

M E E T I N G M I N U T E S

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
WORKSHOP/CAUCUS AGENDA
February 26, 2009 – 7:00 pm

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PUBLISHED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

1. Roll Call Mayor Kraft X Deputy Mayor Reilly X
 Committeeman Van Pelt Absent

Also Present: Mr. Mosca X Mr. McGuckin X

FLAG SALUTE

3. Administrator's Report
- City Connection
 - o Contract renewal of website

Township Administrator Mosca stated City Connection is the company who has redesigned and maintained the township's website. The town is going to renew the contract for the same cost as last year, which is \$4,608.00, Resolution No. 2009-115. The town has received a lot of positive feedback regarding the website. There are many items on the website - budget, RFP's, etc. City Connections posts these items on the website along with Kammie Verdolina, who is the town's liaison to City Connections.

Resolution No. 2009-114 is a requirement. It is a fill-in for the Court Recorder. If the town's Court Recorder misses a session, the court requires a back-up person to be appointed. The town has never used the person.

Resolution No. 2009-116 is for CMX additional services required for the Volunteer Way extension. The additional services are a requirement from the State.

Resolution No. 2009-118 is to appoint Wayne McVicar, Township Utilities Engineer, to be the engineer for the NJEIT program, which is also a requirement. The NJEIT applications are being filed.

Resolution No. 2009-122 is an energy program that allows the town to apply for certain funding if the town follows the guidelines for sustainable energy. The buildings that the

town owns may someday get funding to do solar panels on the roof. There is a seminar the first week in March, at various locations in the state.

4. Mayor's Report – Robert Kraft

Mayor Kraft informed the public of the meeting with DEP in Trenton on Monday, February 23, 2009. The State put a high priority on the wildlife on Volunteer Way. The representative from Fish and Wildlife did a nice job explaining the need for snake tunnels. There is a new need to erect a three-foot high retaining wall on both sides of the road the whole length of the roadway. This is so the snakes are pushed into a tunnel every 300 feet so they can go 150 feet to the other side of the roadway. The town went from raising the road 5 feet with the snake tunnels under it to lowering the road down to about 3 feet high, with 3 ½ foot high walls on both sides all because there was one snake on the South side of the proposed Volunteer Way. That snake was tagged and later killed by a coyote. There are pine snakes back there but they seem to be further North.

CMX will further the study on threatened and endangered habitat so the town can modify the CAFRA permit. That permit is going to be very difficult to get. Mayor Kraft has a meeting Saturday with Congressman Adler, where he will lay out the town's need for this road and the need for him to intervene with DEP and expedite this permit process. The Town Center has been an eight or nine year process. It's time to let it move forward. The Congressman is eager to help. The town will try to get the Volunteer Way project funded through the stimulus package by getting that information to the Congressman.

Township Administrator Mosca stated he will give the Mayor his notes on the stimulus package to bring to his meeting with the Congressman.

5. Deputy Mayor's Report – Dick Reilly

- Town Center – RFP
 - o Pre-Conference Meeting (Update)

Deputy Mayor Reilly chaired the Pre-Conference Meeting with the applicants for the redevelopment of the entire Town Center on February 18, 2009. There were six companies that came and listened to the Township Planner. The companies had an opportunity to ask questions. All of the attendees were interested in the application process and have until April 2, 2009 to respond with their proposal. Two of the six respondents attended the last meeting, Sora Homes and Turner Construction. The other four are new.

The State has postponed the construction of the Volunteer Way traffic light to Monday, March 2, 2009. The completion date would be in about a month.

- On – Line Auction
 - o Construction Office Trailer

Resolution No. 2009-117 is an on-line auction with GovDeals of the construction-zoning office trailer.

The last auction netted approximately \$14,000 and included a wood chipper, dump truck, recycling truck, machine trailer and asphalt paver. The closing is March 3, 2009. The intention of the construction trailer auction is to see what kind of funds the town can generate from that. The employees will be moved to the Utilities Dept. The town can save money on heat and electricity.

The traffic light coming out of Greenbriar on Route 532 has a six-second green light and then goes back to red. The town expects a change in that time sequence by the end of March. It should not put a burden on the traffic going East or West on Wells Mills Road. The Ocean County Engineering Department will handle it.

6. Committeeman – Daniel Van Pelt (Absent)

7. Mr. McGuckin

Township Attorney McGuckin stated there has been many discussions regarding the Grand Bay Harbor boat slip issue. Letters were forwarded to the association, who meets in March.

The amended redevelopment agreement on the Edgemont property needs authorization to be executed subject to the approval of Township Attorney McGuckin and Township Administrator Mosca.

Motion to close Workshop/Caucus Agenda Meeting was moved by Deputy Mayor Reilly, seconded by Mayor Kraft. Roll Call: Reilly: Yes, Kraft: Yes.

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Township Clerk

Date