

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN BUSINESS MEETING April 23, 2015

Call to Order

ROLL CALL: LACHAWIEC X TREDY X WETTER 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

Proclamation Library

Mayor Wetter introduced Natalie Niziolek, the new Branch Manager of the Waretown Library and presented her with a Proclamation honoring National Library Week. Ms. Niziolek urged everyone to please visit the Waretown Library all year long to utilize its many great services.

Committee Reports

Mayor – Tina Wetter

1. COFFEE WITH A COP

In a continuing effort to reach out to the community, Ocean Township Police will sponsor a "Coffee with a Cop" event to be held on Saturday, May 30, 2015, from 8am to noon at the Dunkin Donuts in the Shoprite Plaza on Route 9. The purpose of this program is to provide a casual and informal atmosphere where residents can meet Township police officers and ask questions or voice concerns along with getting a free cup of coffee, courtesy of the Township of Ocean Police Department.

With all of the negative news lately about law enforcement, it is important that we come out to support our local Police Department. The Township of Ocean Police are committed to the well-being of Waretown. Please take a moment to personally thank them for all of their hard work and dedication to our community.

Deputy Mayor – Dennis F. Tredy

1. WARETOWN SPRING WINE FESTIVAL

The Waretown Spring Wine Festival will be held this coming weekend, April 25 and 26, from noon to 5pm each day at the Waretown Recreation and Lake area. Tickets purchased in advance are \$12 and will be \$15 at the gate. Designated drivers and those under "21" are admitted free to the event, but obviously cannot participate with sampling the products.

With an anticipated large crowd attending both days, offsite parking will be available at the Frederic A. Priff School. A free shuttle bus service will be available from the school to the lake for those parking off site. There will be limited handicap parking available at the Waretown Lake.

Committeeman Lachawiec inquired if there will be an award for the best tasting wine.

Deputy Mayor Tredy discussed commercial wineries from New Jersey will have wines for sale and tasting. There will be no awards given.

Jackie Petrosilli, Vessel Road, discussed there will also be crafters and food trucks there.

Committeeman – Joseph Lachawiec

Committeeman Lachawiec discussed looking into re-establishing the solar farm at the landfill on Wells Mills Road. Several things have happened since the Township stopped the process, due to the high cost of running the electric line from the landfill to Barnegat to Savannah Drive. Atlantic City Electric raised the price from \$3 or \$4 million to \$21.5 million. There is a shorter route to run the electric from the landfill to where the high-tension lines are near the Parkway. There is a space of about 2.1 miles where there are no electric poles.

If the various state departments gave the Township permission to run the line underground for 2.1 miles, it will probably cost \$1 million per mile. Also the cost of installing solar panels has dropped dramatically in the last three (3) years. In 2009, the cost was going to be \$40 million. Then consultants discussed \$30 million, with the Township possibly receiving an extra 5 million watts. That is when Atlantic City Electric raised the cost. If the Township could get the Pinelands Commission to approve running the underground line, it might cost \$2 or \$3 million. The cost of actually installing 25-30 megawatts of electric power on the landfill would drop around 50% -60%. The cost of installation and the actual cost of the panels has dropped dramatically.

Six Flags is willing to chop down hundreds of acres of trees, in order to install solar panels. The electric could be used for their own uses, saving on huge electric bills. The other issue is the SRECs (Solar Renewal Energy Certificates). The big deal three years ago was that the SRECs were going for \$6.15 per kilowatt. Contractors would make a lot of money on the SRECs. State costs have gone down dramatically to \$1-\$2.

The Township could save \$250,000 a year by installing a number of solar panels. It might only be 5-15 megawatts. That could be \$10 or \$12 million instead of \$30 million. This is information to think about and look at in the future.

Administrator Report

Administrator – David Breeden

Ordinance 2015-2 and 2015-3, First Reading. The Ocean County Prosecutor would like to set up a system in which items sold to secondhand stores, dealers, pawn shops or scrap dealers can be tracked in a timely manner. Individuals who engage in criminal activity associated with substance abuse often steal to finance their habit. The stolen items are taken to these businesses and sold. If law enforcement has timely access to items that are sold, the likelihood of the crime being solved drastically increases. The Ocean County Prosecutor is taking advantage of technology to track these items and solve the crime. The Ocean County Prosecutor has requested every municipality adopt this ordinance and institute the program.

