

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
January 14, 2008 7:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order.** Clerk Lovins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Pledge to the Flag.** Everyone participated.

**Opening Statement**

Notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on December 16, 2007. Notice was published on January 9, 2007, sent to the Courier Post for information and notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

**Roll Call**

PRESENT: Mr. Maroccia, Mr. Renzulli, Mr. Nagler, Mr. Hartman and Mr. Tafe

ALSO PRESENT: Township Manager Scott Carew, Township Clerk Linda Lovins and Township Solicitor Eileen Fahey

**Nomination for Mayor and Deputy Mayor**

Solicitor Fahey explained that there was some confusion with the procedure used to nominate the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Council did not feel that the process had to be gone through again. It was determined that a reaffirmation of the nominations made at the reorganization meeting was in order.

Motion by Councilman Nagler, seconded by Councilman Tafe, to reaffirm the appointment of Richard Renzulli as Mayor and Donald Hartman as Deputy Mayor. Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

**Comments.**

Lawrence Miller remind everyone of the Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast being held in Mount Holly at the Second Baptist Church. There will be a speaker at the event on Monday morning and everyone is invited.

Kevin White, 24 Meadow Lane explained the discrepancy in the calendar for the rabies clinic which was advertised incorrectly in the calendar. Manager Carew advised that there will be another clinic due to the mixup. The calendar had the time as 1-3 p.m. and the clinic was actually 10-12 p.m.

Diane Matthews, 11 Juniper Street. Ms. Matthews expressed concern over the leaf pickup becoming more and more late. She was advised that Public Works picked up leaves in her area on December 21. Ms. Matthews was left a note stating that leaves must be placed on the street and hers were not so they were not picked up. She had papers from Eastampton telling residents not to put leaves in the street. She spoke about a resident placing leaves in a compost pile farther away from where her leaves are collected and they are picked up by Public Works. She presented pictures. She did not like the way she was treated by Public Works. Manager Carew advised Council that he has talked with Ms. Matthews and also talked to her husband. Manager Carew has addressed the employee in question and

advised Council that the way Ms. Matthews was responded to or treated was uncalled for and the issue has been addressed.

Ms. Matthews further advised that a police officer came to her house and was able to get no where with Public Works.

Manager Carew advised the public that the leaf pickup problem has been township wide and there are a few basic reasons (1) leaves started falling later than they normally do and (2) the leaf vacuum also broke down several times over the course of the month. Public Works fell very far behind. Manager Carew said that they are now pretty much caught up.

Mayor Renzulli advised the public that they are behind on brush pickup because they have been picking up leaves. Mayor Renzulli stated that leaves are not supposed to be in the Street per the DEP.

John Geary, 6 Knotty Oak Drive. Mr. Geary expressed his concern over Student Drive traffic. Mr. Geary does not feel that the speed limit is being enforced. Councilman Nagler advised that 44 mph to 49 mph is normal during school hours and 50 mph on the weekends. Mr. Geary is formally requesting that the police department hand out tickets. Mayor Renzulli stated that anyone that exceeding the speed limit will be given tickets.

John Geary commented on the speed hump going up on Indian Way and asked why not on Student Drive? Mayor Renzulli stated that the school is putting up the bump on Indian Way. Chief Mingin is not in favor of one on Student Drive because of the buses. Councilman Nagler was under the impression that the speed bump is not going up on Indian Way. Councilman Tafe believes that tickets should be given. Council agreed there should be a zero tolerance level for speeding on Student Drive.

Mayor Renzulli closed to the public at 8:00 p.m.

### **Erickson Presentation**

Wayne Rush from Erickson gave a presentation to Council of what he is proposing for the property next to the old elementary school. Mr. Rush gave a presentation of a Continued Care Retirement Community.

Misha's Autobody is located on the proposed site and Mayor Renzulli has asked that Erickson work with Mr. Kracken of Mishas to find him another location in town. Wayne has committed to working with Mr. Kracken who is in the audience this evening. Mayor Renzulli hopes that we can find a place for him in Town.

Mayor Renzulli asked how Erickson's plans play into the rules of COAH in New Jersey. Mr. Rush does not know how that will be handled at this point because their business does not fit into COAH'S tight restraints. Mr. Rush realizes that the COAH obligations will be on their shoulders.

Mr. Geary expressed concern as to the proposed height of the buildings for fire safety purposes because the Township does not have a ladder truck.

Mr. Blair, Township Construction Official, advised Mr. Geary that the buildings will be fully suppressed. He also advised that due to the relationship with other municipalities, other

Townships could be called in with a ladder truck, if need be. Mr. Blair also explained that all emergency service department heads are given an opportunity to comment on plans as they come before the Planning Board.

Councilman Nagler advised Council and the public that the residents of a similar Erickson Community raised \$160,000 for the Township in which they were located to buy a new ambulance.

Mr. Blair advised the audience that all department heads and chiefs are requested to make comments on this type of plan and also to offer concerns.

Mr. Blair has commended Mr. Rush at being concerned over Misha's local business.

Council thanked Mr. Rush for his presentation.

