

MEETING MINUTES

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
COUNTY OF OCEAN
BUSINESS MEETING
November 9, 2017
7:00 pm**

Call to Order

ROLL CALL: LoParo X Collamer X Wetter X

Flag Salute

Moment of Silence to honor Veterans that have served in the United States Armed Forces.

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

Resolution 2017- 329 authorizes a Shared Service Agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office for the Ocean County Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force. The purpose is for combating the growing gang element and enforcing the firearm and anti-drug laws of the State of New Jersey.

Resolution 2017- 330 authorizes the inclusion of grant money in the amount of \$71,464.74 from the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management for the approved generator replacement for the Municipal Complex into the budget.

Resolution 2017-307 authorizes the submission for the 2018 “Cops in Shops” program. The Township Police Department has been able to secure funding for this program through the State of New Jersey. This is to assist in deterring illegal underage drinking.

The Moon Walk was held on November 4, 2017. Children wore their Halloween costumes for candy and treats. The rail trail was lit by small electric candles. Thank you to all who came out to make it a great event. Thank you to the Ocean Township Police Department and all the volunteers and organizations who made this a great event - Waretown Volunteer Fire Department, Waretown Volunteer First Aid, Municipal Alliance, Ocean County Sherriff’s K-9 Officers and the Ocean County Sherriff’s Explorers Post #1.

Deputy Mayor – Dan Collamer

Ordinance 2017-14, 2nd Reading, Final Approval. Right of Way. The Township is having a public hearing on this ordinance that has determined that Evergreen Way a/k/a (Maple Street), which apparently was established by way of an unfiled minor sub-division map at some point in the past, which was never accepted, opened or improved by the Municipality. An application was received and the Planning Board gave preliminary approval for “Waretown Harbor”, which included six (6) single family residential homes and a twenty-nine (29) slip marina. A condition of the Planning Board approval was the vacation of Evergreen Way.

Construction & Zoning Office. Ordinance 2017-15. Vacant Land Registration. A notice is sent to the Clerk on foreclosed properties. The property owner (bank) will have to pay to register the property. The owner must register within 30 days. The initial fee will be \$750.00, first renewal will be \$2,000.00, second renewal will be \$3,000.00 and Subsequent Renewal fees will be \$5,000.00. The registration is good from January 1st to December 31st each year. The focus of this ordinance is to persuade the financial institutions to get the properties sold and reoccupied so they don't become an eyesore. This will also assist Code Enforcement in having the information when a property is in violation of the property maintenance code. The second reading public hearing will be at the meeting of December 14, 2017.

Resolution 2017-326 authorizes the date of the Wine Festival at Waretown Lake and Recreation Area for 2018. Please mark on your calendars April 28 and 29, 2018.

Bus Stop Route 9. A resident has requested to NJ Transit to add a bus stop on Route 9 by Kristy's Casual Dining. The Township Committee is approving the bus stops. One will be Northbound the other will be Southbound.

Drive thru Dunkin Donuts. The preconstruction meeting was held today regarding the new building, which is going to be constructed at the Town Center. The building will have a drive thru Dunkin Donuts but the remaining section of the building is not rented at this time. A fit-out will be done. The tenant will be determined down the road.

The Township has applied for a Federal Wildfire Preparedness Grant over the last couple of months. It was an effort between a resident, who is a retired state Fire Warden, the Police Department in the capacity of Emergency Management and other personnel in the Township. The Township was successful in being the first community east of the Mississippi River to be awarded this grant.

Committeeman – Ben LoParo

Resolution 2017-333 authorizes the hiring of meter readers. These are part-time positions with no benefits. The meter readers are utilized four (4) times per year.

The Poplar Street Pump Station Rehabilitation is 90% complete.

19th Annual Haunted Hayride. The Township would like to thank all the participants as well as the volunteers who make this event a great success. The Special Events Committee and the Waretown Volunteer Fire Company work hard. The Township received over 4,000 people in two nights.

The Township is proud to announce there will be a Fireworks display at next year's Founder's Day event May 26, 2018.

