

APPROVED: November 12, 2013

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
BUSINESS SESSION
September 16, 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; Assistant Manager of Engineering: Aronson (left 7:35 p.m.); Business Administrator: Schmid; Township Attorney: Herbert Jr.; Deputy Township Clerk: Huber

ABSENT: Borek

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Huber led the salute to the flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Vice President Samonte called for a moment of silence for the victims of the shooting at the Washington Navy Yard.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS AND/OR TOPIC FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION

Little Bear Brook Flood Hazard Assessment and West Windsor Redevelopment Area Regional Stormwater Management Analysis, from Princeton Hydro Project Team Introduction and Project Overview

Mr. Joseph Skupien, Principal, Storm Water Management Consulting, LLC and Ms. Mary Paist-Goldman, Project Manager, Princeton Hydro, LLC were present to provide a project overview.

Mr. Skupien explained that the review of the Little Bear Brook Flood Hazard Assessment project will include:

- Public Meetings and Outreach
- Compile and Review Existing Data
- Flood Hazard Assessment
- Analysis of Flood Mitigation Strategies
- Action Plan
- Final Report and Presentation

Ms. Goldman advised that the second part of the project will cover the Redevelopment Area Regional Stormwater Management Plan as follows:

- Public Meetings
- Aerial Topographic Mapping
- Maps and Overlays
- Regional Stormwater Analysis
- Conceptual Basin Locations and Designs
- Potential Little Bear Brook Flood Relief
- Final Report and Presentation

Members of Council asked several questions to include the timeline for project completion, and will costs for this study be reimbursable through the redevelopment process.

Mr. Herbert noted that these charges should be reimbursable.

Ms. Schmid noted that the Township is hopeful to make the survey available on-line. She will keep Council informed as the project progresses.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kazim Rezvi, 109 Cranbury Road, spoke of the need for pedestrian and bicycle improvements to Cranbury Road.

Mr. Hemant Marathe, 5 Clarendon Court, advised Administration that the school district has conducted on-line surveys on various topics and suggested contacting them for assistance. He expressed his views on the RFP procedure for Cranbury Road.

Ms. Heather Buchanan, 1 Sunnydale Way/Cranbury Road, voiced her concern about the safety of the children getting on and off school buses along Cranbury Road. She supports improvements to this area.

Mr. Jason Barbrow, 8 Indian Run Road, thanked the Police Department for their quick response with regard to his stolen vehicle. He reviewed several criminal activities that have occurred recently within the Township, especially in the area of the train station. Mr. Barbrow requested a commitment from the Council to take a practical approach to make residents aware of the issues, provide more Police resources, and take a proactive approach to help reduce criminal activity within the Township. He provided several suggestions on each of these items for Council consideration.

Mr. Dilip Luthra, 51 Cranbury Road, voiced the need for safer walkways/bikeways along Cranbury Road to the train station.

Mr. Scott Davis, 139 Cranbury Road, noted that improvements to Cranbury Road, especially sidewalks, are needed to protect the residents.

Ms. Alison Miller, 41 Windsor Drive, stated that she was glad to see residents getting involved and advised that several older areas of the Township need to be reviewed to make the Township safe for all. She supports the Council taking action this evening regarding the proposed resolution supporting improvements to Cranbury Road.

Mr. Jerry Foster, 15 Suffolk Lane, President of the West Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance, thanked Council and Administration for the new traffic pattern striping at North Post Road and Clarksville Road intersection. He advised that the Alliance supports the proposed resolution before Council this evening regarding working with the County of Mercer on establishing a bicycle and pedestrian route along Cranbury Road. Mr. Foster also requested that Council give consideration to placing a resolution on the agenda to request PSE&G to support extending the Trolley Line Trail between West Windsor and Plainsboro Townships.

Mr. Marc Siegel, 123 Cranbury Road, voiced his support of the improvements for bicycle and pedestrian pathways.

Ms. Silvia Ascarelli, 27 Melville Road, thanked Council for their support regarding improvements to Cranbury Road and made several suggestions for changes to the resolution.

Vice President Samonte advised that Ms. Ascarelli's proposed changes have already been incorporated into the resolution for consideration this evening.

Ms. Deborah Hepler, 10 Dean Court, made comments about Mayor Hsueh and mayoral candidate Marathe and advised voters that there is another choice beside these two candidates.

Mr. Peter Mendonez, Jr., 151 Washington Road, advised that voters should review his web-site to get the facts and figures.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Ms. Schmid invited residents to work with her and Chief Pica on community awareness.

Ms. Schmid noted that the Township's Dumpster Day held this past Saturday was a success with 589 residents taking part; over 20 tons of debris was collected; and over 11,000 pounds of paper was shredded.

Ms. Schmid announced that the Mercer County Improvement Authority will be conducting their Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Electronics Recycling this Saturday, September 21st from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the John Dempster Fire School in Lawrence Township. She also announced that on Saturday, September 21st the West Windsor Arts Council will be holding their 3rd Birthday celebration from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Schmid advised that the Mercer County Housing Office is conducting seminars for first-time homeowners.

Ms. Schmid advised that the contract notice to proceed was issued this morning for the Van Nest Park Bathroom installation and that the projected completion date is December 15, 2013.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Geevers addressed the break-ins within the community and asked Chief Pica to address the matter at this time.

Chief Pica advised that there is no major crime spree going on in West Windsor. He suggested that residents take the proper steps to secure their homes and vehicles. Chief Pica noted that there were several unlocked vehicles in the Berrien City and Indian Run Road areas that were robbed. He suggested that if something or someone seems out of place, call the police.

