

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
(SECTION 8 RESOLUTION)**

JANUARY 11, 2010

OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY

Present: Mayor Larkin
Deputy Mayor Hiers, Councilmember(s) Garofalo, Schepiga, Siciliano

Others: Martin Arbus, Esq., Township Attorney
Andrew Brannen, Township Manager
Vincent Buttiglieri, Township Clerk

Subject: Litigation – COAH

Action: Martin Arbus, Township Attorney, gave an update on the litigation. Discussion occurred with regards to possible “best case” outcomes for the Township. It was further discussed that there may be action in Trenton that would benefit the Township in these matters but only time will tell. Mr. Arbus will discuss this matter with the Township’s COAH Counsel, Mr. Surenian, with regards to other developments that may arise and how the Township should address them.

This matter will be discussed further at subsequent meetings.

Subject: Contract – Sale of Real Property

Action: Andrew Brannen, Township Manager, reported that as part of the FEMA Grant application submitted by the Township related to Poplar Village, it is apparent that multiple land swaps are going to be required as part of the demolition and relocation of the residents. More discussion will occur once the Township is notified whether it has been successful in securing the funds.

Subject: Litigation – Former Township Official

Action: Andrew Brannen, Township Manager, reported that he met with the Township’s Counsel, Mr. Dratch, to address the status of this matter. Mr. Brannen reported that although Mr. Dratch has been successful in receiving some monetary consideration from some of the parties, he believes that the Township is entitled to significantly more and he will be petitioning for an increase in monetary damages.

Subject: Personnel – Township Appointments

Action: Mayor Larkin reported that there is one appointment to the Sewerage Authority that comes up in February, that of John Vacchiano. Apparently, Mr. Vacchiano will not seek another term. Since interviews were recently conducted to fill the previous vacancy, it was the decision to inquire whether the previous runner-up was still interested in serving, and if so, they would be given the opportunity. This appointment will be done at the February meeting.

Item C2 was removed and will be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC/CMC
Township Clerk