

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN WARETOWN, N. J.

REORGANIZATION MEETING: January 4, 2016 3:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER: by Township Clerk, Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC:

JANUARY 4, 2016 COLLAMER X TREDY X WETTER X

FLAG SALUTE: Southern Regional High School – JR ROTC

INVOCATION: Father Terry Martin, St. Stephens Episcopal Church

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR: Pastor Erik Hall, Waretown United Methodist Church

STATEMENT: Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was properly provided by sending copies of the Notice of Meeting to two newspapers The Press of Atlantic City and the Asbury Park Press. The Notice was posted at the office of the Township Clerk and on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED:

OATH OF OFFICE to Committeeman Daniel Collamer, who was elected for a three year term. Daniel Collamer is sworn in by Township Clerk Diane Ambrosio.

NOMINATION FOR MAYOR/CHAIRMAN for the year 2016:

Tina Wetter nominated Dennis Tredy for the office of Mayor/Chairperson for the year 2016, with wishes for a most successful year, Committeeman Daniel Collamer seconded the nomination.

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Wetter: Yes

OATH OF OFFICE administered to Mayor/Chairman for the year 2016.

Dennis Tredy is sworn in by Township Clerk Diane Ambrosio.

MEETING OFFICIALLY turned over to Chairperson/Mayor:

NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY MAYOR/DEPUTY CHAIRMAN for the year 2016:

Daniel Collamer nominated Tina Wetter for the office of Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chairperson for the year 2016, Mayor Tredy seconded the nomination.

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

OATH OF OFFICE administered to Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chairman for the year 2016.

Tina Wetter is sworn in by Township Clerk Diane Ambrosio.

Presentation of Awards of Recognition:

Ralph Avellino – Recognition for Outstanding years of Service
Christine Thorne – Retirement
William Rott – Society of Archaeological Research
John Aitken – Vietnam Veterans of America
Home Depot – 2 plaques

Mayor Tredy discussed the Township of Ocean, on occasion, honors certain people who have accomplished certain things for the Township and who deserve the Township's recognition. There are two people in the audience that the Township would like to recognize for their long term service.

The first plaque is presented to a friend of Mayor Tredy's who has put in many years of volunteer service on many boards and committees within the Township. He was always the first person to raise his hand when the Township asked for volunteers. He has done tremendous work to keep the Township moving forward. Ralph Avellino please step up to receive your award. Mayor Tredy read Mr. Avellino's plaque, Ralph Avellino, in recognition and sincere appreciation for your outstanding years of service and dedication for the Township of Ocean and its residents, Land Use Board – 1999 to 2005, Planning Board – 2006 to 2015, Open Space Committee – 2001-2010, Year 2000 Census, Committee – 1999, Founder's Day Committee – 1999 – 2014, Special Events Committee – 2014, Presented by the Township of Ocean Committee, January 4, 2016.

Mr. Avellino has always done a fantastic job and has always been a major part of Founder's Day as well. Mayor Tredy presented the plaque to Mr. Avellino and discussed Ralph has done so much for the Township. We love you.

Mr. Avellino discussed there are many volunteers for the Township who Mr. Avellino is pleased to work with. Thank you.

Mayor Tredy discussed the second plaque being presented tonight is for a person who served the Township as an employee for over 25 years. She is the lady, when we needed money, who would find an account so the Township could fill that extra pothole or do whatever is necessary to keep the town going. Mayor Tredy discussed he is speaking of Christine Thorne. Mayor Tredy read Mrs. Thorne's plaque to the audience and takes great pride in presenting the plaque to Mrs. Thorne. Christine Thorne Certified Municipal Finance Officer, in appreciation for your outstanding 25 years of service for the Township of Ocean and its residents, Presented by the Township of Ocean Committee, January 4, 2016

Christine Thorne, retired Chief Municipal Finance Officer, accepted the plaque and a certificate from the New Jersey Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association.

Deputy Mayor Wetter will be presenting several plaques for the dedication and service in the Rehabilitation of The Olde Cemetery in Waretown, NJ.

Deputy Mayor Wetter read the first plaque to William Rott, Society of Archaeological Research. William Rott, Society of Archaeological Research, in recognition and sincere appreciation for your dedication and service in the Rehabilitation of The Olde Cemetery in Waretown, NJ, Presented by the Township of Ocean Committee, January 4, 2016.

