

# MEETING MINUTES

## TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN BUSINESS MEETING December 19, 2017

### Call to Order

ROLL CALL: LOPARO     X          COLLAMER     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

Mayor Wetter discussed tonight the Township is hiring a Police Chief, Michal Rolaglski. In September of this year the Township Committee passed an ordinance creating a fair and open process for the position of Police Chief. The Township Committee enlisted the assistance of the New Jersey Chiefs Association to create a procedure and criteria to be utilized in appointing a Chief of Police.

The assistance from the New Jersey Chiefs Association was a great asset to the process. The process was created and approved by a Township ordinance. There was a two-step process that included an interview/test by the New Jersey Chiefs association and an interview/test by the Township Committee. This procedure was taken very seriously by all who were involved. After the information was gathered, the Township Committee came to a unanimous decision. Tonight the Township will approve Michal Rogalski to lead the Township of Ocean Police Department.

Michal Rogalski started his career as a special officer in February 2005. He worked his way up to full-time patrol officer that same year. In 2010 he was transferred from the Patrol Division to the Detective Bureau. In 2012 he was promoted to Sargent and began supervising the patrol squads. In 2015 he was reassigned to the Detective Bureau as a Detective Sargent. Since that time, he has achieved many honors. In 2012 he received the award for Officer of the Year. In 2016 he received the first Chief William T. Sneddon Supervisor of the Year award. This award is voted on by all Department members. During his interview, he listed this item as one of his greatest achievements to be honored by the people you work with side by side. Sargent Rogalski currently teaches Homeland Security courses at Ocean County College and instructs Police Recruits in the Ocean County Police Academy, Ocean County Prosecutors Office Instructor Law Enforcement Advance Detective School as well as instructs Law Enforcement Professionals at the West Point Command and Leadership Academy.

Michal Rogalski has always made time for the Township residents and children. He volunteers his time as part of the Big Brother/Big Sister and the Lunch Meet Program to have lunch with a student in the school district. He is a cofounder of the Junior Police Academy along with other members of the Police Department. The program was created for children of the Township to experience and learn what it

entails to be a Police Officer for one full week during the summer. He also created the safe exchange zone and the Grinch escorting Santa at this time of year. Mike has been an asset and will continue to be an asset to the Township of Ocean as Chief of Police. He is highly motivated and dedicated to this Department and the Township, committed to preventing crime and working with the Township Committee and all the residents. These are just a few of his accolades. Now let's get down to business.

**Resolution 2017-339**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAL J. ROGALSKI TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE OCEAN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Ocean County Sheriff Michael Mastronardy discussed it is a pleasure to be here tonight and can ensure the commitment of Chief Rogalski. He has worked with the Academy, myself and Undersheriff Bergquist, who could not make it tonight. All of us are going to help and mentor you. We will make sure your organization is safe and the community is safe here in Ocean Township. Welcome aboard.

**OATH OF OFFICE administered to Chief of Police.**

Michal J. Rogalski is sworn in by Sheriff Mastronardy.

Chief Rogalski discussed he is honored to stand before you as Chief of Police of the Township of Ocean. I am so very fortunate to have the opportunity this evening to share this very special occasion with my family, friends and fellow members of law enforcement. Chief Rogalski thanked the Township Committee and Administrator for this opportunity to lead this great department. You have expressed your confidence in me and spelled out exactly what your expectations are. I will, to the fullest of my ability, exceed those expectations for you, the community and for the men and women of this Police Department.

Chief Rogalski thanked his wife, Jennifer and his two sons Michael and Mason. Michael has supported me without question. He has always been there to help me no matter how crazy my ideas have been. Just last week in 24 degree weather, Michael dressed up as the Grinch. Thank you for becoming the thoughtful and respectful young man and a great son.

Thank you, Mason, for keeping me grounded. I came home pretty excited for being considered for a promotion, Mason asked, are you going to be the Chief. I said yes, Mason. Mason asked, is that like being the boss. Kind of. Mason said well Mom is still the Chief in the house.