Resolution 2015-151, appointing a new CFO as of May 1, 2015. The Township's longtime CFO, Christine Thorne, will be retiring. The Township wishes her well in her retirement. Cliff Keen is formally the Superintendent of the Water/Sewer Department and had expressed an interest in Finance. Cliff Keen was successful in completing all the courses and passed the state exam. The Township Committee wishes Cliff success in his new position.

Resolution 2015-152, authorizing the Township to participate in an electronic tax sale. Municipalities are responsible for collecting taxes for the Township, schools and county. In 2014, the Township had to budget \$450,000 in a reserve for unpaid taxes. To get that money back, the Township has to have a tax sale. The tax sale is labor intensive and uses a lot of staff hours to accomplish. There are also operational costs such as advertising. The electronic tax sale greatly reduces the cost and the amount of time the Tax Collector allocates to a tax sale. The Township also has to pay \$15 per line item. The Township will also save money not having to put a large advertisement into the newspaper, which costs thousands of dollars.

Committeeman Lachawiec discussed a tax lien sale is when the Township does not collect taxes from a property because the owner did not pay. People who want to invest will buy the tax lien and give the Township money. Committeeman Lachawiec inquired what happens next.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed the property owner either settles with the lienholder or eventually the lienholder will secure the property over a certain period of time.

Township Attorney McGuckin discussed the investor gets paid 18% interest.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed a foreclosure can be filed within 5 years.

Deputy Mayor Tredy discussed the initial holder continues to pay the taxes.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed the property owner has to settle up with the lienholder. It is a mechanism that allows the Township to continue receiving taxes, in order to make payment to the school and county.

Resolution 2015-154 through 2015-160, recognizing and acknowledging a totally disabled veteran. A veteran that qualifies for total disability is exempt from paying property taxes to the Township, school and county. On an annual basis, the Township will receive payment from the state for the taxes the disabled veteran is exempt from.

Resolution 2015-187 and 2015-188, hiring Summer Recreation Aides and Lifeguards. These seasonal employees are paid anywhere from \$8-\$20 per hour, depending on the job title and the number of years with the Township. The Lifeguards work both in the Township of Ocean and Barnegat.

Resolution 2015-191, awarding a fireworks contract to Pyrotechnics. The Township of Ocean, Barnegat, Ocean City and Sea Isle City formed a co-op, in order to go out to bid for Fireworks. This bid secured a competitive price for a two-year period.

Resolution 2015-195, awarding a contract in the amount of \$93,500 to install lightning protection equipment in the Township water/sewer infrastructure. When severe thunderstorms are moving through the area, the Township turns down or turns off the power of some of the water treatment plants. That is not a normal practice. The Township needs to protect its assets.

Resolution 2015-198 and 2015-199. State law requires each local government to provide certain services or reimburse services to certain private communities or condominiums. The services are usually snow plowing, street lighting, leaf collection, trash and recycling.

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

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

Jacquelyn Petrosilli, 11 Vessel Road, requested an explanation of Resolution 2015-194 for the temporary appropriation of \$628,000.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed at the beginning of the year on January 2, 2015, during the Reorganization meeting, the Township established a Temporary Budget, which is 26.75% of the previous year's budget. That carries the Township through the first three months. The Township is in its fourth month. In order to continue paying the bills, the Township has to increase the Temporary budget by approximately \$600,000. The Township will continue to increase the temporary budget until a permanent budget is adopted, which will probably be in June or July. The state has adopted a practice of not certifying state aid until the state budget is adopted on July 1st.

Committeeman Lachawiec inquired if there is a state law requiring the budget to be adopted by a certain date.

Township Attorney McGuckin discussed there is but the state does not certify the state aids. Municipalities cannot adopt a budget until it knows what the state aid is.