### **Township Manager's Report**

Mr. Carew introduced Gene Blair as the new construction official. Manager Carew gave a brief history of Mr. Blair's background. Mr. Blair advised Council that hardware and software upgrades are necessary. The Construction Office will also require an upgrade on the physical space they will be occupying. Eventually this office will be shared services across the board. There is a need for three positions. Roz will be staying on and Kathy Newcomb will be the new zoning officer. Paul Buckoff will be doing the electrical and plumbing inspections and Brad from Hainesport will also be assisting with building inspections.

Mr. Blair explained that they are increasing 8 hrs of construction service to 24 hours of service and that facilitates need for more square footage for the department.

Manager Carew advised that he could move to the third floor and Doris and Jerry could move to Scott's office and construction can expand into Doris' office on the second floor. Accessibility to the public was examined closely.

Manager Carew has hired Gene's IT people to set the Township up correctly. The cost will be \$2,500 for set up of construction and \$2,500 for maintenance for IT. The administrative contract for Westampton is \$12,000. Mr. Carew will also be looking into this as an option for the rest of the building and departments.

Mayor Renzulli asked if there was a group purchase for this one IT group. Mayor Renzulli suggested looking at wireless in the building. Mr. Blair has advised that he is already placing one wireless router on the second floor.

Mayor Renzulli and Councilman Nagler would like the Manager to stay on the first floor. Mayor Renzulli asked to be assured that the elevator would be fixed right away and then he would be okay with the Manager being on the third floor.

Manager Carew wants to have a budget hearing some time in the near future. Manager Carew needs to discuss the capital budget. Public Works is going to need a new leaf vacuum. Councilman Nagler asked for the complete list of capital projects and purchases prior to the meeting.

Manager Carew advised Council that there is additional money needed for the flashing

beacon's on Oxmead and Jacksonville and Powell and Smithville. The State is requiring that the municipality pay for installation with PSEG of roughly \$2,500 per light.

### **Approval of Previous Year Minutes**

Motion by Councilman Maroccia, seconded by Councilman Tafe to approve the December 10, 2007 Regular and Closed Session Minutes. All voted in the affirmative.

### **Approval of Current Year Minutes**

Motion by Councilman Nagler, seconded by Councilman Hartman to approve the January 2, 2008 Re-Organization Minutes. All voted in the affirmative.

### **Introduction of Ordinance and Set Public Hearing for January 28, 2008**

Motion by Councilman Hartman seconded by Councilman Nagler to introduce the following ordinance and set the Public Hearing for January 28, 2008:

2008-01            ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
                         APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
                         NJSA 40A:4-45:14)

Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Tafe to introduce the following ordinance and set the Public Hearing for January 28, 2008:

2008-02            ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE TOWNSHIP  
                         CODE ENTITLED "TOWING" TO ELIMINATE REQUIREMENT OF  
                         SUNDAY OPERATION.

Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

### **Resolutions**

Motion by Councilman Nagler, seconded by Councilman Maroccia to adopt the following Resolutions:

2008-23            APPROVE MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING SERVICE  
                         CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

2008-24            APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR TWO RAFFLE LICENSES FOR  
                         TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP PTA, INC.

2008-26            AUTHORIZE PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

2008-27            RELEASE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR EQUITY  
                         ASSOCIATES WITH RESPECT TO BLOCK 800, LOTS 2.01 & 2.02

All voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Nagler, seconded by Councilman Hartman to adopt the following Resolution:

2008-22 DEFER SCHOOL TAXES

All voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Nagler, seconded by Councilman Hartman to adopt the following Resolution:

2008-25 TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES TO INSUFFICIENT APPROPRIATION RESERVES

Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

### **Acceptance of Reports (November)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Motion by Councilman Nagler, seconded by Councilman Maroccia to accept the Public Works, Tax Assessor, Clerk, Tax Collector/Treasurer, Court and Police Reports for November. All voted in the affirmative.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

Council Meeting Procedures - Councilman Tafe would like to use Robert's Rules of Order and have a copy available at the meetings. Mayor Renzulli is open to that suggestion.

Parking on Indian Way - Mayor Renzulli advised that the Township owns a very small piece of what has been traditionally called Indian Way. Cars are parking on both sides and people are afraid they are going to run into them. Mayor Renzulli would like the Chief and staff to look into the Township-owned piece which will take cars off the Township's portion. Mayor Renzulli asked for a report or recommendation from the Chief for the next meeting.

### **Comments**

Councilman Tafe asked if Scott will get in touch with Jerry regarding Student Drive. Scott stated that he is going to convey Council's zero tolerance policy on Student Drive to Chief Mingin. Councilman Hartman asked that Mr. Krastek be advised of the situation as well. Councilman Nagler suggested sending a note home with kids that this will be strictly enforced.

Mr. Blair thanked Council for their time and said he looks forward to working with everyone. Scott thanked Gene for spending 20 to 30 hours back in December working with Steve and Roz. Scott also thanked Karen McMahan, the new Assessor.

Joe and Keith welcomed Gene. Walt thanked Gene for his help dealing with a situation that arose at his house.

Councilman Hartman also welcomed Gene and Karen as well and noted that they are both Township Residents.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Tafe to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. All voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Lovins, RMC  
Township Clerk