

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN BUSINESS MEETING December 12, 2013

Call to Order

ROLL CALL: LACHAWIEC X TREDY X WETTER 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

Committee Reports

Mayor – Tina Wetter

This time last year, the Township was still suffering from the devastating impact of Superstorm Sandy. Displaced residents, mountains of storm debris in the street and inspections of hundreds of damaged homes along the bay front was the normal daily routine in December of 2012. The Township's workforce and public safety volunteers labored diligently preparing for the storm, making sure the residents were out of harm's way, responding to residents in desperate need and demonstrating comprehensive recovery efforts.

The successful management of this historic storm event was due to the needed resources required to effectively and safely perform duties. The Township has a responsibility to make sure employees and volunteers make it home to their families every day. There are two public safety bond ordinances on the agenda that authorize funding for the Township of Ocean Fire Department, First Aid and Police Department. This funding will be used to acquire vehicles and equipment needed by the first responders.

Many of the vehicles being replaced are far beyond their useful life and must be taken out of service. Mayor Wetter appreciates the work all first responders perform on a daily basis and is extremely proud. Please continue with the outstanding work and hopefully this equipment will make the job easier and safer.

During this time of giving, if able, please donate to a charity to those who are struggling to get through the holidays. Mayor Wetter wished everybody a joyous holiday season, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Deputy Mayor – Dennis F. Tredy

There are two ordinances on the agenda that will fund public safety operations within the Township. One ordinance allocates \$145,000 to the Waretown Volunteer Fire Company. The second ordinance allocates \$482,000 to the Township of Ocean Police Department and the Waretown First Aid Squad.

A major portion of the \$482,000 will be used to purchase a new EMS ambulance, which is desperately needed in this town. Deputy Mayor Tredy is an active member of the Fire Department and will abstain from voting on the bond ordinance for the Fire Department, to avoid any potential conflict. Abstaining includes stepping down from the dias during the public comment for this ordinance. However, there is no state law to prevent telling the public and the Waretown Volunteer Fire Company that Deputy Mayor Tredy is very proud of the Fire Department.

The Township's Volunteer Fire Company is dedicated to the community and committed to the fire profession. Deputy Mayor Tredy is honored to be a member of the Waretown Volunteer Fire Department. All Township public safety officials do a remarkable job protecting the Waretown community. Deputy Mayor Tredy thanked the safety officials for servicing the Township of Ocean.

The Township will launch a new website on Sunday, December 15, 2013. This website will be fully functional. Residents will find this new and improved website easier to navigate and more user-friendly. The state is requiring local government to post more information regarding operations on their websites. The new website address will be www.twpoceannj.gov.

There are only a few days left to enter the Township's annual house decorating contest. The house decorating contest is December 1, 2013 through December 16, 2013. To enter your house or nominate another house, please send your name, address and telephone number to the clerk's office via US mail, email or deliver in person.

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a snowman building contest. Entries should include a photograph of the snowman with at least one builder in the photo for scale, names of the builders, address telephone number and date the snowman was built.

Deputy Mayor Tredy wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday.

Committeeman – Joseph Lachawiec

The generator of the Township's mobile command post can no longer be repaired. It is 14 years old and parts are hard to come by. The Ocean County Sheriff's office sent a spare generator in case of an emergency. Committeeman Lachawiec discussed inserting enough money in the budget next year for a new generator for the mobile command post.

After Hurricane Sandy, half of the Oyster Creek Generating Station sirens were inoperable. All 42 emergency sirens within a 10 mile radius of the plant were replaced. These are new, state-of-the-art units that feature battery backup. The new sirens were installed next to the old ones, which will be removed next year. On December 2, 2013, the Generating Station conducted a siren test at 10:00 am for three minutes. If there is another coincidental incident, like Hurricane Sandy with 80-100 mph winds and a problem at the plant, it will be difficult to hear the new sirens going off for the second incident.

Sergeant Murphy and Committeeman Lachawiec attended a meeting last year, where the US Department of Defense discussed giving spare items to communities. Recent items given to the Township are a Humvee vehicle valued at \$39,000 and a diesel generator valued at approximately \$11,000. These are military items lent to the Township and will be returned at the end of their useful life. The Humvee will be put into the Police patrol fleet for off road use and is also considered a high water vehicle to remove persons in case of a flood.