Mr. Rott discussed the Society of Archaeological Research does a lot of archaeological work. Mr. Rott has worked on The Olde Cemetery with the Vice President of the organization, Dave Vasconi, for seven (7) years. Mr. Rott is also a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Post 12 in Allenhurst, New Jersey. Mr. Rott discussed learning of "The Home Depot Team" at a VVA meeting. The Home Depot Team helps make a difference for veterans of local communities. Mr. Rott discussed The Olde Cemetery has Revolutionary War Veterans, Civil War Veterans and War of 1812 Veterans buried there. Mr. Rott thanked the members of the Vietnam Veterans of America organization and The Home Depot Team, who provided the manpower to rehabilitate the cemetery.

Deputy Mayor Wetter discussed The Home Depot Team, Vietnam Veterans of America and Society of Archaeological Research volunteers built a 1,700 foot fence at the cemetery and did not charge the Township for the cost of materials or labor. The volunteers were trimming trees, mowing the lawn, weeding and fencing. They did a fantastic job. It was unbelievable.

Mr. Rott thanked the Vietnam Veterans of America and The Home Depot Team. If you know of any veterans that are in trouble, they can come to the Vietnam Veterans of America or The Home Depot for help.

Deputy Mayor Wetter presented the Home Depot plaques and Vietnam Veterans of America plaques. Joseph Miserendino, Store Manager, Forked River Home Depot, Mark Saltarelli, District Manager, Home Depot, Eric MacDonald, District Manager, Home Depot, in recognition and sincere appreciation for your dedication and service in the Rehabilitation of The Olde Cemetery in Waretown, NJ, Presented by the Township of Ocean Committee, January 4, 2016.

Rosemarie Rodriguez, Regional Vice President, Home Depot, in recognition and sincere appreciation for your dedication and service in the rehabilitation of, The Olde Cemetery in Waretown, NJ, Presented by the Township of Ocean Committee, January 4, 2016.

John Aitken, Vietnam Veterans of America, Ernest DiOrio, Vietnam Veterans of America, In Recognition and Sincere Appreciation for your dedication and service in the Rehabilitation of, The Olde Cemetery in Waretown, NJ, Presented by the Township of Ocean Committee, January 4, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-1 PROFESSIONALS: Professionals in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et. seq.

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

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

Township Attorney Gregory McGuckin joined the Committee at the dais.

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.

- 2016-2 Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC, CMR – Assessment Search Officer, Redevelopment Secretary, Registrar**
- 2016-3 Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC – Public Agency Compliance Officer**
- 2016-4 Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC and Jeanne Broadbent – Keepers of the Poor**
- 2016-5 Michele Giardino – Deputy Clerk, Board of Health Secretary, Deputy Registrar and Animal Licensing Official**
- 2016-6 Sandra Pirozzi – Administrative Assistant, Alternate Registrar, Environmental Commission/Green Team Recording Secretary**
- 2016-7 Marleen Miller – Treasurer**
- 2016-8 Mary Blood – Certified Qualified Purchasing Agent/Payroll**
- 2016-9 Shane Gederberg - Operator of Record Water & Sewer**
- 2016-10 Amber L. Bird – Principal Billing Clerk**
- 2016-11 Jeanne Broadbent – Recreation Director- Shared Service Barnegat Township of Ocean Municipal Alliance Coordinator, Secretary to Senior Advisory Committee**
- 2016-12 Scott Schrader – Accounting Clerk**
- 2016-13 Jennifer B. Schulze – Administrative Secretary**
- 2016-14 Renee Dronebarger –Administrative Assistant**
- 2016-15 Lorraine Clune – Zoning Officer Shared Service Barnegat – Secretary, Planning Board, Code Enforcement Officer**
- 2016-16 Martin Tellecamp – Plumbing Subcode, Alternate Fire Subcode – Shared Service with Barnegat - GIS Specialist**
- 2016-17 Elizabeth Copio – Police Records Clerk**
- 2016-18 Mariann Siciliano –Police Department, Administrative Secretary**
- 2016-19 Police Telecommunicators appointments**
- 2016-20 Matt Ambrosio – Certified Public Works Manager, Certified Recycling Coordinator, Clean Communities and Storm Water Management Coordinator**
- 2016-21 Daniel Kehoe – Community Forestry Manager**
- 2016-22 Department of Public Works appointments**
- 2016-23 Custodians: Part-Time - David and Linda White**
- 2016-24 Raymond Hall – Part-Time -Field Inspector - Tax Assessor’s Office**
- 2016-25 Debra Wight – Court Administrator, Steven Millette – Deputy Court Administrator, Mariann Carricarte – Court Recorder, Joanne Gelateo – fill in Court Recorder**
- 2016-26 Lydia Dodd – Part Time Secretary Construction & Zoning Office, Special Events Committee Recording Secretary**
- 2016-27 Stephaine R. Foberg – Construction Technical Assistant, Secretary, Board of Adjustment**
- 2016-28 U.G. Nichols – Part Time Electrical Subcode**
- 2016-29 School Crossing Guard – Warren R. Schmidt, Assistant Crossing Guard – Walter Mankowski**
- 2016-30 Township Administrator – Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC CMR**
- 2016-31 Shirley Balance – Part-Time Secretary**
- 2016-32 Martin Lynch – COAH Officer, Laurie Clune, COAH Officer and Township Housing Liaison**
- 2016-33 Diane Ambrosio Fund Commissioner - and Sandra Pirozzi as Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Ocean County JIF**
- 2016-34 Appointing Recreation part-time temporary employees for 2016**

