

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN BUSINESS MEETING August 11, 2016

Call to Order

ROLL CALL: COLLAMER X WETTER X TREDY Absent

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

Presentation

Exalted Ruler Lacey Elks: Robert Stolte – Donation to Police Department

Mr. Stolte discussed the Lacey Elks is a charitable fraternal organization that uses donations to support our troops, veterans, special children programs, youth programs and civic duties. The Lacey Elks members come from Lacey and Waretown. Mr. Stolte lives in Waretown. A year ago the Lacey Police Department received an AED defibrillator. Mr. Stolte inquired with Lt. Thompson and Lt. Murphy what the Lacey Elks could donate to the Ocean Township Police Department as a civic donation. The Ocean Township Police Department had submitted a grant, which the state did not approve. Mr. Stolte brought the paperwork to the Lacey Elks, who overwhelmingly accepted the purchase of a Panasonic Toughbook Laptop.

Lt. Thompson accepted the laptop and discussed an officer can do anything in the car on this laptop that can be done sitting at the desk at headquarters, which makes working more effective and efficient. Everything is on the laptop, including Standard Operating Procedures. It can cut down on traffic, with respect to communications with dispatch. Some communications with dispatch can now be done on the laptop, which frees up dispatch answering calls. It's an unbelievable modern day convenience that is much appreciated. Everything in the police vehicle is centrally located on the laptop, including cameras and the automatic license plate reader.

Resolution 2016 – 318

Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, in Support of its Police Officers and recognition of the efforts of Ocean Township Police Department and all Police Departments throughout the Nation.

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

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Committee Reports

Deputy Mayor – Tina Wetter

Police Department – Accreditation

At the last meeting of the Township Committee, the Rodger's Group was appointed to assist in working with the Police Department in moving forward to have the Department accredited. Accreditation is a time-proven way of helping law enforcement agencies calculate and improve their overall performances. The foundation of Accreditation lies in the adoption of standards containing a clear statement of professional objective.

A meeting took place this week to start the process. The meeting was informative and discussed how the process will move forward. Everyone in attendance was enthusiastic to have the process move forward.

The Township will be receiving a grant from the Ocean County Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) for approximately half of the cost. The cost is approximately \$40,000, which the Township will receive approximately \$20,000 from the JIF grant.

Dispatcher – Resolution 2016-335

A dispatcher was hired to replace a dispatcher who resigned from the position. Mr. Sean Rickett is a part-time employee. Mr. Rickett receives no benefits and is paid for hours worked.

The Township of Ocean works with the Ocean County Vocational School, which hosts a shadow program in our dispatch department. Each student spends a week shadowing in the department. Mr. Rickett was one of the students who utilized the program.

Court - Resolution 2016-336

The Court Administrator retired on June 30, 2016 and Mr. Steve Millette was appointed to Court Administrator at the last meeting. Interviews were held for Deputy Court Administrator. After consideration by the Ocean County Municipal Court Division and the approval of Judge Ford, Ms. Alexandra Pepe will be filling the full-time position starting on Monday.

Water Restrictions

Deputy Mayor Wetter would like to start the conversation of the possibility of implementing water restrictions, if not this year, definitely in 2017. There are several towns that have moved to water restrictions to assist in an effort to conserve water. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is saying the lack of deep drought does not mean residents should feel comfortable treating water as if it springs from an endless well. Even with the current, comfortable water levels, mother nature can reverse course.

Committeeman Collamer agreed and discussed water conservation is something the Township needs to look into.

Committeeman – Dan Collamer

Bond Ordinance 2016-9

This bond ordinance is to finish the work at the water treatment plants. This project includes new flow meters and valve actuators and a new chlorine contact tank. The water treatment plants, as well as other areas of the water/sewer system in the Township, are aging and need updating.

NJEIT Project 2016

The project for drainage and water/sewer upgrades in Pebble Beach is scheduled to start in September 2016. The utility test pits are being done at this time in preparation for the project.

Property Liens to Abate Violations

Resolutions 2016-331, 2016-332, 2016-333, 2016-334 are liens placed on properties that the Township abated. It allows the Township to collect fees for work done on private properties to bring them into compliance with grass cutting ordinances and other maintenance.

Recreation/Municipal Alliance

The Summer Camp ended today and was a success. On any given day, there were 32–62 children in attendance.

Scheduled bus trips are filling up. Ellis Island Trip is sold out. Jets Football is sold out. Resorts (was at Taj Mahal) is sold out. Bronx Zoo last day to sign up is tomorrow. New Trip – NYC Holiday Lights Tour – December 9, 2016.

