

# MEETING MINUTES

## TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN BUSINESS MEETING November 5, 2014

### Call to Order

ROLL CALL: LACHAWIEC   X   WETTER   X   TREDY   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

### Presentation

#### *Proclamation for Mr. Bert Rypkema*

Mayor Tredy presented the proclamation to Michelle Rypkema.

### Committee Reports

Mayor – Dennis F. Tredy

During October the Township sponsors three (3) major Halloween related events, the Haunted Hayride at the Waretown Lake, the Halloween Parade and the "Trunk or Treat" event on Halloween night at Town Hall. All of these events have become extremely popular and are a huge success for the town.

Over the two (2) night period of the hayride event, over 3200 individuals took the ride around the lake and over \$12,000 was raised for the Founder's Day Events and the Waretown Volunteer Fire Company.

Also, a crowd enjoyed Trunk or Treat at Town Hall on Halloween night. This event was a byproduct of Superstorm Sandy and provides a safe alternative to the traditional trick or treat custom.

Finally, as usual, the annual Waretown Fire Company Halloween Parade was well attended and all participants had much fun displaying their costumes.

Besides strong community spirit, these special events are successful as a result of a committed municipal workforce along with the hard work of many volunteers. Waretown is blessed to have many volunteers who care about the community and who are willing to sacrifice countless hours away from their families and friends for the benefit of the Township.

Once again, I wish to acknowledge and thank our town employees along with our many dedicated volunteers. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated.

**Deputy Mayor – Tina Wetter**

For those of you that have never been here before. Some of you know that I had surgery. I do not normally sound like Minnie Mouse.

Serving as an elected official is both a privilege and an honor. Last night I was fortunate enough to secure another three (3) year term on the Township Committee.

Please rest assured that I will continue to represent Waretown to the best of my ability along with making decisions that will keep Waretown a clean, safe and affordable community.

I pledge to work diligently for the residents of Waretown and once again thank all who have faith and trust in my ability, skill and judgment with leading Waretown over the next three (3) years.

**Committeeman – Joseph Lachawiec**

Committeeman Lachawiec inquired if Ordinance 2014-10 Replacement of the Bryant Road gazebo, includes tearing down or moving the gazebo.

Township Administrator Breeden believes the gazebo will be moved to another location. Dan Collamer has volunteered to move the gazebo.

Committeeman Lachawiec inquired if Jersey Central Power & Light will do anything about the pole in the middle of Bryant Road.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed that will be part of the improvement work at the street end. That pole will be taken care of.

Committeeman Lachawiec discussed if the gazebo was built, with the way the electric lines are situated, someone could put their hand over the side of the gazebo and hit a live power line.

Township Administrator Breeden firmly believes all the safety issues will be addressed with the construction of the new gazebo.

Committeeman Lachawiec inquired if \$450,000 is the total cost for Ordinance 2014-9, acquisition of the Fire Pumper Tank.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed the total cost of the pumper tank, including any and all equipment, materials and supplies to put it into service, is \$450,000.

Committeeman Lachawiec inquired if the \$450,000 includes turnout gear.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed the \$450,000 includes emergency lighting, communication equipment, fire suppression hoses, nozzles and rescue equipment. It does not include the turnout gear.

Committeeman Lachawiec discussed the turnout gear will be another \$50,000.

Mayor Tredy discussed the Fire Department already has the turnout gear. It is used on every truck.

Committeeman Lachawiec stated "Good, that is all I have."

### **Administrator Report**

Administrator – David Breeden

Prior to having the privilege of working at the Township of Ocean and another community in Southern Ocean County, Township Administrator Breeden worked in an urban area of Camden County and another coastal community in Cape May County. Both towns had large special events that attract thousands of people. Township Administrator Breeden was privileged to participate in both the Haunted Hayride and Trunk or Treat events. The amount of coordination and effort that went into those events was considerable. It took weeks to properly prepare and safely accommodate those events. The number of participants was considerable. Everybody who participated and helped prepare the Waretown Lake and the Town Hall parking lot for those Halloween events should be commended and congratulated. It was a considerable effort to get ready for those special events. There were no issues or problems, which is a result of everybody's hard work, whether you are a Township employee or volunteer. This Township Committee recognizes the amount of effort and work that goes into successfully operating and managing those special events. Congratulations and thank you.

