

APPROVED: August 4, 2014

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
BUSINESS SESSION
June 9, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: President Maher called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 January 3, 2014.

ATTENDEES: President: Maher; Vice President: Geevers; Council: Borek, Mendonez, Samonte; Mayor: Hsueh (left at 8:55 p.m.); Business Administrator: Schmid; Township Attorney: Herbert; Township Engineer: Guzik; Director of Community Development: Ward; Township Clerk: Young

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Young led the salute to the flag.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

President Maher asked to have the agenda amended to add Resolution 2014-R133 and Ordinance 2014-09.

Motion to amend the agenda: Borek

Second: Mendonez

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND/OR TOPIC FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

Proclamation Expressing Appreciation for the Services Provided Yearly by Ms. June Fiske on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day

President Maher read the proclamation into the record.

Council congratulated Ms. Fiske for her years of service.

Update on Renovations to Various Township Buildings from the Engineering Division and Mr. Scott Downie, the Architect

Mr. Guzik opened the presentation and introduced Mr. Downie of Spiezle Architect Group.

Mr. Downie spoke about the goals and objectives of the renovations. He reviewed the building's space and equipment needs, along with the physical needs of the building such as roofing, HVAC, plumbing, heating and the ability to bring the building up to code. Mr. Downie outlined the proposed improvement plan, and spoke about each of the proposed changes. He advised that the two-year implementation plan would be consisting of phased construction of the complex, and he outlined each of the scenarios. Mr. Downie reviewed the proposed budget and the preliminary improvement schedule. He briefed the Council on what the next steps would be to include determining the scope and overall budget and to decide on the number of years for the implementation of the plan.

Mr. Mendonez affirmed that he was in attendance at four Energy Efficiency meetings to review the energy needs for the complex. He advised that the committee estimated that the cost for the physical needs would be approximately 1.7 million dollars. Mr. Mendonez inquired about the costs that the Spiezle Group spoke about for the needs of the Municipal complex and addressed several other questions.

Mr. Downie spoke about the Energy Savings Improvement Plan and how this energy efficient plan will benefit the Township financially.

Ms. Geever addressed questions about the schedule for implementation of the plan.

Mr. Downie spoke about the challenge of moving the physical location of several departments while renovations are being done and noted that the storage will also present difficulties.

Ms. Geevers asked Administration for their opinion on how this project is to be financed.

President Maher urged Administration to include Council in the dialogue and the renovation process. He noted the need for a prioritization of renovations phases and recommended that specific needs be discussed.

Ms. Schmid spoke about retro-fitting the space in the Post Office for utilization by Emergency Services.

Ms. Ward spoke about the Municipal Complex plans and renovations from 1989 and advised of the current priorities for the buildings. She invited Mr. Maher to review the architectural plans and to do a "walk about" with Administration to evaluate the needs for the various buildings.

President Maher noted that he should have been included early on in the process.

Mayor Hsueh explained that the Municipal building is over forty years old and since that time the Township has tripled in population and the needs are more encompassing. He informed the Council how the renovation project was initiated and how it evolved. Mayor Hsueh offered suggestions on how the project could be funded.

Discussion ensued about the project and the renovation process.

Ms. Samonte asked to have the conversation tabled if the discussion continued to be heated.

Mr. Mendonez advised that the whole scope of the project was not presented to the Energy Efficiency Committee, and noted that the schedule of implementation was too aggressive.

President Maher explained that it was not a priority to engage Council with these discussions. He asked for additional facts to be presented before the negotiation about the project implementation can begin.

Mr. Downie spoke about the two scenarios that are structured into the plan.

Discussion ensued over the budgeted line items and a revised implementation schedule.

President Maher asked why the locations of the Emergency Services bays are off of North Post Road and not at the Princeton Junction Firehouse.

Ms. Ward advised that this could be considered and discussed.

Mr. Borek commented on the vehicles being stored at the old firehouse, and the need to have the equipment centrally located.

Discussion ensued over the location of the bays for the Emergency Services vehicles.

Ms. Schmid advised that the presentation this evening is the beginning of further dialogue about the plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Jones, 252 Cranbury Road, outlined the details of an accident that occurred in front of his house.

Elane Gutterman, 35 Arnold Drive, introduced herself and noted that she was a founding member of the Arts Council.

Mr. Paul Cerna, 955 Alexander Road, noted that he was the Treasurer for the Arts Council, and he thanked Council for their support.

Ms. Arin Black, Executive Director for the Arts Council, also thanked Council for their support.

Mr. Jeff Nathanson, Vice President of Princeton Arts Council, asked Council for their support on the next phase of the plan for the Arts Council building.

Mr. Gerald Ricciardo, JCP&L, wanted to make an appearance again and asked Council if there were any outstanding issues with the service.

Ms. Marla Esposito, 18 Van Wyck Drive, noted her concerns about the placing and picking up of yard debris on Township roads.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, suggested the Spiezle plan be placed on the Township website. He also addressed several questions regarding the plan.