Discussion - Electronics

The Township has been having trouble disposing of electronic waste at a cost that is affordable. The costs are rising to pick up electronics from homeowners and have a company come pick up the container. At one time the company did it for free. Now there is nothing to recycle in the TV's and the company is now charging a minimum of \$1,400 per month to pick up. At times it is difficult to even get this company to come out and pick up the container.

We have searched for other companies and at this time there are no other companies willing to pick up the electronics from municipalities.

The Ocean County Recycling Center in Manahawkin will accept all electronics from Ocean County residents only, for free at this time.

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Robert Lange, 2 Shore Drive, discussed living in Waretown for 31 years, runs Holiday Harbor Marina, has built a few houses and feels an obligation to help older people and younger children. Mr. Lange discussed the Affordable Housing ordinance and the mandatory development fee for fair housing obligation. It should be the Township's problem to pay for the fair housing that was not paid for over the last 50 years. The ordinance also states, "the next exclusionary development, a residential development in which a substantial percentage". All of these things are about development.

Mr. Lange is now building a couple of houses for young people. The house was existing and is being knocked down. The impact is already here. The house is already included in the town. Now the people have to come up with the 1% and have to pay when they get the building permit and certificate of occupancy. It is another burden to the young and older people. People in the middle can usually afford it. It affects the people on the high and low end. It should be included in the quotas. If someone's house is knocked down, and a new one is built for \$110,000, that should fall into it.

Mr. Lange just knocked half a house down across from the cemetery and built two bedrooms for the kids to live in. The resident is pregnant and grew up here. Mr. Lange is charging this resident \$130,000 for the house and the lot. The resident has to come up with another percentage and they just do not have the money. Mr. Lange sold them the house for only \$130,000 and can only give them so much.

Mr. Lange bought another short sale and is building for another young couple who grew up here. They work in town, live in town and have a business. Now the house is down and zoning says a development fee has to be paid. It's not a development. It is one house that was already there.

When Mr. Lange's own house was knocked down, Dan Van Pelt said the ordinance would be changed. Mr. Lange was only going to be charged the difference of the old value of the old house and the new value of the new house. Mr. Lange paid the money, even though he did not think it was fair. Dan Van Pelt assured Mr. Lange, Ray Ridsen and a few other local guys that it was only going to be for developments of three houses or more, minor or major subdivisions. Two or less was going to be exempt.

If a new business wants to come to town, the Township will charge them \$20,000-\$30,000. Mr. Lange pays almost \$80,000 a year in taxes, no children in the school system, collects his own garbage, donates to the Volunteer Fire Company and First Aid, donates time on the school board and donated time on Board of Adjustment for three years. This has been going on since 2003. That's 13 years of penalizing a few people.

Township Attorney McGuckin discussed the Township Committee will take a look at the ordinance and see if there is something that can be done.

Deputy Mayor Wetter discussed Mr. Lange does do so much for the community from the heart.

Mr. Lange discussed now that Greenbriar is complete, there are no more big developments. There are a lot of little houses in Sands Point and Skipper's Cove. Mr. Lange discussed working them into the

affordable housing. Some residents are living on \$800-\$900 Social Security. If those homes are knocked down to make the neighborhood nicer, an extra fee is charged.

Committeeman Collamer inquired about the qualification of those homes and what is the cut off.

Township Attorney McGuckin discussed if it is built before 1984, it does not count. If an older house is rebuilt or a new house is built, that would make sense. However, the requirements of affordable housing is it has to be deed restricted, but the house cannot be sold for fair market value. In the future, the house would have to be sold for affordable housing purposes for a period of 20 years.

Eileen Doyle, 243 11th Street, enjoyed the National Night Out event, but was a little disappointed that Police baseball cards were not given out.

Mr. Lange discussed the baseball cards were great. Young kids can become familiar with the officers.

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

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2016 was moved by Committeeman Collamer, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Resolution 2016-319 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$2,911,343.26

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

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Ordinance 2016-9 Second Reading – Public Hearing

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2014-11, ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 11, 2014, BY THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, WHICH BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR VARIOUS WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SPECIFIED THEREIN.

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

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

John Petrosilli, 11 Vessel Road, discussed this ordinance went three times over what the first cost was bonded for and inquired if this ordinance includes piping and other parts.

Township Administrator Ambrosio discussed yes, this ordinance includes piping and the water treatment plants. It did not go over the amount of money. The Township is amending the 2014 ordinance, as the capital information was not included and the Township cannot take the money from the capital budget. This money is coming from the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust (NJEIT).

Mr. Petrosilli inquired if the Township is taking money from the water/sewer taxes to pay back the bond.

