

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN BUSINESS MEETING March 13, 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

Police Department Presentations

Departmental Awards:

Mayor Tredy discussed the Police Department has been working on establishing an incentive program for a few years. Superstorm Sandy delayed the department's efforts in finalizing the program. This is the first time the Police Department has publicly awarded officers for outstanding performance. The Township Committee is pleased to be part of this ceremony this evening. Awards presented tonight include 2012 & 2013 Officer of the Year, High Firearms Marksmanship Award and the Chief's Special Recognition Award.

The Police Department formed an awards committee that was assigned the responsibility of reviewing all recommendations made by the department personnel for the Officer of the Year award. After review, the awards committee sent their recommendations for the officer of the year to the Chief of Police, who reviewed the recommendations of the Committee.

The Police Department also established a High Firearms Marksmanship Award, which goes to all officers that maintain a 98% average on all 12 yearly firearms training sessions that includes both the handgun and rifle, along with both day and nighttime shooting.

The Chief's Recognition Award is an award given by the Chief of Police to an officer whose performance is considered outstanding and exceeds all standards and expectations established by the department.

Deputy Mayor Christina Wetter distributed the awards. Deputy Mayor Wetter was the Mayor in 2013 and was responsible for the oversight of the Police Department during that time.

Chief Gerhard Frenz welcomed everyone. There are a lot of former officers, friends and family members here tonight. Chief Frenz is very proud to be the Chief of such a great band of men and women. The Township Committee and residents are also very happy with the Police Officers.

Chief's Recognition Award

Chief Frenz presented the 2013 Chief's Award to Officer Steven Mandarin, in recognition of his outstanding service with the Ocean Township Police Department.

High Firearms Award

Chief Frenz discussed four officers qualified for this award. There are 12 shooting events over the course of a calendar year. The individuals receiving this award tonight scored a 98 or better for all 12 events. The officers receiving the High Firearms Award are Sergeant Michael Ward, Detective Sergeant William Sneddon, Detective Andrew Ridsen and Patrolman James Capaccio.

2012 Officer of the Year

Chief Frenz presented the 2012 Officer of the Year award to Sergeant Michael Rogalski.

2013 Officer of the Year

Chief Frenz presented the 2013 Officer of the Year award to Patrolman James Capaccio.

Mayor Tredy discussed always making a point to tell people at various meetings and events that the Ocean Township Police Department is the best Police Department in the state of New Jersey.

Committee Reports

Mayor – Dennis F. Tredy

The Township of Ocean will be participating in the "CASA a Shoe Drive", as part of Child Abuse Awareness month. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates, which represent the interest of children who are involved with matters of the court. The Township Police Department along with the Township Administrative Officers will assist with collecting new or gently used shoes on behalf of CASA. The shoe drive will take place now until the end of April. Police Lieutenant George Thompson alerted the Township of this program and is coordinating the effort on behalf of the Township. Please contact Lieutenant Thompson at the Ocean Township Police Department for details. Mayor Tredy thanked Lieutenant Thompson for coordinating the drive.

Deputy Mayor – Tina Wetter

There is a resolution on the agenda this evening supporting a traffic signal at the intersection of Route 9 and Pancoast Road. This intersection will be the secondary and/or alternate access location for the Greenbriar Community along with being the primary access point for Waretown residents who wish to use the rail trail. Last year, over 1,250 Greenbriar residents signed a petition urging the state to install a traffic signal at this intersection. This intersection has become increasing difficult to use as a result of

heavy traffic. The petition alerted the NJ Department of Transportation with the pressing need to install a traffic light at this location. The NJ Department of Transportation has agreed to perform a traffic study of the intersection to assess if the existing conditions warrant the installation of a signal. The Township will participate in a cost sharing program if the determination is made that a traffic signal is justified. The Township's portion of the cost could be upward of \$50,000. It is a small price to pay for the safety and well-being of Greenbriar residents along with many visitors of the County Rail Trail recreation area.

Committeeman – Joseph Lachawiec

Due to the severity of the cold winter, residents may have noticed high electric bills. Some residents have contracted with a third-party electric supplier. The supplier buys the electric on a spot market. Due to the cold weather, the market spiked. Committeeman Lachawiec advised residents, who are customers of the third-party suppliers, to check the per-kilowatt-hour amounts and compare to what the electric company is charging.