Ordinance 2014-8 Amending Chapter 61 of the codified ordinances will be tabled until the December 11, 2014 meeting to allow additional discussion to take place between the Township and PBA.

Ordinance 2014-9, First Reading, Title Only, Bond Ordinance for \$450,000 to acquire a fire pumper apparatus for the Waretown Volunteer Fire Company. Fire Chief, Matt Ambrosio is here tonight and will give details on the acquisition during public comment.

Ordinance 2014-10, First Reading, Title Only, Bond Ordinance, allocating \$565,000 for the restoration, rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Bryant Road Gazebo, which includes the bulkhead, dock, walkways, electrical, plumbing and whatever is needed to make that street end a premiere first-class facility that the public can use to access the bay front. FEMA will be paying a portion and the amount will be determined. Projects of this size are very subjective in nature. The cost is based on the FEMA personnel involved in the process in addition to how strong the Township can justify certain expenses relative to Superstorm Sandy.

Ordinance 2014-11, First Reading, Title Only, Bond Ordinance, for water/sewer improvements in the amount of \$425,000. The improvements consist of \$150,000 for safety and operation improvements to the Pebble Beach Water Treatment Plant, including replacing Filters 3 and 4, in addition to converting the chlorine gas system to the chlorine tablet feed system. That is a major safety issue. Very few municipalities or water treatment plants still use chlorine gas. The second item for \$150,000 is various

operational improvements to Route 532 Water Treatment Plant, which includes improvements to the backwash system and installing a comprehensive monitoring and notification system that alerts plant operators when something is wrong. The third item for \$125,000 is for lightening protection of all water/sewer facilities in the Township of Ocean. In July 2012, the Township suffered a lightning strike at Town Hall. The cost was \$185,000 to repair. The Township was fortunate to be reimbursed by insurance. Barnegat Township had a similar lightning strike at the same time, at a water treatment plant and it cost \$100,000 to repair. It is crucial the Township have adequate and proper lightning protection at all water/sewer facilities.

Resolution 2014-348 authorizes the acquisition of furniture in the amount of \$11,476. This furniture is needed for the patrol room in the Police Department. The patrol room currently has a mix of different types of furniture from the past century and needs to be updated to 2014, so the room can be used effectively and efficiently. This purchase will allow the Police Department to establish work stations that will accommodate computers.

Resolution 2014-350 authorizes a contract to purchase a large dump truck for approximately \$154,000. The funding for this purchase was approved in a previous bond ordinance. This dump truck will be capable of many tasks in Public Works and Utilities. The dump truck will be a vital piece of equipment for snow removal and spreading salt for ice control. In 2010, the Township's ability to respond to winter conditions was extremely limited. Today the Township has taken drastic action to properly respond to winter storms.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

**Motion to open Public Comment** was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

Matthew Ambrosio, Chief, Waretown Volunteer Fire Company, thanked the Township Committee for the opportunity to speak tonight on an important topic. Chief Ambrosio discussed Bond Ordinance 2014-9, allocating \$450,000 for the purchase of a new fire pumper tank. Unfortunately in this day and age, fire apparatus is very costly. The truck is needed by the Fire Department to maintain reliable response times and to provide safe fire suppression capabilities.

The Waretown Volunteer Fire Company has four (4) primary fire engines. The newest one was purchased two years ago and the Fire Company cannot thank the Township enough for that. The other truck is 10 years old and showing its age. The other two (2) pumpers are a 1987 and a 1996 and as a result of their significant age, lack many features required to effectively and safely fight fires in 2014. They are unreliable at best, have a lot of mechanical problems and are not modern. There are situations where the fire engine won't start. That's a problem.

The new pumper tank will be replacing a 1996 pumper tank that has been maintained for approximately \$35,000 over the past three years. That is not feasible. The acquisition of the new pumper will give the

Township the following safety benefits and operational needs, 750 gallon water tank, 1,500 gallon per minute single stage waterloos pump, six-man cab and rescue style boxes, which allows for a lot more room for equipment, rescue engine, coffin boxes up top, foam capabilities and it fits in the garage. The pumper tank is a demo, making the cost a lot less. This is a very good alternative as opposed to buying a new one. This new pumper tank will last 20-25 years in the department.

