

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN BUSINESS MEETING September 10, 2015

Call to Order

ROLL CALL: LACHAWIEC X TREDY X WETTER X

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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 – Tina Wetter

1. Finance - 2015 Budget

Tonight the Township will be adopting the 2015 municipal budget. The Township along with the Township Auditors has been working with the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to have the budget complete. Diane Ambrosio, Municipal Clerk, worried, lost sleep, and stayed late, to complete the budget. Thank you, Diane Ambrosio. This year even though we sharpened our pencils, the Township will have an increase of 1.3 cents. The average residential assessment of a home in Waretown is \$265,000. This increase amounts to \$34.45 per year.

By all accounts, the winter of 2014-2015 was a hectic storm ridden year. The Township had to respond to over a dozen snow and ice events during the winter that required salting and plowing of municipal roads. With snow and ice, there is no alternative or option but to respond to make sure the roads are safe for travel. Our snow crews do an outstanding job managing winter weather, but yet at the same time, we all must acknowledge there is a price for having a responsible and comprehensive snow operation.

The budget being adopted this evening represents a remarkable job of balancing the needs of sustaining a professional municipal operation versus the financial realities of our taxpayers. It is a delicate balance between the two but I firmly believe we have struck that balance with the budget being approved tonight.

Also on the agenda tonight is Resolution 2015-288 and Resolution 2015-289 for shared services with Barnegat in the Tax Office and Recreation. These Shared Service Agreements have expired and need to be renewed. The Shared Services regarding these two offices work and are a cost savings to the Township of Ocean and Barnegat and are listed in the budget documents.

Resolution 2015-307 and 2015-308 discuss new signature cards for Ocean First Bank. The cards need to be updated due to the retirement of the CFO and adding the new CFO, Cliff Keen, to the accounts.

2. Police - Dispatch

Resolution 2015-303 and 2015-304 discuss a dispatcher has resigned, and a part-time dispatcher who has been working here will be moved to the vacated full-time position.

The Township will now have a “Safe Exchange” Zone in the Police Department Parking lot. This will assist in making internet-based trading safer. This gives people a place to complete transactions with less risk than meeting in public or at the home of an unfamiliar person. A sign will be placed at a parking spot “Internet Exchange Purchase Location” in front of the police department for all to use. The Police Department believes this will help deter scams and possible violence or harm to an individual, as has happened in other areas of the Country.

The Ocean Township Police Department along with the Ocean County Sheriff’s Department will have a Child Passenger Safety Checkpoint along with a Prescription Drug Drop Off on Saturday, September 26th at the CVS Parking lot from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Thank you.

Deputy Mayor – Dennis F. Tredy

1. Bryant Road Park

The reconstruction of the T-Dock is complete as well as the bulkheads and walkways. The contractor is working on the benches at the end of the dock. They are coming up with a design and using materials that will match the dock.

2. NJEIT Project Bayshore/11th Street/Seneca

The company handling this project is moving along due to the good weather. The project is taking a little longer in areas due to the depths of the pipes in the ground, which are 10–12 feet deep and the area has to be dewatered to lay the new pipes. It has been an inconvenience to the residents in the area but once it is complete there will be new pipes and drainage infrastructure that the area needs. The contractor is hoping to finish up 11th Street within the next week or two depending on weather and pave the trenches and let them settle. The project will then move to Seneca Boulevard. Once Seneca is complete it has been discussed to pave the entire area of Bayshore/11th Street/Seneca, weather permitting. If these roads cannot be paved for any reason, the paving will be delayed until the spring.

3. Ordinance 2015-11 – Bond Ordinance

There are several items listed in the Bond Ordinance regarding the additional funding for the 2014 and 2015 Department of Transportation (DOT) Projects. Additional funding for various upgrades to the Town Hall to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations will be through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding program. Enhancements will be made to the Police Department to assist in it running in a safe and efficient manner including the Patrol room, jail cell area and interrogation room.