Administrator Report

Administrator – David Breeden

Ashbritt was a contractor of the Township and 49 other NJ municipalities, utilized after Superstorm Sandy to pick up storm debris. As a result of using Ashbritt, there was public outcry regarding the state process to acquire the services through emergency contracts and the charges assessed on municipalities and counties. The Township utilized Ashbritt through a shared-service agreement with Ocean County. The Township of Ocean was the first Township to sign up for the shared-service agreement with the county to utilize Ashbritt. As a result of the tremendous media attention and public outcry, the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General studied the Ashbritt contract pertaining to New Jersey. The results of that report summarized that the state of New Jersey complied with all federal and state procurement standards when purchasing emergency contracts for statewide debris removal and monitoring activities related to Superstorm Sandy. The report also indicated that when compared to debris removal in other states for similar disasters, the costs charged by Ashbritt seemed to be fair. The report also indicated that local municipalities who used Ashbritt or shared with the state and county contract for a 60 day period from November 4, 2014 through January 6, 2013, was proper, appropriate and correct. The last time Ashbritt was in the Township of Ocean was January 3-6, 2013. The Township of Ocean complied with that requirement.

Immediately after Superstorm Sandy, standing on the streets along the bayfront and lagoon areas, there was only one priority and that was to get the debris off the street. The Township of Ocean complied with all relevant federal and state guidelines with regard to emergency contracts to remove that debris from the street. The Township Committee did nothing wrong and should never doubt the Ashbritt contract or any actions taken during the storm. The Township did an exceptional job and should be proud.

Ordinance 2014-01, allows residents with severely damaged properties to reside in a trailer for up to one year as their property is restored. The time period can be extended at the discretion of the Township Committee. It affords residents suffering from Superstorm Sandy another option to minimize recovery costs.

Resolutions 2014-127 and 133 are required by the Ocean County Joint Insurance Fund. Joint Insurance Funds were established in the 1980's as a way for municipalities to stabilize and minimize the growing cost of liability insurance. In order to maintain membership in the fund, municipalities have to comply with the rules and regulations established by the fund, with an emphasis on safety. The safer the public facilities and employee conduct are, the less worker compensation cases and litigation, which stabilizes premium costs.

Resolution 2014-136 urges the US House of Representatives to allow a four-year delay of plan increases under the Bigger Waters Act. This act was passed in 2012 and had an adverse impact on flood insurance, drastically increasing premiums. On March 4, 2014, The House of Representatives passed a Homeowners Flood Insurance affordability act, which provides fiscal or financial relief to flood insurance policy holders.

Resolution 2014-137 requests the Department of Transportation to perform a traffic study at the intersection of Pancoast and Route 9 to determine whether a traffic signal is warranted at that intersection.

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, 11 Vessel Road, discussed submitting House Watch forms to the Police Department whenever he goes out of town. This is the first year that an officer came to the door to make sure Mr. and Mrs. Petrosilli were the people that were supposed to be in the house. Thank you to the Police Department for watching the property.

Nick Bonamassa, Greenbriar Oceanaire, requested Township Clerk Ambrosio send the Shoe Drive information and a shoe drop-box for residents to donate shoes to the Greenbriar Management Office. Township Clerk Ambrosio will coordinate with Lt. Thompson.

Marylou Roskey, 29 Shore Drive, discussed sending a letter to the Township Committee requesting the Township waive the building permit fees on a home severely damaged by Hurricane Sandy.

Township Administrator discussed immediately after the storm, the Township of Ocean waived construction permit fees until the end of 2012. On two occasions in 2013, the Township of Ocean extended waiving construction permit fees associated with Hurricane Sandy until the end of September

2013. The Township of Ocean waived the fees the longest of any municipality. The purpose of waiving the fees immediately after the storm was due to some homeowners not wanting to wait for insurance or FEMA. Some homeowners were not eligible due to not having flood insurance. The waiving of fees was appropriate. The Township of Ocean cannot waive the fees indefinitely. Most homeowners have either FEMA or insurance proceeds to utilize.

Mrs. Roskey discussed being very appreciative of the waiving of the fees. Mrs. Roskey did comply by getting the zoning application in on September 27, 2013. The demolition permit was obtained in May of 2013.

