

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING May 13, 2010

ROLL CALL: WETTER X TREDY X LACHAWIEC X

FLAG SALUTE

STATEMENT: Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was properly provided by sending copies of the Notice of Meeting to two newspapers, The Press of Atlantic City and the Asbury Park Press. The Notice was posted at the office of the Township Clerk and on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Minutes for the Workshop and Regular Business Meetings of March 11, 2010
Due to the doctrine of necessity Mayor Lachawiec moved to approve the meeting minutes.
Roll Call: Wetter: Abstain, Tredy: Abstain, Lachawiec: Yes.

Approval of the Minutes for the Workshop and Regular Business Meetings of March 25, 2010
Motion of approval was moved by Deputy Mayor Tredy, seconded by Mayor Lachawiec.
Roll Call: Wetter: Abstain, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Ordinance 2010-1 First Reading – Title Only

Ordinance to exceed the Municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a CAP Bank as per N.J.S.A 40A:4-45.14

A motion of approval for first reading Ordinance No. 2010-1 was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Township Administrator Breeden stated this ordinance will allow the township to exceed the appropriations cap or increase it from 2.5% to 3.5%. The reason why this is necessary is snow plowing. The cost of snow plowing was excessive this year.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-200

Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey authorizing the reading of the budget by title only

A motion of approval was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Township Administrator Breeden stated tonight the town is introducing the 2010 Municipal Budget. Introduction is part of the Municipal Budget process. After introduction the township has to wait a minimum of 28 days before the budget can be adopted. The budget is scheduled to be adopted July 8, 2010. The town will be presenting the budget before various groups throughout the township and is proud of the product being presented tonight. When introducing a budget, a goal should be established behind the production of the budget. The Township Committee wanted to minimize the financial burden of the residents of the Township of Ocean but not jeopardize municipal services to the community or compromise the town's current solid financial standing. Economic conditions in 2010 will hopefully stabilize and the town will start to see improvements in the 2011 economy. The amount of state aid will continue to decrease. The township lost 21% of state aid this year or over \$160,000. Competitions in grants and other forms of financial assistance will increase in difficulty to secure. The tax appeal issue will not have an adverse impact on the community. The number of tax appeals is well less than 1% of the total residential units. Waretown maintains a high collection rate. The rate is between 98.36 and 98.70. The town has been able to increase the surplus in water and sewer accounts and has been able to maintain adequate or sufficient financial reserves. Rateables are steadily increasing every year. The budget is 3.7% less than 2009. The final 2009 budget was \$10,063,691. For 2010 it is \$9,695,321. There will be no tax rate increase for 2010. There will be no furloughs, no lay-offs and the town will be able to maintain the excellent level of service currently being delivered to the community. For the average assessed home of \$292,300, residents will pay \$1,237 in municipal tax, \$88 in open space, for a total of \$1,325. Water and sewer budget for 2010 is \$4,379,486. There will be no increase for water and sewer user fees for 2010.

Mayor Lachawiec stated the department heads gave suggestions on where to cut appropriations and spending. The Township Committee applied many of those recommendations. There will be no employee increases this year. The Township Committee has not had an increase in five years.

Deputy Mayor Tredy stated there were some adjustments in personnel. Some employees had to move offices and take on additional duties. That mindset will continue. Lights are shut off when not in use.

Mayor Lachawiec stated computer fonts were adjusted to save toner. The town will listen to any cost-saving ideas employees have.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-201 - (2010 Municipal Budget)

Authorizing the Municipal Budget of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean for the fiscal year 2010. The Budget Summary will be published in The Beacon, Press of Atlantic City and Asbury Park Press Newspapers in the issues of May 20, 2010. The Public Hearing on the Budget Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building, 50 Railroad Avenue, Waretown, NJ 08758 Meeting Room on July 8, 2010 at 7:00 pm for Final Passage

A motion of approval was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-202 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$5,837,262.77

A motion of approval was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: 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.

RESOLUTIONS

- 2010-203** Authorizing the appointment of Brent Cunningham as a permanent part-time dispatcher
- 2010-204** Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute grant application for additional grant funding from the Ocean County Board of Health in the amount of \$5,500

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2010-203 through Resolution 2010-204

A motion of approval was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Deputy Mayor Tredy inquired if Police Chief Flatt sent a letter recommending the part-time dispatcher.

Mayor Lachawiec stated yes.

RESOLUTION 2010-205: authorizing the Township Committee to retire into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing: No items for discussion.

Motion to approve a 50/50 raffle license for the YMCA of Ocean County, Inc. to be held at Greenbriar Ocean Golf Club on June 7, 2010

A motion of approval was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Motion to approve an on premise merchandise raffle and 50/50 raffle licenses for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church to be held on August 7, 2010

A motion of approval was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Motion of Approval for use of the Community Center:

- 1. James Boyd – May 30, 2010**
- 2. Lisa Bourgeois – June 19, 2010**
- 3. US Census Bureau – Sunday – Saturday for the month of May**

A motion of approval was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Motion accepting Tax Collector's and Utility Collector's Reports:

A motion of approval was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Motion accepting the Finance Report:

A motion of approval was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Mayor Lachawiec stated the Township of Ocean participation rate for the census return is 76%. In the year 2000 it was 65%. The 2000 participation rate for New Jersey was 73% and is 72% this year. The national participation rate for 2000 and 2010 census is 72%.

