

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2023 7:00 PM

Clerk Reese read the following statement:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 12, 2023; publication in the Echoes Sentinel, sending written notices to the Courier News and Star Ledger and posting on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building and filing with the Township Clerk.

This meeting is broadcasted live on the Township's website and our Facebook page and available virtually via ZOOM. It is also broadcasted live on the Access Channel and will be taped for rebroadcast. Everyone is required to comply with the policies and procedures governing access programming for the Access Channel. No mention of political affiliation or political advertising shall take place at this meeting or it will be deleted from any rebroadcast of the meeting.

Public comments at the public hearings for ordinances and resolutions as well as agenda items, are limited to 3 minutes per person, unless extended discussion is permitted by the Mayor.

ROLL CALL: Committeewoman Lontai, Committeeman Sordillo Deputy Mayor Lazo and Mayor DiNardo were present

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

MOTION TO APPROVE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Committeeman Sordillo made a motion to approve the Regular Minutes of the Re-Organization Meeting of January 5, 2023. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Lazo. Voice Vote: All in favor

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICES OR OFFICIALS - There were none at this time

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – There were no one at this time

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – There were none at this time

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Deputy Mayor Lazo read the following resolutions in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-38 BILL LIST A

Deputy Mayor Lazo made a Motion to approve. Seconded by Committeeman Sordillo. Roll call: Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes; Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes; and Mayor DiNardo, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-39 BILL LIST B

Deputy Mayor Lazo made a Motion to approve. Seconded by Committeewoman Lontai. Roll call: Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, abstain; Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes; and Mayor DiNardo, yes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Attorney Lehrer provided the Committee with a letter to be signed by the Mayor to the New Jersey League of Municipalities President urging the League to encourage the Governor to reinstitute COAH. Deputy Mayor Lazo made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Sordillo to approve the letter as written and to send it to the NJLM. Voice Vote: All in favor

OLD BUSINESS - There was none at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

Committeewoman Lontai read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO 23-01 (Introduction / First Reading)

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$490,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD (PHASE I) FOR AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$465,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

Committeewoman Lontai made a Motion to adopt. Seconded by Committeeman Sordillo.

Roll call: Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes; Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes; and Mayor DiNardo, yes. The Public Hearing is scheduled for February 16, 2023

Committeeman Sordillo read the following resolution by title:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-040

AUTHORIZING RESERVE BUDGET TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$196,000

Committeeman Sordillo made a Motion to approve. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Lazo.

Roll call: Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes; Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes; and Mayor DiNardo, yes.

Deputy Mayor Lazo read the following resolutions by title:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-041

RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING ALLOCATION OF ONE (1) EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT (EDU) OF SANITARY SEWER CAPACITY ON PROPOSED LOT 19.08 IN BLOCK 78 AND TWO (2) EDUs TO PROPOSED LOT 19.09 IN BLOCK 78

Deputy Mayor Lazo made a Motion to approve. Seconded by Committeeman Sordillo.

Roll call: Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes; Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes; and Mayor DiNardo, abstain.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-042

DESIGNATING REDEVELOPER FOR 87 Mt. Bethel Rd. B. 71, L.37.01

Deputy Mayor Lazo made a Motion to approve. Seconded by Committeeman Sordillo.

Roll call: Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes; Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes; and Mayor DiNardo, yes.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolutions No. 2023-043 through No. 2023-065 were submitted to the Township Committee for review and may be adopted by one motion. These resolutions are listed on the agenda for review and a complete copy made available in the Township Clerk's office.

2023-043 ACCEPTING \$13,935.00 DONATION FROM THE LISA BARNETT TRUST FOR THE WARREN TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT

- 2023-044 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF #2 ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL FUEL THROUGH MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT
- 2023-045 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GASOLINE THROUGH MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT
- 2023-046 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF #2 FUEL OIL THROUGH MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT
- 2023-047 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT THROUGH COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT
- 2023-048 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TREE TRIMMING, PRUNING AND REMOVAL SERVICES – RICH TREE SERVICE, INC.
- 2023-049 AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE PURCHASE ORDER WITH MARMIC ASSOCIATES NOT TO EXCEED \$44,000
- 2023-050 SECOND AMENDMENT TO ANTENNA TOWER USE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MORRIS
- 2023-051 AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE SOFTWARE LICENSES AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FROM SHI INTERNATIONAL GROUP
- 2023-052 JEV CONSTRUCTION, LLC, CHANGE ORDER #1 MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STAGE V WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
- 2023-053 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN INSURANCE OE 2022 RESERVE BUDGET TO THE TRUST FUND ACCOUNT ENTITLED RESERVE FOR INSURANCE
- 2023-054 AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT MUNICIPAL BOND ATTORNEY
- 2023-055 ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET
- 2023-056 AWARD OF CONTRACT – DENTAL INSURANCE DELTA DENTAL FEBRUARY 1, 2023 – JANUARY 31, 2024
- 2023-057 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2022-168 POCKET LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL
- 2023-058 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION REGULATIONS FOR CONTRACTORS TO BID ON PHASE 3, INTERIOR RESTORATION AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS, AT THE HISTORIC MOUNT BETHEL BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE
- 2023-059 RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING ALLOCATION OF ELEVEN (11) EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNITS FOR SANITARY SEWER CAPACITY TO LOT 14.08 IN BLOCK 88.04