Jennifer, my wife, is my rock, my foundation, my direction and my motivation. Without you I would not be standing here. I love you. For the last 16 years you have supported me in this profession during some of the most challenging times, with the most challenging schedules, nights, weekends, holidays, Jr. Police Academy, Grinch visits and late night investigations. When I went back to college for my graduate degree the same month Mason was born, you supported me regardless. No matter what, you always reinforced your commitment to me and for that I thank you so very much.

I immensely appreciate the opportunity that is being afforded to me by the Township Committee to serve as Chief of the Ocean Township Police Department. I am fully committed to giving everything I have for this department, the men and women that I will work with and the residents of the Township. I fully recognize that the position of Police Chief incorporates so much more than simply acting as an agency head. With this position comes a great deal of responsibility to the agency and to the community. The most important asset and component are the people you have working with you.

I have worked with many of the officers here tonight throughout my career in different capacities. Not only are these officers trained, skilled and very capable in their responsibilities, but they understand the most basic principles of law enforcement. These principles have been around since the beginning of policing since 1829 with the inventor of modern policing Sir Robert Peel. Most of the principles can be summed up in one principle, Police at all times should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the Police are the public and the public are the Police. The Police being only members of the public, who are to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence. These nine principles and the one I just quoted eventually transformed into the simplified role of what is expected of law enforcement, to simply protect and serve.

It is the Police relationship with the community, the businesses, the schools, the religious institutions and the entire fabric of the Township of Ocean will remain our top concern. To the men and women of the Ocean Township Police Department, it is an honor and a privilege to stand and serve with you and to comprise the thin blue line to protect and serve this community. My commitment to you is this, as we continue to serve this community, do what is right. If you do what is right, I will be there to support you at all costs. Give it your best, and together we will make this Police Department and this community better. I will always be there to support you whenever you give it your best. I will be there to encourage you whenever you give it your best, even if your best was not good enough for that day.

More than anything else, I will always care for you and your family. When I make decisions, I will always think of your family, just as I think of my own. As the Ocean Township Police Department progresses forward, we will remain committed to three things, we will protect, we will continue to be vigilant and proactive in arresting those who break the law, especially those who victimize others and we will serve and show compassion and empathy to individuals who are in need and have called us for help or assistance. We will either provide the assistance or get them the help they need. We will improve. We will continue to strive for new ways to improve on how we can serve the needs of this great community.

While the Police Chief sets the mission statement for the agency, it is the men and women that work for the agency that set the standard. Today, we raised that standard. I challenge and expect you to set that standard for me at the highest level. I expect you to set that standard high for those around you. Always remember, as an Ocean Township Police Officer, we will always live with honor and serve with pride. Thank you so much for being here.

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## **Presentations**

### **Holiday House Decorating Prizes**

Deputy Mayor Collamer announced the Holiday House Decorating Contest winners. Prizes are awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place and four honorable mentions. The honorable mentions are Spaulding 76 Pat Road, Pallotta 87 Railroad Avenue, Bonfonti 120 Main Street and De Nofa 8 Spruce Street. 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize is 20 Pennsylvania Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is 21 Spruce Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is 52 Johnson Street.

### **Presentation of Plaque to Mayor Tina Wetter**

Committeeman Ben LoParo discussed the community and Township Committee would like to acknowledge Mayor Wetter for 7 years of service with this plaque that states, in recognition and sincere appreciation for your seven years of service, dedication and outstanding leadership to the Township of Ocean and its residents.

Committeeman LoParo thanked Mayor Wetter for her service.

Deputy Mayor Collamer thanked Mayor Wetter.

Mayor Wetter discussed it is not seven years. It is a few months short of eight years. It was a great eight years. Mayor Wetter discussed she really enjoyed herself and had a lot of fun. Thank you all. Ken Baulderstone will be taking Mayor Wetter's place in January.

## **PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Ye

Ken Baulderstone, 22 Bradley Beach Way, thanked Mayor Wetter for her almost eight years of service. She has been a fantastic contribution to the Township.

Shawn Denning, 92 Morey Place Road, thanked Mayor Wetter for her service and best of luck in your future endeavors. The Township is better having you served. Thank you to the Township Committee for your outstanding selection process in selecting the best candidate in the Police Department. The Township should be proud.