Mayor Lachawiec read a thank you letter from a Waretown family to Police Officer Scott Murphy for his compassion during the family's very difficult and stressful time in their lives.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion to open to the public was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Eileen Doyle, 243 11th Street, thanked resident Delores Middleton for helping her with her groceries while getting off the Oceanride bus.

Ms. Doyle requested an update on the Oceanride services to the Ocean County Mall.

Committeewoman Wetter stated Kathy Edmund, Ocean County Transportation, e-mailed the town stating in light of continued State funding cuts, Oceanride is currently reviewing services and anticipates service adjustments in late May. Oceanride is not considering service expansion such as increasing long distance trips, particular those greater than 20 miles. A central pick up location may be considered for such long distance trips.

Township Clerk Ambrosio stated Oceanride is making cuts and the new schedule will be available in May.

Committeewoman Wetter stated Ocean County Transportation is holding a meeting to review services on June 17, 2010.

Michele Rosen, 29 Bradley Beach Way, welcomed Mrs. Wetter to the Township Committee and the firing line. Ms. Rosen inquired if Budget Resolution 2010-201 is going to be published in the newspapers.

Township Clerk Ambrosio stated correct.

Ms. Rosen stated I'm not sure whether the language is correct. It is the budget summary that is being published – not the budget. There is a difference between a budget and budget summary.

Mayor Lachawiec stated Mr. McGuckin will look into it.

Ms. Rosen inquired if the town is going to increase the cap a full 3.5 %.

Township Administrator Breeden stated we are approaching that, yes.

Ms. Rosen inquired if that is what is in the budget you introduced this evening?

Township Administrator stated yes.

Susan D'Alessandro, 108 Michigan Avenue, inquired about paving Michigan Avenue.

Deputy Mayor Tredy stated the Township Engineers rate the roads' conditions. The roads in the worst condition are paved first. Grant applications are filed every year. Poplar Street is in Phase II and will be completed this year.

Mayor Lachawiec stated the Ocean County Schedule C funding will only pave Country Lane this year.

Ms. D'Alessandro inquired if there is an ordinance prohibiting old cars on a resident's lawn or high grass.

Deputy Mayor Tredy stated yes, the town's Code Enforcement office can take your complaint.

Ms. D'Alessandro inquired if the town has a grant writer.

Mayor Lachawiec stated there are several groups than can write grants. Mayor Lachawiec wrote a grant for a senior citizen bus, which was rejected. Township Administrator Breeden will be assisting with grants and Township Engineers write grants as well.

Ms. D'Alessandro suggested the town form a grant writing committee.

Rocco Orlando, Greenbriar, requested a copy of the line item budget entity distributing to Greenbriar.

Township Clerk Ambrosio stated there will be copies for the public in the Clerk's office and the complete budget will be posted on the website.

Ralph Avellino, 10 Central Avenue, stated the Township Committee has done a very good job and needs to continue.

Spencer Hondros, 65 Pennsylvania Avenue, congratulated the Township Committee for an outstanding job on the budget. Mr. Hondros gave credit to Rita Sweeney, School Board President.

Michele Rosen, 29 Bradley Beach Way, inquired about appointing a Volunteer Way Engineer and the status of DEP approvals for Volunteer Way.

Mayor Lachawiec stated James Oris is the appointed engineer. Mr. Oris was with CMX, which went out of business and is now employed with T&M Associates. T&M Associates is already an appointed Township Engineer.

Township Attorney McGuckin stated a Request for Proposal went out for a new Township Planner. The Planner, T&M, was appointed two weeks ago. T&M Associates already had a Township Engineer contract with the town since January 2010. Mr. Oris, who was with CMX, went to T&M.

Ms. Rosen inquired what happens to the money paid to CMX for the Volunteer Way project.

Township Attorney McGuckin stated CMX was paid for their time. They were never paid in advance for work. CMX billed monthly and paid monthly. CMX was only paid for work they did before going out of business.

Ms. Rosen stated CMX's job was to get approval from the DEP, which they did not get.

Township Attorney McGuckin stated CMX's job was engineering services to submit the plans. CMX cannot tell DEP what to do.

Ralph Avellino, 10 Central Avenue, stated the Founder's Day Committee has been working hard for Founder's Day.

Mayor Lachawiec stated Founder's Day is May 29, 2010. There will be a pet parade, Party Crashers DJ, Artie's Parties DJ, Civil War reenactment, fireworks at the end of Bryant Road and a chili cook-off. There will also be free rides for kids. From 3:00pm – 5:00pm the Shop Rite Dixieland Band will be at Shop Rite. Fireworks rain date will be May 30, 2010.

Spencer Hondros, 65 Pennsylvania Avenue, stated Clean Marina is a national program. Each marina has to meet certain criteria every three years for hurricane preparedness, pollution, recycling, cleanliness and hazardous material. Waretown marinas are all certified.

Mayor Lachawiec stated Sands Point Park is scheduled to be completed late June. The opening should be 4th of July weekend. There will be a concrete boat ramp, 29 parking spaces, child tot-lot, basketball courts, tennis courts and a walking trail.

Eileen Doyle, 243 11th Street, stated the Senior Advisory Committee has a collection box at the community center for Campbells Soup labels for education and General Mills box tops for education. If it buys the school a computer, it's worth it.

Motion to close to the public was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Motion of approval to amend Resolution 2010-201 to read the Budget Summary will be published in The Beacon, The Press of Atlantic City and the Asbury Park Press.

Motion of approval was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting was moved by Committeewoman Wetter, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Lachawiec: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Township Clerk

Date