Committeeman Lachawiec inquired if the new truck being discussed is a demo doesn't the Township have to go out to bid for a new pumper tanker.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed several years ago the state comptroller's office prepared a report on the acquisition of fire apparatus. As a result of this report several measures were taken to improve the purchasing of fire apparatuses to insure competition and to make sure the local Fire Departments were getting the best equipment for the best price. The state placed fire trucks on the state contract. In lieu of going out to public bid, the Township can take advantage of state contracts to acquire fire trucks.

Committeeman Lachawiec inquired if purchasing this Fire Truck is like the way the purchases the police vehicles.

Administrator Breeden explained it would handled in the same manner.

Chief Ambrosio discussed the demo was ordered by the dealership and taken around to different Fire Departments to demonstrate the product. Financially, that brings the price down. It is a good deal for everybody. It will absolutely fulfill the Waretown Volunteer Fire Company's needs.

Committeeman Lachawiec inquired if by buying a Demo Fire Truck it would be a bargain, how can you beat that for the town.

Chief Ambrosio discussed is would be a better price than a brand new truck. Chief Ambrosio thanked the Township Committee for their strong support of the Waretown Volunteer Fire Department, as the generosity of this Committee has allowed the department to upgrade and enhance its ability to protect the wellbeing of this deserving community

Mayor Tredy discussed everyone cannot thank the Fire Department volunteers enough for what they do. The volunteers get up in the middle of the night, rush to motor vehicle accidents and home alarm responses just to change a battery. Thank you.

Committeeman Lachawiec discussed saying a prayer every time he hears the fire siren go off so the good Lord can keep everyone safe. Thank you for all you do us.

John Petrosilli, 11 Vessel Road, congratulated Deputy Mayor Wetter for being elected for another three years. I'm sure Deputy Mayor Wetter will do well for the town, as she has in the past.

Eileen Doyle, 243 11<sup>th</sup> Street, congratulated Deputy Mayor Wetter. Mrs. Doyle inquired when the temporary repairs will be made at Locheal Creek.

Matthew Ambrosio, Superintendent, Public Works Dept., discussed the repairs should be within the next two weeks.

Mayor Tredy discussed there were County workers there today. They might be working on the gabions.

Mrs. Doyle inquired if the Township is using the approved plans from a few years ago to rehabilitate the Bryant Road gazebo.

Township Clerk Ambrosio discussed the Township does not have definitive plans yet. The Township is waiting for FEMA funds. The Township has the plans for the dock and bulkhead.

Mrs. Doyle is interested in a two-story gazebo.

Mayor Tredy discussed the Township engineers indicated the Township would not get a DEP permit for a two-story gazebo.

Mrs. Doyle inquired if the Township could install a bench at the end of the dock.

Township Administrator Breeden discussed that will be taken into consideration.

Mrs. Doyle discussed the NJ Maritime Museum on Long Beach Island had a meeting sponsored by the American Red Cross on the second anniversary of Superstorm Sandy. There were a number of people from Waretown there. The discussion was about pets being left behind and taken during evacuations and how to keep track of that. Mrs. Doyle suggested a link on the Township website to track animals during an evacuation.

Township Clerk Ambrosio discussed the Ocean County Emergency Management (OCEM) has pet friendly shelters, where cages are given to people who show up at the shelters with pets. The OCEM is working on a way to calculate and accommodate the animals.

**Motion to close Public Comment** was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

**RESOLUTION 2014-342** Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$1,911,890.29

Motion to approve was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014 – 8 – Second Reading – Public Hearing**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 61 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN**

**Motion to Table: Ordinance 2014-8 until the December 11, 2014 Township Meeting** was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014 – 9 – First Reading – Title Only**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A FIRE PUMPER APPARATUS FOR THE WARETOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NUMBER 1 AND RELATED EXPENSES, AND APPROPRIATING \$450,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$427,500 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN TO FINANCE THE SAME.**

Motion to approve was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014 – 10 – First Reading – Title Only**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE BRYANT ROAD GAZEBO IN THE TOWNSHIP AND RELATED EXPENSES, AND APPROPRIATING \$565,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$536,750 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN TO FINANCE THE SAME.**

Motion to approve was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014 – 11 – First Reading – Title Only**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS WATER AND SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN AND APPROPRIATING \$425,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$425,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN TO FINANCE THE SAME.**