John Petrosilli, Vessel Way, wished the Township Committee a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Good job, Mayor Wetter, for the last seven years, eight months and nine days.

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

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

**Motion to approve** the meeting minutes of November 9, 2017 was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.  
Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

**Resolution 2017-340 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$1,837,053.06**

Motion to approve Resolution 2017-340 was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.  
Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-15**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 280 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO PROVIDE A NEW SECTION ENTITLED “REGULATION, CARE, MAINTENANCE, SECURITY AND UPKEEP OF VACANT AND ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES”**

**Motion to open Public Hearing** was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.  
Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

No comment from the public.

**Motion to close Public Hearing** was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.  
Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2017-15** was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.  
Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, 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.**

2017-341 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey approving and accepting federal funds and participation in the Federal Grant Program administered by the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety in the amount of \$1,760.00 for the Cops in Shops program

- 2017-342 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey authorizing release of escrow money held for traffic control in the name of Municipal Maintenance Company in the amount of \$7,018.75
- 2017-343 Resolution approving temporary part-time Department of Public Works employee Robert Coates on an as needed basis at \$12.00 per hour for hours worked
- 2017-344 Resolution authorizing disposal of surplus property of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey to be sold on GovDeals – Nortel Phone System
- 2017-345 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of ocean, State of New Jersey canceling taxes and authorizing a refund pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32 to Block 241.05 Lot 20 and he is a totally disabled veteran in the amount of \$3,253.30
- 2017-346 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing release of Escrow money held in the name of Rosemary Jenkins-Varela and Frank Varela in the amount of \$28.25
- 2017-347 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey regarding Governor's Council of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the 2018/2019 Grant in the amount of \$16,339.50
- 2017-348 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Execution of Shared Service Agreement with the County of Ocean Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 ET. SEC., for Prosecutors Program Fatal Accident Support Team
- 2017-349 Resolution authorizing the release of escrow money held for traffic control in the name of Henkels & McCoy Inc. in the amount of \$572.13
- 2017-350 Resolution authorizing Jason Ambrogio has passed his New Jersey Commercial Driver's License and will be move to the Job Title Truck Driver/Road Worker starting December 20, 2017
- 2017-351 Resolution authorizing a partial release of performance guarantee, MSC Enterprises, LLC Morey Place Road Subdivision
- 2017-352 Resolution authorizing project closeout for Poplar Street Pump Improvements
- 2017-353 Resolution authorizing appropriation transfers in the amount of \$25,500.00

**Motion to approve Resolutions 2017-341 through 2017-353** was moved by

Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

**Motion to Approve: Waretown Fire Company Social Affair Permit for fundraiser March 3, 2017 – “Comedy Night”** was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by

Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

**Motion to Approve: Towing Licenses for the year 2018**

1. Accurate Towing
2. Jersey Shore Towing & Recovery, LLC
3. South Shore Towing, Inc.

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

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

**Motion to Approve: David W. Beir, Jones Road, Waretown NJ annual Open Air Junk Yard or Salvage Yard Application** was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by

Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

**Motion to approve the below listed dates in 2017 & 2018 for the use of the Community Center, Waretown Memorial Recreation Park, Toumey Park and ballfield:**

**2017**

Warren Sutton – December 30, 2017

**2018**

Tinkergarten – January 16 – March 10, 2018

Debra Foley – February 24, 2018

Alice Bishoff – February 25, 2018

Holly Auxilary of the SOMC Foundation – **4<sup>th</sup> Wed each month**

WAA Baseball – **2<sup>nd</sup> Tues each month**

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

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Township Attorney McGuckin congratulated Mayor Wetter and discussed he has served with the Township of Ocean Governing Body since 1998. It has been a true pleasure and honor to serve with you and wish you the best of luck. You always did your best to take care of the Township and did what you believed was the most appropriate thing to do. I will miss you.

**Next Scheduled Meeting**  
January 1, 2017 at 1:00 pm

**Adjournment**

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

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

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Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Date