2016-35 Appointing a fill-in Plumbing and Electrical Subcode for the Township of Ocean for the year 2016

2016-36 Appointing Class II Special Police Officer for the year 2016, Kevin McKnight, Matthew Cook, Ernest Thomason

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2016-37to 2016-38 setting salaries for 2016

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2016-39 to 2016-41 Appointing members of the Township Committee as Chairman of certain departments and Liaison to various Board, Committees and Commissions

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2016-42 to 2016-49 Appointing various Members to Board, Commissions and Committees. Planning Board, Board of Adjustments; Recreation Board, Environmental Commission, Board of Health, Special Events, Municipal Alliance and Senior Advisory

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2016-50 Appointing official newspapers and setting forth the meeting dates and time (6:30 pm) of the Township Committee for the year 2016.

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2016-51 to 2016-67 Setting forth various financial accounts of the Township, naming the banking institutions and approving procurement cards, electronic transfer of funds, petty cash, state contracts, Ocean County Cooperative, House Vendor Accounts

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-68 Fixing the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent taxes in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-67.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-69 Relative to Tax Receivership, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-123.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-70 N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-17 allows for the cancellation of property tax refunds or delinquent amounts in the amounts of less than \$10.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-71 Authorizing of hiring of employees when in time of need and/or emergency

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-72 Authorizing the issuance of checks for contractual obligations, postage, insurance, county taxes and utilities and other mandatory expenses to insure prompt payment to avoid interest, etc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-73 Appointing Dr. John Kulin, Occupational Medicine South as the Township Physician.

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2016-74 Resolution establishing rules and regulations for meetings of the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2016-75 Resolution authorizing the use of the Barnegat Township Transportation Services to the Township of Ocean

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-76 Authorizing the Township Tax Assessor or the Township Attorney as agent in filing petitions of appeal/Complaints to the Ocean County Tax Board

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-77 Authorizing as Assistant Zoning Officer for Calendar year 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-78 Resolution authorizing the appointment of Municipal Judge–Philip M. Miller

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-79 Resolution appointing Sandra Pirozzi and Diane B. Ambrosio as Right to Know Officers for the year 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-80 Resolution authorizing Policies and Procedures for areas of Right to Know and JIF Insurance

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-81 Resolution authorizing and approving a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey for Tax/Utility Collector Services for five years

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-82 – Resolution authorizing and signing the Grant Agreement between the Township of Ocean and State of New Jersey by and for the Department of Environmental Protection for the No Net Loss Reforestation Grant

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-83 through 2016-104 – authorizing signatures on all TD Bank Accounts

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Resolutions 2016-2 through 2016-104

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

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

ORDINANCE 2016-1 – First Reading Title Only

An Ordinance amending Chapter 400-20 of the Township of Ocean Code with respect to water and sewer billing policies and practices.

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

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:

Mayor Dennis Tredy

Mayor Tredy welcomed and wished everyone a happy and healthy 2016. The year 2015 goes into the record books. Much was accomplished during the past year. The year 2016 will become a new challenge. Last year the Township had the misfortune of losing Committeeman Joseph Lachawiec, a good and honorable man. Today, the oath of office was taken by Daniel Collamer, who Mayor Tredy is confident will be a great asset to the Township and to the team. Committeeman Collamer has the unique qualities that are so necessary to be effective as a member of the Governing Body. Dan, welcome aboard.