Township Administrator Ambrosio discussed, correct.

Committeeman Collamer discussed, yes, to service the bond.

Mr. Petrosilli inquired if it will take 32 years to pay back the bond.

Township Administrator Ambrosio discussed it is for the useful life of the bond. Usually, when the Township receives the NJEIT funds, the bond is paid back.

Mrs. Doyle inquired if the Township knew this bond was going to be close to \$1 million but did not tell anyone.

Township Administrator Ambrosio discussed this information was written in all previous NJEIT documents, but was not bonded properly.

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

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-9 was moved by Committeeman Collamer, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

Roll Call: Collamer: 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.

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| 2016-320 | Resolution authorizing the release of Performance Guarantee for Greenbriar Oceanaire – Section 8 |
| 2016-321 | Resolution authorizing the release of escrow money Block 54, Lot 20.03 in the amount of \$911.58 |

- 2016-322 Resolution authorizing the release of escrow money Block 53.03, Lot 1 in the amount of \$3,455.08
- 2016-323 Resolution authorizing the release of escrow money Block 119, Lot 15 in the amount of \$655.00
- 2016-324 Resolution authorizing the release of escrow money Block 87, Lot 39 in the amount of \$552.06
- 2016-325 Resolution authorizing the release of escrow money Block 272, Lot 401 in the amount of \$103.08
- 2016-326 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Supporting A-1178/S-925
- 2016-327 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County Ocean, State of New Jersey, supporting the siting of the New KC-46A Aircraft at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and urging the Department of the Air Force Capabilities of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in its selection
- 2016-328 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, Canceling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to NJSA 54:4-3.32 tax refund due to Gary Schlossareck is totally disabled veteran for 2016
- 2016-329 Resolution authorizing the Tax Office to refund a check to US Bank, Block 259, Lot 9, in the amount of \$874.36
- 2016-330 Resolution authorizing the Tax Office to refund a check to US Bank, Block 93, Lot 7, in the amount of \$1,075.86
- 2016-331 Resolution placing a lien on 306 Fifth Street in the amount of \$634.16 for failure to abate violations
- 2016-332 Resolution placing a lien on 10 Point Road in the amount of \$442.08 for failure to abate violations
- 2016-333 Resolution placing a lien on 8 Point Road in the amount of \$442.08 for failure to abate violations
- 2016-334 Resolution placing a lien on 20 Nautilus in the amount of \$634.16 for failure to abate violations
- 2016-335 Resolution authorizing the hiring of Sean Rickett as a part-time dispatcher
- 2016-336 Resolution authorizing the hiring of Alexander Pepe as full-time Deputy Court Administrator
- 2016-337 Resolution authorizing the Tax Office to refund a check to US Bank, Block 113, Lot 13, in the amount of \$1,234.38
- 2016-338 Resolution appoint a Township Safety Coordinator and Alternate Safety Coordinator for the Township of Ocean
- 2016-339 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR EVALUATING MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER ABSTRACTS INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
- 2016-340 Resolution authorizing an amendment to per unit charge for solid waste collection for the period of July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016
- 2016-341 Resolution rejecting the sole bid received for the Township's Barrier Free Access Improvements for the Municipal Complex
- 2016-342 Resolution authorizing additional services to T & M Associates for the Township's Emergency Generator Installation Project

Motion to approve Resolutions 2016-320 through 2016-342 was moved by

Committeeman Collamer, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Motion to approve the below listed dates in 2016 for the use of the Community Center and Waretown Memorial Recreation Park:

1. Derek and Angie Horvath – August 27, 2016
2. Barnegat Bay Assembly of God – August 28, 2016
3. Girl Scout Troop 225 – July 22, 2016

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

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Motion to approve Social Affairs Permit for Rotary Club of Barnegat New Jersey Charitable Foundation golf outing at Greenbriar Oceanaire on October was moved by

Committeeman Collamer, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Motion to approve Petition to extend licensed premises for the Lighthouse Tavern to have Tailgate party on September 11, 2016 with a rain date of September 18, 2016 was moved by

Committeeman Collamer, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Motion to approve Peddler/Solicitors Permits:

- Brian Christian – Power Home Remodeling
- David Alfaro – Power Home Remodeling
- Richard A. Cerpa – Power Home Remodeling
- Kellen McCaughey – Power Home Remodeling
- Sean Buzzi – Power Home Remodeling
- Shane DelReno – Home Repair presented by Warrant Thompson & Sons
- William J. Loof – Home Repair presented by Warrant Thompson & Sons

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

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Next Scheduled Meeting - September 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm

Adjournment

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

Roll Call: Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date