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

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

Stephanie Boyd, 37 Letts Landing Road, inquired when the Poplar Street drains will be removed. Superintendent Ambrosio said it was going to be done. At the June Business Meeting, Mrs. Boyd was told it was going to be done as well. Bob Lange owns the property behind 37 Letts Landing and water is still being drained to that property. The water issue with the drainage has been fixed and resolved on Mrs. Boyd's property but is still dumping water directly behind her house and there is nowhere for it to drain. It is constant water. The water does come up to our backyard which is raised. There are three (3) drains from across the street going on to Bob Lange's property.

There was flooding and standing water for weeks. It killed three pine trees. Mrs. Boyd has an estimate from a local tree company in town. There are other trees that are dead. Trees standing in water for several weeks will kill any pine tree. Mrs. Boyd believes, it is the responsibility of the Township who installed the drains on her property, to take down the three trees.

Mrs. Boyd discussed in the past, when the Township has done something to her property, the Township has fixed the problem. For example, when the Township tractor destroyed her grass picking up trees and brush on her side lot, the Township came out and fixed the situation.

Mayor Wetter inquired if the Township installed the drains due to a flooding issue.

Mrs. Boyd discussed in the 1990's there was no record of any drainage in her area. In the 1990's, the Township decided a quick and easy fix would be to put drains on her property. Water has been piped for several years.

Mayor Wetter inquired if Mrs. Boyd asked the Township to do that.

Mrs. Boyd discussed she requested the Township to come out and review the situation. The Township did not fix the problem for several weeks. That is why the trees are dying.

Mayor Wetter discussed so now the trees died and inquired what Mrs. Boyd wants the Township to do.

Mrs. Boyd discussed she wants the Township to take the trees down. Mrs. Boyd has to pay \$500 to remove the pine trees. There are a lot of trees that are dying. It is unknown if it is because of the constant water throughout the years. These are separate trees. There are three separate pine trees. Luke from Syma Tree gave her an estimate.

Mayor Wetter inquired when the flooding happened.

Mr. Boyd discussed in May.

Mrs. Boyd discussed the drains on her property were apparently flushed. The side lot is not flooding. It is the water behind.

Mayor Wetter discussed the Township is not allowed to go on properties and take trees down.

Mrs. Boyd discussed the Township has gone on her property to fix something that the Township caused and believes the Township caused the death of the three pine trees.

Deputy Mayor Collamer discussed not seeing that as being the case. It is unknown if the Township caused the water to go there.

Mr. Boyd discussed the Township did, as the Township installed a drain on their property. There have been constant water issues for years. Mrs. Boyd discussed as of right now, there is no way for the water behind her house to go anywhere. There is no drain from that property. The only drain was on their property that was taking water off their property. The one side was capped that was draining from the road. The other one was left because that would dig up her property even more.

Mayor Wetter inquired if there is any other place to put a drain in that area.

Township Administrator/Municipal Clerk Ambrosio discussed that area was built without proper drainage years and years ago.

Deputy Mayor Collamer discussed the work at the pumping station did not have any bearing on it. It could have been coincidental. No work at that pump station had anything to do with drainage.

Mrs. Boyd inquired when Poplar Street drainage is going to be fixed. The Township Administrator and Superintendent of Public Works told her it would be fixed. The Engineers surveyed Poplar Street and Letts Landing Road.

Township Administrator/Municipal Clerk Ambrosio discussed at first the project was thought to be an easy fix but it is not going to work. The area is preserved and is wetlands.

Mr. Boyd discussed it is even more wet due to the illegal easements. There is nothing from the Township that says they own the property that they are dumping the water onto. The Township, in the 1990's, took

care of a water issue and just let the water drain onto his lot because no one was living there. There is nothing on the deed that says the Township owns this much land to pump water there. Road developments have catch basins for water runoff. The Township used his property to do that and the other properties on Poplar.

Mayor Wetter inquired if the Township has not moved anything due to the cost factor.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed more engineering needs to be done to possibly rectify that area. It is not a quick fix. The storm drains were not installed by today's codes and will take a substantial amount of money.

Committeeman LoParo inquired if T&M has looked at the drainage behind Mr. & Mrs. Boyd's property.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed, yes, T&M was out there to look at all the storm drains. It was decided the Township's plan to rectify the drainage is not going to work and it would just create flooding in other areas. More engineering needs to be done.