Mayor Tredy discussed he is confident that Deputy Mayor Wetter, Committeeman Collamer and Mayor Tredy will meet the challenges ahead and be very successful. Deputy Mayor Wetter and Mayor Tredy have worked together for the past six years. Mayor Tredy looks forward to working with Committeeman Collamer. The Committee works daily on everyday issues of business management, personnel and resident issues, such as trash pickup, recycling, leaf collection, snow plowing, road maintenance, cleaning parks and recreation areas and providing clean, drinkable water.

The Township of Ocean is a very small town with so many activities for the residents that help bring us together, teaching us all how important it is to take care of one another. There are many activities offered to our youth through Township sponsored after-school activities. Some activities are recreation programs, Junior Police Academy and the Township's popular Haunted Hayride, attended by thousands. The Township also sponsors dance parties, Trunk or Treat during the Halloween season and National Night Out to keep children safe. The Township also has many senior activities, including trips and excursions to Long Beach Island, Philadelphia and New York City. Let's not forget Founder's Day and the annual Christmas Tree lighting party. There are so many community events. Each year these events are a greater success than the year before. Each year the Township does more and more while keeping control of the expenses and keeping taxes stable.

Every town has an affordable housing obligation. A huge step in meeting our obligation for affordable housing has been met with the construction of the Willows, a 76 unit senior affordable housing project located just behind Shop Rite.

Mayor Tredy is most proud of the Township of Ocean receiving the 2015 Leadership Award for Sustainable Jersey. There are over 400 New Jersey towns that were considered for this award, yet Waretown was recognized as the number one town in New Jersey. The Township would not have received this award without the hard work and dedication of the Township's employees. This award recognizes the Township of Ocean for improving our community's overall resilience and commitment to a greener future.

The Township of Ocean, like any other town, relies on its first responders, Police, Fire Dept., First Aid and C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team). The Police Department is always concerned about its residents. Most recently, the Police Department has provided a safe zone area, which is a protected meeting place in front of the Police Department for people to do online sales exchanges. This innovative program will spread throughout Ocean County and New Jersey.

The Waretown First Aid has expanded their auxiliary to include Junior Cadets. The First Aid now has about a dozen children learning the importance of being a volunteer. The Waretown Volunteer Fire Company is always there when you need them. They are developing a Junior Fire Academy program, guided by the new Fire Chief, Brent Cunningham. C.E.R.T. members are always honing their skills in the event of another major disaster.

Mayor Tredy thanked everyone for being here to show their support for the Township Committee and wished everyone a very happy new year. Thank you and God Bless America.

Deputy Mayor Tina Wetter

Deputy Mayor Wetter thanked everyone for coming today and wished Mayor Tredy good luck and a productive and successful 2016.

Committeeman Collamer is a very fair, honest man and will be an asset to the Township Committee. Deputy Mayor Wetter welcomed Committeeman Collamer to the Township Committee. Thank you.

Committeeman Daniel Collamer

Committeeman Collamer discussed it is an honor and privilege to be chosen to serve on the Committee. Due to the unfortunate passing of Committeeman Lachawiec, Committeeman Collamer had the opportunity to step in early to help out. It is a pleasure being surrounded by dedicated people, from the

Township Committee to the Township employees. Committeeman Collamer is looking forward to the New Year and working in cooperation with everybody.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

Joan Tredy, 131 Englewood Avenue, discussed being so proud to say she lives in Waretown, New Jersey. Happy New Year and congratulations to Mayor Tredy, Deputy Mayor Wetter and Committeeman Collamer, on taking your oath of office today. The Township of Ocean is truly lucky to have you as the town leaders. It is easy to understand why the Township received the Sustainable New Jersey leadership award from the state of New Jersey. The Township Committee is always improving the community, keeping the taxes affordable and encouraging volunteerism, with such people as Ralph Avellino and Bill Rott, who represent more than 50 or 60 years of volunteerism. They are a great inspiration. Mrs. Tredy discussed volunteering herself. Mr. Rott did such a beautiful job rehabilitating the cemetery.

Bringing the community together, almost as a family, seems to be the dedicated job of the Township Committee for the last 5 or 6 years. The Township lost Committeeman Joseph Lachwicz in November. It has been over 50 years since the Township of Ocean has lost a Committeeman while in office. Mayor Joe, as so many people called him, sincerely loved this town and its people and had the best interest of this town in his heart.

Mrs. Tredy complimented the Township Committee for making her proud to live in Waretown. Waretown is the best town in the United States to live in. Thank you and God Bless America.

Motion to close public comment was moved by Committeeman Collamer, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

Next Scheduled Meeting – January 14, 2016 at 6:30 PM

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting was moved by Committeeman Collamer, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date