

APPROVED: August 5, 2013

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
BUSINESS SESSION
June 24, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: President Borek 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 8, 2013.

ATTENDEES: Vice President: Samonte; Council Members: Geevers, Khanna, Maher; Mayor: Hsueh; Business Administrator: Schmid; Township Attorney: Herbert; Township Clerk: Young

ABSENT: Borek

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Young led the salute to the flag.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND/OR TOPIC FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

Vice President Samonte advised that Resolution 2013-R143 was being pulled from consideration until the next Business Session.

Mr. Herbert explained that political campaigning at Council meetings should be restricted. He explained that Chapter 60 of the Township Code restricts the use of the cable channel as a mechanism to promote any candidate for public office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Ruth Jones, 252 Cranbury Road, provided some history about the Township and the Grover Farmstead. She noted that she supports the restoration of the house.

Ms. Kathleen Brennan, 1 Courtney Drive, offered her support for Resolution 2013-R142 and 2013-R143 both promoting road, bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, spoke about the adoption of a resolution from Council or the voters providing a referendum for the placement of important issues on the General Election ballot, including the possible demolition of the Grover House.

Ms. Debbie Hepler, 10 Dean Court, spoke about escalating taxes, growing number of housing developments, increased traffic, and the number of strip malls developing in the Township.

Mr. Pete Weale, 144 Fisher Place, listed concerns including the amount of funds proposed for the Municipal complex renovations. He noted that all contracts should be subject to the bid process.

Mr. Frank Bal, 14 Stanford Place, spoke about the Grover House being used for certain individual's political agendas. He advised that there are those residents who would oppose anything the Mayor or Council is in favor of.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Maher addressed several items of concern including the much needed repairs to Alexander Road, the referendum from the voters to decide the outcome of the renovations of the Municipal complex, and sidewalk safety along Cranbury Road.

Mayor Hsueh made statements regarding road and sidewalk repairs.

Mr. Maher inquired about the delay in the construction of the new parking lot located near the train station.

Mayor Hsueh advised that the Parking Authority would like to arrange for a closed session with Council to discuss some outstanding issues with the parking lot construction.

Mr. Khanna noted the need for discussion on particular topics or items before they appear on a Business Agenda.

Ms. Geever inquired about the Spiezle presentation and asked when the contract would be presented to Council

Ms. Schmid advised that the Spiezle presentation has been deferred. She noted that a memo was sent to Council outlining the past expansion of the Police Division and details of how the Administration would like to proceed.

Ms. Geevers supports having agenda sessions because Council needs to review and discuss particular agenda items prior to them appearing on the business agendas.

Ms. Geevers asked Mayor Hsueh if he has met with the Howard Hughes delegates recently, and inquired about the status of the quarterly budget updates.

Mayor Hsueh advised that the Howard Hughes Corporation will need to submit their applications to Planning and Zoning. He noted that there has not been discussion with Howard Hughes Corporation that would assist in moving the project forward.

CHAIR/CLERK COMMENTS

Vice President Samonte suggested continuing the discussions about the Spiezle presentation, the referendum process and quarterly budget reports. She advised that further discussion of these topics would be held at the end of the meeting under "Discussion Topics".

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

2013-R141 Refund of Overpaid Property Taxes

MINUTES

April 29, 2013 - Business Session
May 13, 2013 - Closed Session
May 13, 2013 - Business Session

BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion to approve consent agenda: Geevers

Second: Khanna

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

Borek, absent

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL/CLERK

2013-R142 Authorizing the Purchase of Road Maintenance Materials for North Post Road through the Mercer County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System Contract No. CK09MERCER 2012-18 from American Asphalt Company - \$35,000

2013-R144 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Developer's Agreement with Princeton Junction Commons, LLC

2013-R145 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Land Development Performance Guarantee Agreement with GMRI Inc. (aka Madison-Marquette/Marketfair Re-Tenanting)

2013-R146 Approval to Accept Donation from Mershon "Wildflowers Farm" of a Circa 1930's Windmill for Display at the Schenck Farm Museum

2013-R147 Granting Approval to The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra for a Public Fireworks Display to be held at Mercer County Park on June 30, 2013

Motion to approve Resolutions 2013-R142, and 2013-R144 through 2013-R147: Khanna

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

Borek, absent

2013-R143 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a
Professional Services Agreement with Roberts
Engineering Group, LLC for Surveying and Engineering
Design Services for the North Post Road Bike Lanes
Project - \$25,500

This resolution was tabled until Administration is able to provide answers to Council's questions.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Spiezle Presentation: Space Analysis Report

Mr. Maher explained that Council received their reports that were distributed back in March which provided a lot of details. He asked when Council would be engaged in the process because months have gone by without including Council in the discussions.

Ms. Schmid noted that the final report was not distributed until just before Memorial Day.

Mayor Hsueh spoke about working with the State and incorporating their information into the report. He advised that there is a process to follow.

Ms. Geever asked to have a special meeting including a tour of all the Municipal-owned buildings. She suggested that all of Council and residents be invited. Ms. Geever inquired if the architect could also be included in the meeting.

Mr. Herbert cautioned Council about the need to follow the "Sunshine Law" requirements in noticing a meeting with a quorum. He also spoke about the bidding process and the need for confidentiality of certain financials that were provided to Council.

Referendum/Initiative

Ms. Young provided a basic timeline that needs to be followed if the referendum was going to be placed on the ballot for the November General Election. She noted that this information, with exact dates, was also provided to Mr. Weale.

Discussion ensued over the referendum process, space analysis report, and the cost to finance the Municipal complex renovations.

Quarterly Budget Updates

Ms. Samonte asked when Administration can provide an update because this has been requested several times.

Ms. Schmid advised that a report would be forthcoming by the end of July.

Mr. Maher asked if Ms. Louth was going to be present to address questions when the report is made available to Council.

Ms. Schmid noted that Council and President Borek would need to determine if Ms. Louth should be present.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Ms. Geevers provided a review of the Environmental Commission meeting she attended and noted that the Commission was working on the Climate Action Plan and the Sustainability Study.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

Ms. Schmid advised that grass clippings can be put out with the trash in a closed container, and the clippings should not be put out by the curb.

Mr. Maher informed Administration of a tree trunk that was placed at the side of the road and asked to have it removed.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, spoke about being able to determine the final costs for the renovations to the Municipal complex.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, supports transparency regarding the information being presented about the renovations. She also provided a brief history of previous Municipal building and Police building expansion.

Ms. Debbie Hepler, 10 Dean Court, spoke about Mr. Bal's comments he made and the Code of Ethics for police officers. She also noted that Mr. Bal was the officer that benefited from the helicopter lessons. Ms. Hepler thanked Sergeant Lee for his professionalism and handling her concerns.

Mr. Pete Weale, 144 Fisher Place, noted that the Mayor had left the meeting before the final public comment. He also suggested that a business plan be developed for the Municipal complex renovations.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Geevers
Second: Maher
VV: All approved, Borek absent

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township