

APPROVED AS AMENDED: November 1, 2016

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
BOARD OF HEALTH
August 15, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: President Geevers called the meeting to order at 6:33 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, Princeton Packet and filed with the Clerk of the Municipality; and posted in the West Windsor Township Municipal Building at North Post and Clarksville Roads all on January 8, 2016. Closed Session was noticed on July 26, 2016.

ATTENDEES: President: Geevers; Vice President: Marathe; Council: Hamilton, Mendonez, Miller; Mayor: Hsueh; Business Administrator: Schmid; Herbert (arrived at 6:38); Township Clerk: Young; Labor Attorney: Ruderman (left at 7:08 p.m.); Health Officer: Swanson (arrived at 7:08 p.m.)

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion to go into closed session:

Second:

RCV: aye Hamilton
aye Marathe
aye Mendonez
aye Miller
aye Geevers

Ms. Young read the closed session resolution into the record:

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting, and

Whereas, the Township Council of West Windsor Township has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and

Whereas, the regular meeting of this Township Council will reconvene; and

Whereas, the below stated subject matter shall be made available at such time as the issues discussed therein are resolved and its disclosure would not subvert any particular exception for convening a closed session.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Township Council of the Township of West Windsor will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12: For the discussion of Union contract negotiations.

Meeting reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Young led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tyron Ross, 5 Browning Court, spoke about his neighbor having chickens as pets. He explained the troubles he observed that became a public health nuisance. He urged Council to keep the existing ordinance which mandates a minimum of five acres for farm animals including chickens.

FOR ACTION

Approval of Minutes:

May 2, 2016 - Board of Health Minutes

Motion to approve: Marathe

Second: Miller

RCV: aye Hamilton

aye Marathe

aye Mendonez

aye Miller

aye Geever

For Discussion

a. Board of Health Member:

b. Mayor/Administration:

UPDATES:

Zika Virus

Ms. Swanson explained that the virus can be spread through mosquitos. She noted there are eighty-nine travel-related cases, but currently no local area transmission of the virus. Ms. Swanson urged the public to take precautions while abroad and to review the information posted on the Township website.

Mercer County Park - Noise Complaints - Meeting with County Officials

Ms. Swanson outlined the details of the meeting with Mercer County officials held on July 25, 2016. She advised that progress is being made in the matter, noise levels are being monitored at park events, and a sound limitation device was put into use mid-season.

President Geever noted that it was a productive meeting, and a follow-up meeting will be held with Mr. Watson at the end of the season.

Chickens as Pets Township Ordinance

Ms. Swanson advised that she went out to review the circumstances of a homeowner who was raising chickens as pets on a parcel of land that is less than five acres. She spoke about the Zoning Board of Adjustment's resolution affirming that chickens could be considered pets if there were three or fewer of them. Ms. Swanson noted that she is working with the Division of Land Use to re-evaluate the farming ordinance.

President Geever explained that the Township Planner is working on the revisions to the ordinance which will come before Council at a future work session.

Public Health Nuisance Code

Ms. Swanson explained that the Public Health Nuisance Code is being revised to improve clarity and add definitions to establish consistent uniformity in the code. She outlined the notification process for individuals deemed to have health nuisance issues.

Council addressed questions and general discussion ensued.

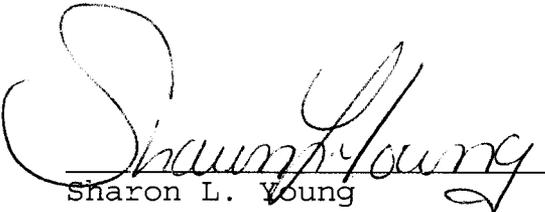
Ms. Swanson noted that unlicensed vehicles are handled by the Police Division.

President Geevers noted that the ordinance will be introduced at the next Business Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Marathe
Second: Miller
VV: All approved

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township