Administrator Report

Administrator – David Breeden

Administrator Breeden discussed currently the Township's website is “.org”. Changing the domain to “.gov” offers the Township additional protection to prevent interruptions in service.

A Power Point presentation was given to discuss the two bond ordinances on the agenda tonight and a general discussion on debt management and capital improvement projects in the Township of Ocean.

There are five different types of funds in New Jersey, the Current Fund which finances the Township's operations, the Utility Fund which is water/sewer, Trust Fund, Open Space, Capital Fund which is used to finance projects funded by debt and the Grant Fund which is used to fund projects the Township receives grant money from.

A bond ordinance is the process the Township uses to buy assets of high value and extended useful life. The Township Committee has to authorize bond ordinances. All items purchased under a bond ordinance must have a useful life of at least five years. The Township must pay a 5% down payment on the bond ordinance.

The net debt issued in 2010 versus 2012 has decreased by approximately \$638,000. If water/sewer is added, the debt will go up. Since 2010, the Township has been very aggressive with water/sewer improvements, required upgrades, acquiring public works equipment, expanding facilities, purchasing police vehicles, road paving/drainage improvements and information technology upgrades.

Another aspect of debt management is the Township can leverage capital dollars with respect to grants. Many grants mandate a matching requirement from the Local Government. Over the past three years, the Township has received over \$333,000 in grant funding from DOT to pave roads. The Township has been extremely successful with NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust (NJEIT) funding.

Since 2010, the Township has applied every year to the state for NJEIT financing. To date, the Township has received over \$617,000 in principle forgiveness. The Township has also received over \$1.6 million in loans with no interest. That is \$2.2 million the taxpayer does not have to pay back.

Ordinance 2013-26 is for \$145,000 and authorizes the issuance of debt of approximately \$137,750. An allocation of \$100,000 is for the purchase of fire suppression safety equipment and communication equipment to comply with PEOSHA standards. The balance of \$45,000 is to purchase a new Fire Chief vehicle. The current unit is from 1999 and has over 150,000 miles on it.

Ordinance 2013-27 is for \$482,000 and will be split between the Police Department and the First Aid Squad. The Police Department will get approximately \$130,000 for the video system, \$90,000 for vehicles and \$30,000 for the CAD system. The Waretown First Aid Squad will get \$190,000 for the purchase of an ambulance, \$32,000 for a building generator and \$10,000 for various building equipment.

The Township balances the means of the workforce and public safety volunteers. The public safety professionals and first responders deserve state-of-the-art equipment with respect to Police, Fire and First Aid.

Resolutions 2013-337, 338, 339, 340, 347 and 348 are regarding cancellations and transfers. At the end of every year, the Township determines where transfers and cancellations are needed.

Resolutions 2013-343, 344 and 345 authorize NJEIT funding, Hurricane Sandy grants and loans and water/sewer work on Montclair Road. In 2014 the Township will start work on Montclair Road and purchase a generator for the Utilities facilities. The 2015 water/sewer project will be in the southern part of Pebble Beach.

Mayor Wetter thanked Administrator Breeden for the comprehensive presentation.

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

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

Steve Emanuel, 44 Deal Lane, inquired if the Township has made provisions for the storage of the police in-car videos based on the NJ retention schedules.

Township Administrator Breeden stated yes. It is all part of the acquisition cost of \$130,000.

Committeeman Lachawiec discussed the police mobile command post generator failed after the Township's first reading of these ordinances. Committeeman Lachawiec hopes, if there are funds left

from the specification bids for fire, police or first aid squad equipment, that the funds be dedicated to the emergency generator for the mobile command post.

Township Attorney McGuckin discussed the Township Committee can advise that they are willing to do that but cannot change the bond ordinance, as it has been advertised.

Township Administrator Breeden is confident that can be worked out.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Tredy recused himself from voting on Ordinance 2013-26 and stepped down from the dias.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-26– Second Reading – Public Hearing
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$145,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$137,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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

Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes

No comment from the public.

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

Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Committeeman Lachawiec discussed this ordinance will benefit the public and will improve the Township's forces in times of need.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2013-26 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Mayor Wetter.

Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Deputy Mayor Tredy returned to the dias for the remainder of the meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-27– Second Reading – Public Hearing

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$482,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$457,900 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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

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

No comment from the public.

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

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2013-27 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-28– Second Reading – Public Hearing

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,300,000), AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CLEAN WATER AND DRINKING WATER PROJECTS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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

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

No comment from the public.

