopted last month. Total cost is approximately \$77,000. This includes a lot of the items for the patrol vehicles but not cameras, computers or other minor items.

Resolution 2014-95 awards a water/sewer contract for Montclair water/sewer improvements. This is part of the Township's ongoing NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust (NJEIT) program. A total of eight bidders submitted proposals for this work. The cost range was approximately from \$669,000 to \$942,000. The apparent responsible low bidder was Jo-Med Contracting at a cost of \$669,132.

T&M Associates has experience with this contractor and has indicated Jo-Med has performed in a satisfactory manner. All Jo-Med's paperwork was in order. This bid came in well below the engineer's estimate of approximately \$850,000.

Resolution 2014-96 authorizes the Township to go out to bid for an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) ambulance. Most likely the Township will receive one or two bidders at the most. It is a very selective field. This is part of the bond ordinance adopted last month. \$190,000 has been budgeted for the ambulance.

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

Donald Mantuano, 83 Adriatic Avenue, (609) 203-8183, Mailing Address: P.O. Box 344 Waretown, NJ. Mr. Mantuano came to a Township Committee meeting two months ago and presented photos of his flooded back yard. Tonight, Mr. Mantuano is presenting photos taken on December 29, 2013. The tide did not play a role in this. Low tide on December 29, 2013 was 2:04, which is two hours prior to another photo being presented.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed Township Engineer, James Oris, was on site after Mr. Mantuano initially expressed his concerns two months ago. The Township Committee will follow up with Mr. Oris, get a copy of his findings and make sure Mr. Oris calls Mr. Mantuano. Township Administrator Breeden apologized for Mr. Oris not getting back to Mr. Mantuano either verbally or written.

Mr. Mantuano discussed this pipe was installed in the late 1940's or 1950's. The pipes have not been cleaned out in years. These pipes need attention. There are roots in the pipes.

Mayor Tredy discussed there has been a problem there for a long time and similar problems in other parts of town. Each location is being handled one at a time. It is a costly, extensive project for the Township.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed the information will be retrieved from Township Engineer, James Oris, and the Township will respond accordingly.

John Petrosilli, 11 Vessel Road, inquired if any of the bonding is refundable through grants.

Township Administrator Breeden responded yes. At the last meeting, it was indicated the Township has received over \$600,000 in principle forgiveness, in addition to over \$1.6 million in loans, in which there is no interest. Yes, the Township is very active in seeking grant funding to help offset the financial

burden of this much needed capital improvement work. With NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, the Township is well over \$22 million in principle forgiveness or no interest loans.

Mr. Petrosilli inquired if the Township has a dollar amount the Township owes in bonds.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed there are two different types of bonding, permanent financing or temporary financing. The Township has been able to decrease the net debt between 12/31/2010 and the end of 2012.

It may appear the Township is bonding a lot. The Township has been very aggressive with water/sewer and has been successful in securing significant dollars in principle forgiveness and no interest loans. The state regulates how much debt a local government can incur. The Township is only using approximately 25% of the Township's borrowing power. This Township Committee has followed a conservative practice with debt management and still balances the needs of the community. The resident who just spoke during public comment has a drainage problem in his neighborhood that will most likely cost a considerable amount of money to repair. It is a delicate balance.

Mr. Petrosilli inquired if the grant monies are applied directly to the loan or put into the general fund.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed the grant monies go into a reserve for debt service and are applied to the debt service for the community. NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust (NJEIT) has a set process that has to be followed. The Township does not take money from NJEIT and put it into the current fund to support daily operations. That is not allowed.

Committeeman Lachawiec discussed the Township does put the money into other capital projects.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed only if the Township approves an amended bond ordinance.

Jacquelyn Petrosilli, 11 Vessel Road, discussed there is a yellow house on Dollmore Avenue with the roof caving in.

Mayor Tredy discussed that information will be forwarded to the construction official.

Motion to close Public Comment 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.

- 2014-80 Resolution authorizing the award of a state contract to Winner Ford for the acquisition of a Fire Command Vehicle for the Waretown Volunteer Fire Company
- 2014-81 Resolution authorizing the purchase of items from FF1 Professional Safety Services under State Contract #A80949, #A80953, A80946
- 2014-82 Resolution authorizing the purchase of items from Atlantic Communication under state Contract A53764, A53769, A81334
- 2014-83 Resolution appointing a member to the Recreation Board

Motion to approve Resolutions 2014-80 through 2014-83

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

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

- 2014-84 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, Sate of New Jersey regarding Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014 – June 2019
- 2014-85 Resolution recognizing the Month of December as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention
- 2014-86 Resolution Authorizing the application for the No Net Loss Grant
- 2014-87 Resolution authorizing the award of a state contract to Winner Ford for the acquisition of a Two (2) police patrol vehicles for the Township of Ocean Police Department
- 2014-88 Resolution authorizing the corrections to Township Public Works and Municipal Water and Sewer Employees
- 2014-89 Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Class 2 Officer Matelski
- 2014-90 Resolution authorizing the signature cards for TD Bank
- 2014-91 Resolution authorizing the release of performance Guarantee for Greenbriar Oceanaire Section 4, Phase A Concrete Monuments
- 2014-92 Resolution authorizing the release of performance Guarantee for Greenbriar Oceanaire Section 4, Phase B Concrete Monuments
- 2014-93 Resolution authorizing the release of performance Guarantee for Greenbriar Oceanaire Section 4, Phase C Concrete Monuments
- 2014-94 Resolution authorizing the release of performance Guarantee for Greenbriar Oceanaire Section 5, Concrete Monuments
- 2014-95 Resolution authorizing the aware of a contract for Water and Sewer work through the NJEIT for Montclair
- 2014-96 Resolution authorizing the Township Clerk to go out to bid for one 2014 Ford E-450 Emergency Medical Vehicle

Motion to approve Resolutions 2014-83 through 2014-96

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 below listed dates in 2013 and 2014 for the use of the Community Center and Waretown Memorial Recreation Park:

Christopher Fyrberg – June 14, 2014 – Pavilion

Dan Loftus – January 18, 2014

Jennifer Volk – March 8, 2014

Annette Bonfonti – December 16, 2013

Suzanne Romeo – January 25, 2014

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

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

Motion to approve: Michael Roche application to the New Jersey State Firemen's Association

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

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

Next Scheduled Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2014 at 10:00 am CDBG

February 13, 2014 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
Municipal Clerk

Date