Motion to approve was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

- 2014-343 Resolution authorizing the release of lot grading cash bond for Lennar Greenbriar Oceanaire, Section 4, Phase C
- 2014-344 Resolution authorizing the release of performance guarantee for Greenbriar Oceanaire Basins S & V
- 2014-345 Resolution authorizing the release of landscaping bond for Greenbriar Oceanaire Section 3, Phase B, Basin V Landscaping
- 2014-346 Resolution authorizing a leak credit to 263 Bayshore Drive in the amount of \$100.04
- 2014-347 Resolution authorizing a leak credit to 104 Whippany Road in the amount of \$113.13
- 2014-348 Resolution authorizing the purchase of furniture for the Police Department Patrol Room from Adelphia Furniture under State Contract #A81606 in the amount of \$11,476.27
- 2014-349 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey recognizing the month of November as National Family Caregiver Month
- 2014-350 Resolution accepting a bid and authorizing a contract with Robert H. Hoover & Sons, Inc. for (1) 2015 4700SF Dump Truck
- 2014-351 Resolution authorizing appropriation transfers in the Utility Department in the amount of \$120,000.00
- 2014-352 Resolution authorizing appropriation transfers in the in the amount of \$234,000.00
- 2014-353 Resolution authorizing the Administrator to sign Loan Documents with TD Bank pertaining a Waretown Volunteer Fire Company Loan

**Motion to approve Resolutions 2014-343 through 2014-353** was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.  
Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Abstain

**Resolution 2014 – 354**

**Resolution authorizing a Leak Credit for 119 Bonita Road in the amount of \$70.57**

Motion to approve was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.  
Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Abstain

**Motion to approve Adam D. Grant, Gregory Cofini, and Brent Cunningham to the New Jersey State Firemen's Association**

Motion to approve was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.  
Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Abstain

**Motion to approve: the below listed dates for the use of the Community Center and Waretown Memorial Recreation Park:**

**2014**

Annette Bonfonti – December 14, 2014

Ashley Damodio – November 23, 2014

**2015**

Waretown Thunder Softball – Field 1 – Wednesday & Sunday March 2015 – November 2015

Waretown Thunder Softball – Community Ctr – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs each month – January – December

Republican County Committee – Last Tues – January – December

Regular Republican Organization of Ocean Twp – Last Tues – January – December

Holly Auxillary of the S.O.M.C. Foundation – 4<sup>th</sup> Wed - January – December

Township of Ocean – Recreation – Zumba – 9:00 am – Thursday - January – December

Township of Ocean – Recreation – Knitting – 9:00 am – Wednesday - January – December

Township of Ocean – Recreation – Line Dancing – 9:00 am – Friday - January – December

Township of Ocean – Recreation – Mahjong – 7:00 pm – Wednesday- January – December

Township of Ocean – Recreation – Wii Bowling – 1:00 pm – Wednesday - January – December

Township of Ocean – Recreation – Exercise – Move Today – 12:00 pm – Wednesday - Jan–Dec

Township of Ocean – Recreation – Zumba Gold – 9:00 am – Wednesday - January – December

Township of Ocean – Senior Advisory Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – 9:00 am - January– December

Township of Ocean – Recreation – Exercise – 7:00 pm – Tues & Thurs - January – December

Township of Ocean – Recreation – Sit & Be Fit – 10:00 am – Mon & Thurs - January–December

Township of Ocean – Recreation – Zumba – 9:00 am – Monday - January – December

Township of Ocean – Recreation – Mahjong – 9:00 am – Tuesday - January – December

Township of Ocean – Recreation – Chair Exercise-yoga –1:30pm–Tuesday-January–December

Township of Ocean – Recreation – Zumba – 12:30 pm – Tuesday - January – December

Township of Ocean – Recreation – Card Playing – 8:30 am – Tuesday - January – December

Township of Ocean – Recreation - Chair Exercise – 8:45 am – Thursday - January – December

Township of Ocean – Recreation – Family Education Workshops – 11:00 am – Thurs- Jan–Dec

Township of Ocean – Recreation – Zumba – 6:00 pm – Monday - January – December

Township of Ocean – Recreation – Fitness Class – 11:00 am – Wednesday-January–December

Duck Pond – December 24<sup>th</sup> – December 25<sup>th</sup>

Duck Pond – Wed & Thurs – 7:00 pm

Motion to approve was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

***Next Meeting – December 11, 2014 at 6:30 pm***

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

Signed and Submitted:

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Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Date