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

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2013-28 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

Motion to approve meeting minutes October 9, 2013, November 14, 2013 and Executive Session Minutes of May 9, 2013, May 30, 2013, September 12, 2013 and

September 26, 2013 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

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

Resolution 2013- 335 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$584,356.36

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

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

- 2013-336 Resolution authorizing the insertion of an item of revenue in the amount of \$2,043.00 for reimbursement of Hepatitis B Inoculations
- 2013-337 Resolution authorizing the appropriation transfers in the amount of \$10,000.00
- 2013-338 Resolution authorizing the canceling in the Current Fund the amount \$251,000.00
- 2013-339 Resolution authorizing canceling \$100,000.00 from the Sewer Capital Improvement fund to the Sewer General Capital Fund
- 2013-340 Resolution authorizing canceling \$450,000.00 from the Water Capital Improvement fund balance to the Water Capital Surplus Fund Balance
- 2013-341 Resolution authorizing Change Order #1 – Potable Water Contract – Replacement of ACP Sewer and Water Main on Hornblower Drive
- 2013-342 Resolution for renewal of membership in the Ocean County Joint Insurance Fund starting January 1, 2014
- 2013-343 Resolution authorizing T&M to advertise and receive bids for Montclair Road water and sewer main project
- 2013-344 Resolution authorizing T&M to advertise and receive bids for the backup emergency generator project
- 2013-345 Resolution authorizing T&M to design the water & sewer main improvements on various roadways in accordance with the NJEIT letter of intent submitted.
- 2013-346 Resolution authorizing anticipated revenue for the US Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership
- 2013-347 Resolution authorizing canceling in 2013 Water Operating budget the amount of \$42,000.00
- 2013-348 Resolution authorizing canceling in 2013 Sewer Operating budget the amount of \$59,000.00
- 2013-349 Resolution authorizing the execution and submittal of the 2014 Ocean County Tourism Grant in the amount of \$1,400.00 for the 2014 Founder's Day Events
- 2013-350 Resolution authorizing a Totally Disable Veterans Tax Exemption for 2013 for Lou Pelak and a refund of \$1,991.56

Motion to approve Resolutions 2013-336 through 2013-350 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Wetter: Yes

RESOLUTION 2013 –351

RESOLUTION WAIVING ALL RIGHT TITLE AND INTEREST THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN MAY HAVE IN A CERTAIN QUIT CLAIM DEED RELATING TO A RIGHT OF REVERSION FOR THE PROPERTIES KNOWN AS BLOCK 405, LOTS 78 THROUGH 84 AND BLOCK 409, LOTS 36 THROUGH 42.

Committeeman Lachawiec requested the address and location of these lots.

Township Attorney McGuckin discussed these are two lots which are less than half an acre that the Township owned and were conveyed to the redeveloper at the time the redeveloper was first chosen as part of the redevelopment plan. There is a right of reversion in the deeds stating these properties are being given to the redeveloper, however, if the redeveloper fails to perform, these lands revert back to the Township of Ocean. The redeveloper has performed 74.9% of the project and needs the title to the properties, without the right of reversion to refinance, which results in their payments to the Township.

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

Township Attorney McGuckin advised the Township Committee to make a motion, in order for the redeveloper to refinance, to authorize a Certificate of Completion of Compliance for the 74.9% of the Coastal Redevelopment project that has been completed to date.

RESOLUTION 2013 –352

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF COMPLIANCE FOR THE 74.9% OF THE COASTAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED TO DATE was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Motion to approve a Social Affairs permit for the Waretown Volunteer Fire Company for January 18, 2013 was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.
Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Motion to approve the below listed dates in 2013 and 2014 for the use of the Community Center, Waretown Memorial Recreation Park and Ball Fields:

2013

Michelle Hochstrasser – December 14, 2013

Roxanne Lacey – December 8, 2013

Roxanne Lacey – December 21, 2013

2014

South Jersey Baseball Tournaments – 2014

WAA Baseball – 2014

OTPTA – January 9, 2013

Recreation – Watercolor Painting Classes – Wednesday

Susan Appleton – January 11, 2014

Waretown Historical Society - June 13, 2014 – Pavilion

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

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

Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday, January 1, 2014 at 12:00 noon

Adjournment

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

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

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date