

APPROVED: December 9, 2013

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
BUSINESS SESSION
October 28, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Samonte 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 Jr.; Township Engineer: Guzik (8:30 p.m. to 8:55 p.m.); Township Clerk: Young

ABSENT: President: Borek

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Young led the salute to the flag.

Vice President Samonte asked to have a Change Order for T&M Associates added to the agenda for consideration.

Motion to add Resolution 2013-R226 to the agenda: Khanna

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

Borek, absent

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND/OR TOPIC FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

Vice President Samonte announced the times and locations of the two ceremonies to commemorate Veterans' Day.

Presentation by the West Windsor Township Environmental
Commission

Mr. Mike Hornsby, Chair of the Environmental Commission, provided an overview of the activities the Commission has been involved in during the past year. He spoke about the Sustainable Jersey Program and noted that the Township achieved the Silver Level Certification. Mr. Hornsby noted that West Windsor was one of only four NJ municipalities to earn this distinction.

Mr. Hornsby reviewed the Commission's accomplishments and activities, and spoke about the Draft Climate Action Plan. He addressed the Energy Audit Upgrades and the partnership with Rutgers Center for Green Building. Mr. Hornsby discussed the Environmental Education Exhibit located at the Schenck Farm. He recognized the members of the Environmental Commission for their hard work and dedication.

Ms. Geever thanked Mr. Hornsby for his incredible leadership.

Mayor Hsueh made statements and spoke of the goals for West Windsor to achieve recognition for the Gold Level Certification for the Sustainable Jersey Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, spoke about the Township Audit and made comments on how the audit information is gathered.

Mr. Donald Watrous, 131 Cranbury Road, thanked Council and Administration for all their work on the RFP. He addressed several questions.

Mr. John Jones, 252 Cranbury Road, spoke about ineffective safety measures on Cranbury Road. He noted other concerns and requested a guardrail be placed on his property before winter sets in.

Ms. Ina Marx, 101 Claridge Court, spoke in favor of Mayor Hsueh's accomplishments.

Ms. Debbie Hepler, 10 Dean Court, suggested the Mayor use his influence to get Mr. Jones his requested guardrail. She addressed the issue of missing election signs.

Mr. Rick Visovsky, 10 Oakwood Way, spoke about the election signs that have gone missing and replaced by another campaign's political signs.

Mr. Andy Bromberg, 24 Providence Drive, advised that the current leadership in West Windsor is doing a good job. He spoke about incorrect campaign information being disseminated.

Mr. Hemant Marathe, 5 Clarendon Court, spoke about the solar farm at Mercer County Community College and the Mayor's lack of influence over the matter.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Mr. Herbert addressed Mr. Watrous' questions regarding what type of legal documents will be required for the granting of easements to install sidewalks on Cranbury Road.

Mayor Hsueh spoke about the opening of the new parking lot at the Princeton Junction Train Station, the Cranbury Road sidewalk analysis, the Silver Level Award through the Sustainable Jersey Program, the Senior Center's new transportation bus, Jewish Community Center update, and the reconstruction of the Old Trenton Road Bridge.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Maher spoke about the need to move forward on the installation of the guardrail for safety purposes. He noted that public comments are not always factual information.

Mr. Khanna suggested that the residents listen to the Mayor and Candidate debates which will occur tomorrow. He noted that the public deserves the facts prior to casting their vote on Election Day.

Ms. Geevers was pleased to hear that the Vaughn Drive parking lot will soon be open. She also offered her assistance in resolving the installation of the much-needed guardrail in front of Mr. Jones' property.

CHAIR/CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. Samonte advised that the Township Engineer, Mr. Guzik is present this evening to address the issues pertaining to T&M Engineering's request for a change order.

Mr. Guzik explained that T&M will be doing some soil samples to determine the problem with their inability to tunnel under the train tracks. He advised that the costs in the change order are for the soil samplings and the tests required.

Council addressed questions.

Ms. Geevers asked about the installation of a guardrail in the front of Mr. Jones' property.

Mr. Guzik explained that a warrant for a guardrail needs to be issued, and then an engineering design is needed to ensure the plan meets State DOT standards.

Ms. Geevers suggested that this issue be a top priority since it has been discussed for the last several weeks.

Mr. Herbert advised that he will reach out to the Chair of the State Department of Transportation for some resolution on the matter.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

2013-R215 Authorizing the Release of Cash Performance Guarantee
for Street Opening Permit 2013-15 - 7 Steele Drive

2013-R216 Refund of Over Paid Property Taxes

2013-R219 Authorizing the Release of Cash Performance Guarantee
for Street Opening Permit 2013-11 - 27 Arnold Drive

2013-R220 Authorizing a Refund for Overpayment of Police
Services Rendered on May 8, 2013, to Riggs Distler, &
Company, Inc.

BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Khanna

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

Borek, absent

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL/CLERK

2013-R218 Certification of Compliance with the Promulgation of
the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey for
the 2012 Annual Report of Audit

2013-R221 Authorizing the Business Administrator to Execute
Change Order No. 1 with Techna-Pro Electric, LLC which
Accounts for a Decrease of (5.32%) for Final
Quantities Adjustment and Project Closeout for the
Project Known as Meadow Road and Canal Pointe
Boulevard Traffic Signal - (\$9,950.85)

2013-R222 Authorizing the Request for Release of Cash
Performance Guarantees to CDNJ Plaza, LLC for Private
Improvements for the Project known as CDNJ Plaza
Revitalization Site Improvements (PB09-10)

2013-R223 Authorizing the Request for Release of Performance
Guarantees and Inspection Fee Escrow to Daniel and
Rosa Espinosa for Private Site Improvements at 98 Line
Road (ZB00-08)

2013-R224 Denying the Request for Release of Performance
Guarantees to Edgewood Properties for the Project
knows as WWM Properties, LLC (PB03-10)

2013-R217 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Land
Development Performance Guarantee Agreement with
Sunoco, Inc. - ZB12-04

2013-R225 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a
Developer's Agreement with 19 Roszel Road, LLC -
(formerly known as RBA Associates) PB06-01AM

2013-R226 Authorizing the Business Administrator to Execute
Change Order No. 2 for T&M Associates for the Duck
Pond Run Sewer Interceptor Phase II - \$14,000.00

Motion to approve Resolutions 2013-R217, 2013-R218, and
2013-R221 through 2013-R226: Maher

Second: Khanna

RCV: aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

Borek, absent

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Ms. Geevers inquired about when Council will receive the third
quarter financial report.

Ms. Samonte noted that all the Council members agree on the need
for the report to be provided.

Mr. Maher asked if Ms. Louth, the Chief Financial Officer, could
note information about the budget numbers that is apparent to
her. He advised that this will keep Council better informed.

Ms. Schmid noted that she would speak to Ms. Louth.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Maher advised that the Zoning Board is holding additional
meetings to review various projects. He noted that volunteers
are needed for the Board because it has been difficult getting a
quorum to proceed with the meetings.

Ms. Geevers agreed with Mr. Maher about the need to add Zoning Board meetings to continue to review the projects that come before the Board. She noted the importance of being business friendly to the Township's business community and residents.

Ms. Geevers spoke briefly about the Environmental Commission report that was given this evening.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, addressed Mr. Bromberg's comments and spoke about the repairs to the Old Trenton Road Bridge.

Mr. Alvin Lerner, 63 Rainflower Lane, spoke about the need for better traffic control within the Township.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, also spoke about better traffic safety measures. She questioned what sufficient warrants must be issued to have the guardrail installed on Mr. Jones' property.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township