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

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

Motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

January 2, 2015, February 12, 2015, February 27, 2015, March 12, 2015 and March 27, 2015
Motion to approve was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

Resolution 2015-150 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$1,985,018.62

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

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

Ordinance 2015-2 – First Reading – Title Only

Ordinance of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean State of New Jersey Repealing and replacing Chapter 289 of the Township Code to be Entitled “Secondhand Dealers”

Motion to approve Ordinance 2015-2 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

Ordinance 2015-3 – First Reading – Title Only

Ordinance of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean State of New Jersey establishing Chapter 290 of the Township Code to regulate Scrap Metal Dealers

Motion to approve Ordinance 2015-3 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

Ordinance 2015-4 – First Reading – Title Only

An Ordinance of the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey amending Chapter 410-8, Definition of “Building Height” of the Township Code

Motion to approve Ordinance 2015-4 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

Ordinance 2015-5 – First Reading – Title Only

Ordinance of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean State of New Jersey amending Chapter 135-25 “fees for Permits” of the Township Code to Comply with recent changes to the Uniform Construction Code

Motion to approve Ordinance 2015-5 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

Resolution 2015-151

Resolution authorizing the appointment of Clifford Keen to the position of Certified Municipal Finance Officer for the Township of Ocean, Ocean County starting May 1, 2015

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

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

Resolution 2015-152

Resolution authorizing electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and that NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com to conduct pilot program as approved by the Division of Local Government Services

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

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

Resolution 2015-153

Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey recognizing the Month of May as “Paint the Town Pink”

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

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

Township Clerk Ambrosio discussed the Township is working with Meridian to Paint the Town Pink. It started off with the Meridian organization painting a few towns pink. It is now up to 44 towns. This is the Township of Ocean’s first year. The Township is working diligently on this project. Residents can pink you house, pink your boat, and at Founder’s Day you can pink yourself, pink your animal. The Township’s goal is to pink Route 532 and Route 9 as much as possible.

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.

- 2015-154 Resolution authorizing a refund to 61 Railroad Avenue as the homeowner is a totally disabled veteran and exempt from paying taxes.
- 2015-155 Resolution authorizing a refund to 7 Fairhaven Way as the homeowner is a totally disabled veteran and exempt from paying taxes
- 2015-156 Resolution authorizing a refund to 109 Demmy Avenue as the homeowner is the widow of a totally disabled veteran and exempt from paying taxes
- 2015-157 Resolution authorizing a refund to 3 Margate Way as the homeowner is a totally disabled veteran and exempt from paying taxes
- 2015-158 Resolution authorizing a refund to 12 Point Pleasant Lane as the homeowner is a totally disabled veteran and exempt from paying taxes
- 2015-159 Resolution authorizing a refund to Core Logic for Block 50.02, Lot 6.04 as the homeowner is a totally disabled veteran and exempt from paying taxes
- 2015-160 Resolution authorizing a refund to Wells Fargo for Block 57.29, Lot 9 as the homeowner is a totally disabled veteran and exempt from paying taxes
- 2015-161 Resolution authorizing the release of escrow money held in the name of Rudy & Meolonie Marano in the amount of \$543.73
- 2015-162 Resolution authorizing the Township of Ocean to sign the Agreement for \$1,400.00 between the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the 2015 Tourism Grant
- 2015-163 Resolution authorizing the release of escrow money held in the name of Robert Bloodgood in the amount of \$13.28
- 2015-164 Resolution authorizing a leak credit to 100 Fifth Street in the amount of \$417.49
- 2015-165 Resolution authorizing a leak credit to 16 Point Road in the amount of \$168.79
- 2015-166 Resolution authorizing a leak credit to 21 Peg Leg Way in the amount of \$105.02
- 2015-167 Resolution authorizing a leak credit to 26 Bayview Drive in the amount of \$346.41
- 2015-168 Resolution authorizing a leak credit to 24 Dock Ave in the amount of \$255.83
- 2015-169 Resolution authorizing a leak credit to 209 Fifth Street in the amount of \$777.96
- 2015-170 Resolution authorizing a leak credit to 29 Grand Bay Harbor in the amount of \$434.38
- 2015-171 Resolution authorizing a leak credit to 114 Cayuga Road in the amount of \$1,435.09
- 2015-172 Resolution authorizing a leak credit to 12 Bayberry Drive in the amount of \$156.13
- 2015-173 Resolution authorizing a leak credit to 113 Caldwell Road in the amount of \$547.71
- 2015-174 Resolution authorizing a leak credit to 234 Edison Road in the amount of \$215.07
- 2015-175 Resolution authorizing the appointment of three Special Class II Police Officers for the Township of Ocean Police Department
- 2015-176 Resolution authorizing partial release of performance guarantee for Willows at Waretown/MBI Development Company on-site improvements
- 2015-177 Resolution authorizing partial release of performance guarantee for Willows at Waretown/MBI Development Company water approvals
- 2015-178 Resolution authorizing partial release of performance guarantee for Willows at Waretown/MBI Development Company sanitary sewer
- 2015-179 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Proclaiming April 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month
- 2015-180 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Supporting the passage of S-2775 and A-4215 increasing the amount of annually credited to the Shore Protection Fund to \$50,000,000
- 2015-181 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean State of New Jersey proclaiming April 2015 as National Alcohol Awareness Month