- 2023-060 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF 2023 MUNICIPAL RECYCLING AGREEMENT WITH SOMERSET COUNTY
- 2023-061 RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHRISTIAN KASTRUD AS INDOOR AIR QUALITY OFFICER IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.A.C. 12:100-13 ET SEQ
- 2023-062 REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND VILLAS AT WARREN / TOLL WARREN URBAN RENEWAL, LLC BLOCK 78, LOTS 15.01 & 15.02
- 2023-063 EXTENSION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR TAX APPEAL SERVICES
- 2023-064 AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT TO KENNON SURVEYING SERVICES, INC. FOR UPDATING TOWNSHIP TAX MAPS
- 2023-065 AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE PURCHASE ORDER WITH BAY HILL ENVIRONMENTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000

Committeewoman Lontai made a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda Resolutions No. 2023-043 through 2023-065. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Lazo. Roll call: Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes; Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes; and Mayor DiNardo, yes.

DEFERRED BUSINESS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS POSTPONED AT THE JANUARY 5, 2023 MEETING TO THE JANUARY 26, 2023

Deputy Mayor Lazo read the following Resolution by title:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-010 AS AMENDED

Authorizing Salaries for Township Employees

Deputy Mayor Lazo made a Motion to approve. Seconded by Committeeman Sordillo. Roll call: Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes; Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes; and Mayor DiNardo, yes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a.) Report award of contract – electric for sewer EMEX – The Township Committee received a memo from Sewer Director Kastrud, recommending a 24 month program.
- b.) Cable Franchise Ordinance / Cable Advisory Committee – A memo was submitted by Administrator Krane to revoke Ordinance 4-9, as this is now a state wide franchise.
- c.) Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance – The Committee received a memo from Engineer Kastrud explaining the key points he is including in the updated Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

Committeeman Sordillo read the following Resolution in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-066

FILLING THE VACANCY ON THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

DUE TO RESIGNATION OF COMMITTEEMAN MICHAEL C. MARION
Committeeman Sordillo made a Motion to approve Resolution 2023-066 and appoint Daniel Croson to fulfil the vacancy on the Warren Township Committee. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Lazo. Roll call: Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes; Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes; and Mayor DiNardo, yes.

Mr. Croson was issued the OATH OF OFFICE by NJ Assemblywoman Michele Matsikoudis.

After a short speech, Committeeman Croson then took his place on the dais.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Members of the public, wishing to address the governing body on any matter, are limited to three (3) minutes, unless there are unusual circumstances.

Daniel Gallic, Chairman of the Warren Township County Republican Committee congratulated all three candidates for the committee vacancy and thanked them for their service to the County Committee.

Patricia Zohn, Vice President of the Warren Board of Education congratulated Committeeman Croson and looks forward to working with him in the future.

Shelly Molnar, 3 Stoningham Drive, requested a follow up meeting to the PILOT presentation by Attorney Lehrer and gave a list of questions to all the Committee members that she would like to see addressed.

Tim Ward, 14 Birchmont Lane, asked about sewer being provided to the new Tractor Supply building. Administrator Krane noted that there is no sewer connection for the block and lot and the Tractor Supply builder is installing an onsite septic system for the new building. Mr. Ward had numerous other questions, which Administrator Krane said he would schedule a time with Mr. Ward to address his additional questions.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-037

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:01 PM, Committeeman Sordillo made a motion, seconded by Committeewoman Lontai to approve Resolution 2023-037 and move to closed, executive session. Roll call: Committeeman Croson, yes; Committeewoman Lontai, yes; Committeeman Sordillo, yes; Deputy Mayor Lazo, yes; and Mayor DiNardo, yes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

After Executive Session the Committee returned to the Open Meeting. Committeewoman Lontai made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Croson to adjourn. Voice vote: All in Favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk

Approved: February 16, 2023