

APPROVED: April 7, 2014

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
March 17, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: President Maher called the meeting to order at 8:36 p.m.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

This is to advise that the notice requirement provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" has been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given and transmitted to The Times and Princeton Packet; filed with the Clerk of the Municipality; and posted in the West Windsor Township Municipal Building at North Post and Clarksville Roads on March 7, 2014.

ATTENDEES: President: Maher; Vice President: Geever; Council: Borek; Mendonez; Samonte; Business Administrator: Schmid; Township Attorney: Herbert; Deputy Township Clerk: Huber

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, expressed his view on the problems that occurred during the 2013 election with regard to political signage. He noted his support to request that energy receipts be returned to municipalities, but cautioned that the State will have to make up for these funds.

Mr. Al Lerner, 67 Rainflower Lane, noted his support to review all capital projects.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, voiced her opinion on political signs.

FOR DISCUSSION:

COUNCIL MEMBER/CLERK

Review of Follow-up Document

President Maher suggested that Council members review the items on the list and give their input on the priority of each matter.

Ms. Geevers inquired when Administration will be presenting the Spiezle Report to the Council on proposed renovations to various municipal buildings.

Ms. Schmid advised that this discussion would be premature at this time and that Council should wait for the Task Force working on this to finalize their findings.

Mr. Mendonez advised that the Task Force last met in January and that he will follow-up with the Mayor. He noted that the Task Force is working on a priority list, which could be discussed in the near future.

Ms. Schmid suggested making this discussion part of the capital projects discussion.

President Maher requested that Administration review the possibility of guardrails throughout the Township being brown colored instead of steel.

Ms. Geevers requested discussion on debris removal at a future work session.

Ms. Schmid noted that this should be discussed sooner rather than later since the contract is up for renewal.

President Maher suggested that Administration reach out to the Mercer County Improvement Authority to see if they would consider going into this business.

Council requested that all items completed be removed and that Council members review work session topics and prioritize them and forward to the Clerk for inclusion in the document.

#### Reconsideration of the Political Sign Ordinance

Mr. Borek noted that the problem is the interpretation received on placement between the sidewalk and roadway during the last election.

President Maher suggested six feet from the roadway for sign placement on private property.

Mr. Herbert advised that he would review and submit wordage for the current ordinance to address this matter.

Mr. Borek suggested six feet from the edge of the asphalt.

Discussion continued between Council and Mr. Herbert on the appropriate language to be used.

Ms. Geevers suggested making the political signage section a separate part of the sign ordinance and that there be a timeframe possibly of 45 days prior to an election for placement of political signs.

Mr. Herbert advised he will prepare draft language for Council review.

Support of A-1021/S-268 Energy Receipts Property Tax Relief Initiative

Mr. Borek gave a brief history of the proposed Bills noting that both houses passed this legislation and the Governor vetoed it. He advised that he supports the resolution.

Mr. Herbert advised that some of the neighboring townships have passed similar resolutions and are now calling for the matter to be placed on the November ballot for the voters to decide.

Council requested that this resolution be placed on the March 31<sup>st</sup> Business Session agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, expressed her views on political signage.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, noted his support for changes to the political sign portion of the sign ordinance. He noted his support for the Energy Receipts resolution.

Mr. Al Lerner, 67 Rainflower Lane, voiced his opinion on the energy taxes referendum.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Borek  
Second: Mendonez  
VV: All approved

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Sharon L. Young  
Township Clerk  
West Windsor Township