Mayor Tredy discussed they will review Mrs. Roskey's letter. The Township can no longer waive the fees. The state requires the Township to pay them a certain amount of money from each permit fee. If the state does not waive the fees, the Township cannot waive the fees. The Township cannot pay for Mrs. Roskey's permits to the state.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed the Township understands the suffering Mrs. Roskey is going through. The Township has to be consistent in applying the law, rules and regulations. Extraordinary circumstances can be taken into consideration with no promises or guarantees. The Township has been compassionate in helping people recover from the storm. The Township will do everything possible within the framework of the law.

Eileen Doyle, 243 11th Street, thanked the Police Department for assisting with an incident this week. Mrs. Doyle reported to the Police Department that her wallet was taken. Mrs. Doyle received a call from someone who found the wallet, minus the money. Mrs. Doyle called the Police Department to tell them the wallet was found and they did not need to continue the investigation. Patrolman Calanni insisted on coming over while the wallet was returned.

Mrs. Doyle suggested the shoe drive information be presented at the Senior Advisory Committee and a drop box be placed at the Senior Center.

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 dated: February 19, 2014 and Community Development Block Grant Meeting February 19, 2014 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

Ordinance 2014-1, First Reading

An Ordinance of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 367 of the Township Code of the Township of Ocean Entitled “Trailers and Trailer Camps”

Motion of approval was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

Resolution 2014-126 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$1,675,801.73

Motion of approval 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.

- 2014-127 Resolution authorizing policy and procedure for OSHA
- 2014-128 Resolution authorizing an appropriation transfer in the amount \$214,000.00
- 2014-129 Resolution authorizing electronic transfer of funds be permitted under N.J.S.A 40A:5-16(c) and N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A
- 2014-130 Resolution authorizing an increase in the Temporary Operating Budget in the amount of \$3,469,641.65
- 2014-131 Resolution authorizing an increase in the Temporary Utility Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,045,100.00
- 2014-132 Resolution authorizing an increase in the Temporary Open Space Operating Budget in the amount Of \$56,000.00
- 2014-133 Resolution accepting and adopting the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund 2014 Safety Management
- 2014-134 Resolution authorizing a refund for overpayment for 3 Spinnaker Way in the amount of \$192.20
- 2014-135 Resolution authorizing a refund to Frank Zsilavetz is a totally disabled veteran
- 2014-136 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey urging the US House of Representatives to allow a four year delay to the planned increases under the Bigger-Waters Act
- 2014-137 Resolution supporting the New Jersey Department of Transportation installing a traffic light on Route 9 and Pancoast Road and authorizing a cost sharing for same pursuant to NJDOT Policy 346
- 2014-138 Resolution authorizing a refund to Block 57.14, lot 25 due to an overpayment in the amount of \$2,498.56.

Motion to approve Resolutions 2014-127 through 2014-138 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

Motion to approve Towing Licenses for the year 2014 for the following:

Lacey Amaco, Waretown Liberty, Midnite Towing, Jersey Shore Towing and Recovery and South Shore Towing

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

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

Motion to approve: authorizing NJ Environmental Federation to canvass the Township of Ocean daily March 14, 2014 through May 31, 2014, 4:00pm-9:00 pm, disseminating information on protecting the waterways and drinking water from toxins through petitioning and fundraising.

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:

1. Ricky Schwerdt – Bayville Men’s Softball
2. Recreation – Zumba Gold – April – December 4th Wed each month
3. Lord of Lords Bible Community Church – March 10th – April 14th – Mondays
4. Mary Blood – March 22, 2014
5. April Hoffman – March 23, 2014
6. Maureen Barte – March 30, 2014
7. George & Virginia Thompson – July 19, 2014
8. Barnegat Recreation Summer Program – June 30 – August 22, 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: Ronald Nully as Ice Cream Truck Vendor, he has applied and met all criteria for the year 2014.

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

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

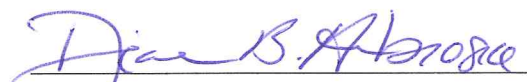
Next Scheduled Meeting
April 10, 2014 at 6:30 pm

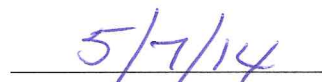
Adjournment

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
Municipal Clerk


Date