Committeeman LoParo discussed he will visit the site next week with Superintendent Matt Ambrosio.

Mrs. Boyd gave permission for the Township to go on her property. Superintendent Matt Ambrosio is very nice and helpful.

Mr. Boyd discussed emailing the Township but did not receive a response. No one has talked to him since October 13, 2017.

Mrs. Boyd inquired how long will Poplar be on hold.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the Township cannot give a date at this time. The Township Engineer will have to come up with a new plan.

Committeeman LoParo discussed the Township needs to bond for the project. It will be very costly.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio apologized for the Township not getting back to the Boyd's.

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: October 12, 2017 was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

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

Resolution 2017-323 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$366,704.59

Motion to approve Resolution 2017-323 was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

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

Ordinance 2017-14 – 2nd Reading – Public Hearing

An ordinance of the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the vacation of any public interest in the Right-of-Way known as Evergreen Way a/k/a Maple Street within the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey

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

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

John Petrosilli, 11 Vessel Road, inquired if Evergreen Way has houses on it and can the Township vacate that road.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the property owner had to work it out with the homeowners and the utilities prior to the vacation.

Deputy Mayor Collamer discussed that was discussed at the Planning Board hearing. The Township cannot cut off access. Access is being given in a different way.

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 2017-14 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 approve Ordinance 2017-15 was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

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

Resolution 2017-324

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DETAILS OF THE SALE NOT EXCEEDING \$2,700,000 BONDS, SERIES 2017, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACTING BY AND THROUGH NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST, ALL PURSUANT TO THE 2018 NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FINANCING PROGRAM FOR THE PEBBLE BEACH AREA SANITARY SEWER AND STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Motion to approve Resolution 2017-324 was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

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

Resolution 2017-325

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DETAILS OF THE SALE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500,000 BONDS, SERIES 2017, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACTING BY AND THROUGH NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST, ALL PURSUANT TO THE 2018 NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FINANCING PROGRAM FOR THE PEBBLE BEACH AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Motion to approve Resolution 2017-325 was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

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

Deputy Mayor Collamer discussed this is not new borrowing. This is permanent financing of bonds that are already in place. This is not new spending.

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.

- 2017-326 Resolution authorizing the Wine Tasting Festival at Waretown Memorial Park for the dates of April 28th & April 29th, 2018.
- 2017-327 Resolution authorizing appointments to the Special Events Committee.
- 2017-328 Resolution authorizing a budget transfer in the amount of \$46,800.
- 2017-329 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the execution of Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 ET. Seq. - for the Ocean County Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force.
- 2017-330 Resolution authorizing the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2017 Budget in the amount of \$71,464.74 for the FY 2018 – NJ Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) for the approved replacement generator

- 2017-331 Resolution authorizing the Township Administrator and the Project Administrator to sign and submit all required documents for the Federal Fiscal Year 2018 for the “Cops in Shops” initiative.
- 2017-332 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Opposing any tax reform that would eliminate the State and Local Tax (SALT) Deduction and urges U.S. Congress to join us in publicly opposing any such proposal.
- 2017-333 Resolution authorizing the hiring of Part-Time Meter readers, Matthew Miller and Michael Shaw.

Motion to approve Resolutions 2017-326 through 2017-333 was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.
Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Motion to approve a proposed Bus Stop on Route 9 (Park and Ride): Route 9, Northbound, at Main Street, mid-block (300’ North) Kristy’s Diner and Route 9, Southbound, at Main Street, mid-block (300’ North) authorizing the Administrator to sign the Municipal Review Statement.

Motion of approval 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:

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Cheryl Messina – November 26, 2017	Anthony Carlone – January 13, 2018
Shirley Balance – November 4, 2017	John Atkinson – January 20, 2018
Lorraine Mitrano – November 12, 2017	
Theresa Rivas – November 5, 2017	

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

Next Scheduled Meeting
December 14, 2017 – 7:00 pm

Committeeman LoParo congratulated and introduced Ken Baulderstone. Mr. Baulderstone will be on the Township of Ocean Committee next year. Mayor Wetter is retiring. Congratulations Mr. Baulderstone.

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:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date