4. Ordinance 2015-12 – Bond Ordinance

This Bond Ordinance is for the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (NJEIT) water/sewer improvements. The Township will also be addressing the drainage issues on Maplewood Road, Teaneck Road, Englewood Avenue, Dune Lane, Stillwater Road and Harborage Place for 2016.

5. Ordinance 2015-13 – Amending Property Maintenance Liens

As you can see listed on the agenda this evening are eight resolutions for property maintenance violations. The property owner failed to abate the violations within the time limits. The Township sends out the Department of Public Works to bring the property in conformity to the Township codes. This Ordinance adds an administrative fee for the violations of \$250.00 each time the Township has to maintain the property. The Township has an ordinance that allows the Township to place a lien on a property if the property is not maintained. The Township maintains the property and charges the resident according to the County's schedule.

6. Resolution 2015-290 – Pebble Beach Water Treatment Plant/Route 532 Water Treatment Plant

As this water treatment plant is aging there are items that need to be updated. Once the Township reviewed the needs of this plant, it was also discovered some items are no longer up to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) standards and need to be replaced. The Township will be authorizing the Township Engineer to go out for bid on these two projects.

7. Resolution 2015-291 DOT – Projects – Oregon & Pocahontas

The NJ Department of Transportation has authorized a grant for the 2014 and 2015 grants. The Township is now authorized to go out for bid. The Township is hoping by combining the two projects to have a competitive bid process. The Township has received \$515,000.00 in grant funding for these two projects.

Thank you.

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

Eileen Doyle, 243 11th Street, inquired about property maintenance and who determines what is a garden and what is weeds.

Deputy Mayor Tredy discussed there are certain types of vegetation that are considered obnoxious growth.

Mrs. Doyle discussed there is a property on Seneca Blvd., close to Route 9, that is odd. If the owner of the property is happy with it, good for her.

Deputy Mayor Tredy discussed that property owner is not a very cooperative resident. The Township checks the property often to make sure there is visibility to traffic in both directions. When there is no visibility, the Department of Public Works will cut the vegetation back, sometimes with a Police escort.

Mrs. Doyle discussed Mary Dunkley asked her to discuss with the Township Committee the EMS workers at the Community Center.

Township Clerk Ambrosio discussed speaking to the owner of Quality Medical Transport about the workers laying on the couches at the Community Center, when classes and meetings are taking place. The owner will address the issue.

Mrs. Doyle inquired about the CDBG elevator for Town Hall.

Township Clerk Ambrosio discussed that is part of the bond ordinance being voted on tonight.

Jason Worth, T&M Associates, discussed once the bond ordinance is done, the Township can go out to bid on a new chair lift, sidewalks and door openers. An elevator would be much more costly. The Community Development Block Grants are approximately \$30,000 and the Township is only eligible every two years. It is a very competitive program. The Department of Housing and Urban Development has greatly reduced how much money the towns can receive.

Mrs. Doyle discussed people who use a scooter or wheelchair do not have access to the meeting room. A hydraulic lift was discussed.

Jason Worth discussed the entrance way itself has other barriers that would require improvements and there are additional barriers at the top of the stairs.

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: Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2015 and July 30, 2015 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

Resolution 2015-287 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$5,454,664.67

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

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

Resolution 2015-288

Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, accepting and approving a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey for Recreation Director Services

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

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

Resolution 2015-289

Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, accepting and approving a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey for Tax/Utility Collector Services

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-257 - (2015 Municipal Budget) – Second Reading - Public Hearing

Authorizing the Municipal Budget of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean for the fiscal year 2015. The Budget Summary will be published in Asbury Park Press Newspapers in the issue of August 3, 2015. The Public Hearing on the Budget Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building Meeting Room, 50 Railroad Avenue, Waretown, NJ 08758 on September 10, 2015 at 6:30 pm for Final Passage

Motion to open Public Hearing on the Municipal Budget was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

Committeeman Lachawiec inquired if the Township should vote on the amendment now, then vote on the budget.

Rodney Haines, Township Auditor, discussed the Township advertised a budget. The Township must open a public hearing on what was advertised. Then the Township Committee will then discuss the budget amendment and then adopt the amended budget.