- 2015-182 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey recognizing the Month of April as "Minority and Multicultural Health Month"
- 2015-183 Resolution authorizing the submittal of the 2015 Tonnage Grant Application
- 2015-184 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean joining with the Ocean County Board of Social Services to recognize May as "Paint the Town Pink"
- 2015-185 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey approving guidelines per the recommendation of the Ocean County local advisory committee on alcoholism and drug abuse for implementation as an addendum to the Governor's council on alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA)
- 2015-186 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey recognizing the week of April 18th – April 25th, 2015 as "National Infant Immunization Week"
- 2015-187 Resolution appointing the Summer Recreation program employees
- 2015-188 Resolution appointing Lifeguards/Recreation Aides
- 2015-189 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey recognizing the Month of April as "National Youth Sports Safety Month"
- 2015-190 Resolution authorizing the purchase of three 2016 Ford Explorers – State Contract # A83012 and one Ford Focus – State Contract # A86921 for the Construction and Zoning offices
- 2015-191 Resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Pyrotechnico for the Calendar Years 2015-2016 for the Township of Ocean's Founder's Day Celebrations with the City Of Ocean Cooperative Pricing System Members –(251COCCPS) for Fireworks Shows
- 2015-192 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Proclaiming the Week of April 12 – April 18, 2015 as National Volunteer Week
- 2015-193 Resolution authorizing the purchase of Chairs for the Town Hall Meeting Room and Patrol Office from HON Company State Contract #A81641
- 2015-194 Resolution authorizing 2015 temporary appropriation to the 2015 Temporary Operating Budget in the amount of \$628,000.00
- 2015-195 Resolution authorizing the award for contract to B&B Lightning Protection for Various Township Facilities
- 2015-196 Resolution appointing Integra Realty Resources Under the Non-Fair and Open Process
- 2015-197 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing release of escrow money for Lord of Lord's Bible Community Church

Motion to approve Resolutions 2015-154 through 2015-197 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Resolution 2015-198

A Resolution authorizing the Municipal Services reimbursement between the Township of Ocean and Greenbriar Oceanaire Community, Inc. for the year 2015 in the amount \$239,073.69

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

Resolution 2015-199

A Resolution authorizing the Municipal Services reimbursement between the Township of Ocean and Grand Bay Harbor Condominium Association for the year 2015 in the amount \$15,704.32

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

Motion to approve Canvassers and/or Solicitors Permit:

- Michael Accinno – Allied Mechanical – NJ Clean Energy Program
- Timothy Tallmadge - Allied Mechanical – NJ Clean Energy Program
- Ricky W. Kowal - Allied Mechanical – NJ Clean Energy Program
- Peter Scalon - Allied Mechanical – NJ Clean Energy Program

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

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

Motion to approve the below listed dates in 2015 for the use of the Community Center and Waretown Memorial Recreation Park:

1. Soccer Shots – April – June – Toumey Park
2. Bayville Men's Softball –Toumey Park
3. Tara Matios – April 11, 2015
4. Amanda Loftus – April 12, 2015
5. United Methodist Church – Community Resource Night – April 2, 2015
6. Christopher Gil – May 3, 2015
7. Shannon Gallupi – May 9, 2015
8. Cathy Rohowyj – May 17, 2015
9. Barbara Drummond – June 6, 2015
10. Michelle Hochstrasser – June 7, 2015
11. Tim Horner – July 11, 2015
12. Michael Kaveny – August 22, 2015

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

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

Motion to approve: Social Affair Permits for the following

- Waretown Volunteer Fire Department – May 23, 2015
- Sylvia Allen Consulting – April 25 & 26, 2015
- Ocean County YMCA – June 1, 2015

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

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

Next Scheduled Meeting
May 14, 2015 at 6:30 pm

Adjournment

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

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

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date