Ms. Geevers noted she also attended the grand re-opening of the Schenck Farmstead and that policies will be put in place for use of the farmstead in the near future.

Mr. Khanna reported that the residents of Cranbury Road are doing a good job on promoting their cause. He noted that the Council and Administration have taken the first steps to improve the safety in this area. Mr. Khanna noted that information being reported by various candidates should be verified for accuracy.

Chief Pica reported that he has increased traffic enforcement in the Cranbury Road area, placed a car in the driveway of one of the residences, and has had the electronic speed sign out on the roadway several times.

Mr. Maher thanked Administration for answering his questions regarding the packet. He noted that he is looking forward to a business plan/fee schedule for the use of the Schenck Farmstead. Mr. Maher requested that if there are still residents who are concerned about these improvements, they should advise him or President Borek so they can contact them to discuss any issues and therefore allow the project to move forward.

CHAIR/CLERK COMMENTS

Vice President Samonte noted she also attended the re-opening at the Schenck Farmstead. She requested Chief Pica to have more police presence on Cranbury Road during school bus hours.

Motion to amend the agenda to add 2013-R205 to the agenda:

Geevers

Second: Maher

aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

Borek - absent

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

2013-R194 Refund of Overpaid Property Taxes

2013-R195 Authorizing the Municipal Endorsement of the
Application of Sergio D. Sosa Leal for Membership in
the New Jersey State Firemen's Association

MINUTES

July 22, 2013 - Business Session - as amended

August 5, 2013 - Business Session

BILLS & CLAIMS

Ms. Geevers requested additional amendments to the July 22, 2013 minutes which she had e-mailed previously.

Motion to approve consent agenda with additional amendments:

Geevers

Second: Khanna

aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

Borek - absent

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL/CLERK

2013-R196 Approving the Granting of a Permit for Public
Fireworks Display at the Mercer County Italian
American Festival on September 28, 2013 (rain date
September 29, 2013)

- 2013-R197 Authorizing the Mayor to Make Application for the 2014 Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Grant - \$15,000
- 2013-R198 Approving Submission of Grant Application and Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute the Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Safe Corridors Act 2013 Highway Safety Fund Project - \$42,770.48
- 2013-R199 Providing for the Insertion of the State of New Jersey Division of Law and Public Safety-Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund in the 2013 Budget - \$13,894.85
- 2013-R200 Providing for the Insertion of the State of New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice Body Armor Fund in the 2013 Budget - \$4,615.59
- 2013-R201 Authorizing the Township to Trade-in Five (5) Vehicles and Apply such Trade-In Value toward the Purchase of Four (4) New 2014 Police Vehicles
- 2013-R202 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Contract Amendment for the Project Known as Duck Pond Run Sewer Interceptor-Phase II with T&M Associates - \$15,000.00
- 2013-R203 Authorizing the Reimbursement of Snow Removal Costs for Calendar Year 2012 to Windsor Ponds Homeowners Association - \$812.41

Motion to approve Resolutions 2013-R196 through 2013-R203:

Geevers

Second: Maher

aye Geevers

aye Khanna

aye Maher

aye Samonte

Borek - absent

- 2013-R204 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Mercer County Improvement Authority for Curbside Recycling Services for a Term of Five Years - \$1,116,573.00

This resolution was pulled until the September 30, 2013 Business Session.

2013-R205 Supporting the Mayor and Administration to Work with Mercer County to Design a Pedestrian and Bicycle Friendly Environment on Cranbury Road between Princeton-Hightstown Road and Millstone Road

Vice President Samonte read the resolution into the record.

Mr. Herbert suggested that if there are items the residents want to be considered for the RFP to forward them to Administration.

Ms. Schmid reminded Council that the draft RFP will be discussed at a future Council meeting.

Motion to approve: Maher

Second: Khanna

aye GeEVERS

aye KHANNA

aye MAHER

aye SAMONTE

BOREK - absent

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

2013-10 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 168, "TRAFFIC AND PARKING," SCHEDULE XIV, "No Parking Anytime", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR - Wheeler Way

Motion to introduce: Khanna

Second: GeEVERS

aye GeEVERS

aye KHANNA

aye MAHER

aye SAMONTE

BOREK - absent

Public Hearing is scheduled for the September 30, 2013 Business Session.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Maher reported that the Zoning Board of Adjustment heard the Ellsworth Development Plan and that there may be a need to amend the Redevelopment Plan to add eminent domain in certain cases. He advised that Mr. Ellsworth has tried to work with the owner of the back portion of this development to no avail and that this is truly a blighted area. Mr. Maher noted in this circumstance he would support the use of eminent domain.

Ms. Geevers reported that the Environmental Commission has completed the application for Sustainable New Jersey and the Commission is striving to achieve Silver status once again.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Church, Princeton Place, expressed his pleasure in the flood study getting off the ground.

Ms. Alison Miller, 42 Windsor Drive, noted her support in amending the redevelopment plan to add eminent domain under certain provisions.

Mr. Tom Jones, 252 Cranbury Road, spoke about flooding along Cranbury Road and the need to review the portion of Cranbury Road from Millstone Road to the Township line.

Ms. Debbie Hepler, 10 Dean Court, spoke about the need for better animal control services within West Windsor.

Mr. Herbert cautioned Ms. Hepler that she is a litigant in the case regarding the Animal Control Officer.

Discussion continued between Ms. Hepler and Mr. Herbert.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township