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

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

Resolution 2015 – 309

Authorizing the approval of the Budget Amendments for the 2015 Municipal Budget

Motion to open Public Hearing on Municipal Budget Amendments was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

Rodney Haines, Township Auditor, discussed the current fund budget amendment was a housekeeping item. When the state reviewed the budget, it was detected that revenues from the shared services were not allocated correctly. It did not change the total budget, just the allocation of the shared services revenues. It was determined on the utility fund budget that, there was not enough debt service budgeted in the original budget. The Township needed to make additional appropriations so all of the debt service

payments can be made. That is being offset with the surplus in the utility fund. There is no effect on the overall rates based on that purpose.

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

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

Motion to approve the 2015 Municipal Budget Amendments was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

Motion to approve 2015 Municipal Budget was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

Ordinance 2015-11– Second Reading – Public Hearing

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN AND APPROPRIATING \$1,088,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$513,950 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN TO FINANCE THE SAME.

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

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

No comment from the public.

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

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2015-11 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

Ordinance 2015-12– Second Reading – Public Hearing

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO FOUR MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,200,000), 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 open Public Hearing was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

No comment from the public.

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

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2015-12 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

Ordinance 2015-13– Second Reading – Public Hearing

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTERS 280-6 AND 280-7 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN

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

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

No comment from the public.

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

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2015-13 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

- 2015-290 Resolution authorizing receipt of bids for the water treatment plant improvements for the Township's Pebble Beach and Route 532 Water Treatment Plants
- 2015-291 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO PROCEED WITH BID SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR THE FY2014 AND 2015 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID ROAD PROGRAM
- 2015-292 Resolution authorizing the appointment of Eugene Racz, Esq. as alternate municipal prosecutor
- 2015-293 Resolution proclaiming September 2015 as National Preparedness Month
- 2015-294 Resolution authorizing Waretown Volunteer Fire Company the use of Waretown Memorial Park on October 4, 2015
- 2015-295 Resolution authorizing a lien be placed for failure to abate violations on 209 Sixth Street in the amount of \$143.47
- 2015-296 Resolution authorizing a lien be placed for failure to abate violations on 111 Sixth Street in the amount of \$773.32
- 2015-297 Resolution authorizing a lien be placed for failure to abate violations on 9 Navajo in the amount of \$346.95
- 2015-298 Resolution authorizing a lien be placed for failure to abate violations on 564 Route 9 in the amount of \$1,468.56
- 2015-299 Resolution authorizing a lien be placed for failure to abate violations on 54 Beacon Drive in the amount of \$167.82
- 2015-300 Resolution authorizing a lien be placed for failure to abate violations on 20 Nautilus in the amount of \$121.95
- 2015-301 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Proclaiming September 2015 as Fruits and Vegetables Month
- 2015-302 Resolution of the Township of Ocean County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Proclaiming September 2015 as National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month
- 2015-303 Resolutions authorizing John Cate as a Full-Time Dispatcher
- 2015-304 Resolution authorizing Rebecca Schooner to be placed on the per diem dispatcher list
- 2015-305 Resolution authorizing a lien be placed for failure to abate violations on 106 Fifth Street in the amount of \$1,815.34
- 2015-306 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE WITH CONDITIONS – HIGGINS, BLOCK 44, LOT 3
- 2015-307 Resolution authorizing signature cards for Ocean First Bank Water Capital Account
- 2015-308 Resolution authorizing use of facsimile signature for Ocean First Bank

Motion to approve Resolutions 2015-290 through 2015-308 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Wetter: Yes.

Motion to approve: The Trident Multisport LLC – Survival of the Mills (Triathlon/Dualathlon) on Sunday, October 11, 2015 for the use of a 9 mile section of Wells Mills Road all proceeds to benefit David's Dream and Believe Cancer Foundation

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 Affairs Permit for US Home We Care Foundation on October 13, 2015 at the Greenbriar Oceanaire Golf & Country Club

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. Alice J. Tripler – November 14, 2015
2. Nicole Sommer – October 3, 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 - October 8, 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