Mr. Kelvin Werth, 1 Courtney Drive, was disappointed that the residents surrounding the Municipal building were not invited to the meeting this evening to participate in the discussion about the Municipal Complex renovations.

Ms. Kathy Brennan, 1 Courtney Drive, advised that her neighborhood has always had a voice in Township issues such as the Alexander Road Bridge and now the Municipal Complex renovations.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, spoke about brush issues and the Municipal Complex renovations.

Ms. Debbie Hepler, 10 Dean Court, addressed issues about Police presence to reduce speeding vehicles, the Public Works Road Department, and overtime.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Mayor Hsueh advised that the Police Division received their accreditation for the third time.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Samonte spoke about the Clean Communities Grant

Mr. Mendonez agreed with posting presentations on the website for the residents to review and provide input. He suggested allowing on-line comments regarding the presentations. Mr. Mendonez spoke about attending the PSE&G Power Plant tour, and advised that inquiries have been made about usage of a GPS system and having a vendor give a presentation to Council and Administration.

Ms. Geevers provided an update regarding the MOU with the Cricket Association, the RFP for legal services, costs associated with the cleanup of the bays located at the Arts Center. She suggested that the Spiezle report be placed on the Township website.

CHAIR/CLERK COMMENTS

President Maher asked Ms. Ward to provide information regarding the costs for the cleanup of the bays located at the Arts Center. He advised that this will be a topic for discussion at next year's budget sessions.

President Maher advised that he is committed to getting Mr. Jones a guardrail in front of his property. He also noted that he is dedicated to finding a new location for the emergency vehicles that are located at the Arts Center. President Maher spoke about Ms. Hepler's comments and asked Administration to look into her concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

2014-R124 Approving the Appointment of Eric Payne as Resident Representative on the Site Plan Review Advisory Board with a term to Expire on December 31, 2016

2014-R125 Refund of Overpaid Property Taxes

2014-R126 Providing for Insertion of the State of New Jersey Clean Communities Program in the 2014 Municipal Budget - \$50,771.99

2014-R133 Approving the Appointments of Gary Zohn as Member and Virginia Manzari as Alternate I on the Zoning Board of Adjustment

MINUTES

April 28, 2014 - Business Session, as amended
May 12, 2014 - Closed Session

BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion to approve the amended consent agenda: Borek
Second: Geevers
RCV: aye Borek
aye Geevers
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL/CLERK

2014-R128 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute the Professional Services Agreement with Weber's Training School to Provide Temporary Boarding and Shelter for Stray Dogs and Cats that Become the Responsibility of the Township of West Windsor - \$10,000.00

2014-R129 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute the Professional Services Agreement with Nassau Animal Hospital to Provide Non-Emergency Medical Attention to Stray Dogs and Cats that Become the Responsibility of the Township of West Windsor - \$8,000.00

2014-R130 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute the Professional Services Agreement with Princeton Animal Hospital to Provide Twenty-Four Hour Emergency Veterinarian Services upon Request - \$5,000.00

2014-R132 Renewal of 2014-2015 Alcoholic Beverage Liquor
Licenses for West Windsor Township

Motion to approve Resolution 2014-R128 through 2014-R130 and
Resolution 2014-R132: Geevers

Second: Borek

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

2014-R127 Authorizing the Cancellation of General Capital and
Maintenance of Open Space Trust Fund Appropriations
Balances

President Maher asked for a better explanation of how this
cancellation of funds is different from the cancellation
approved at the last Business Session.

Ms. Schmid explained that the cancellation of these funds are
from Engineering projects.

Motion to approve: Borek

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

2014-R131 Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Issue
Payment to National Railroad Passenger Corporation for
the Payment of Fees Associated with the Underground
Crossing of Amtrak Rail Line Corridor as Part of the
Duck Pond Run Sewer Interceptor-Phase II Project -
\$50,000.00

President Maher inquired about the status of this project, and
asked what would be the alternatives if this attempt to drill
under the rail lines fails.

Mr. Guzik explained that the Township would know within one day if this attempt fails, and would then seek another option from the consultant Engineering firm. Mr. Guzik outlined the costs associated with the project.

Ms. Ward commented on the funds being drawn from an account similar to an escrow funds.

Motion to approve: Borek

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

2014-08 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 168,
"TRAFFIC AND PARKING," OF THE REVISED GENERAL
ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR

Motion to introduce: Borek

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

The public hearing will be held at the June 23rd Business Session.

2014-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PRINCETON JUNCTION
REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Motion to introduce: Borek
Second: Mendonez
RCV: aye Borek
 aye Geevers
 aye Mendonez
 aye Samonte
 aye Maher

The public hearing to be determined once the Planning Board reviews the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, commented on the need for the underground tunnel for the decommissioning of the pump station and to continuation of the sewer interceptor.

Mr. John Jones, 252 Cranbury Road, spoke of Township issues which need immediate attention.

COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mendonez reviewed his upcoming schedule of meetings.

Ms. Geevers asked Administration to address Mr. Jones' concerns and if necessary forward the issues to the County.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township