

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN**

April 21, 2016

OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY

The Workshop Meeting was held in the Council Conference Room, Town Hall, 399 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, NJ 07755 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Siciliano
Deputy Mayor Garofalo
Councilmember(s) Acerra, Long and Schepiga

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

Mayor Siciliano announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been satisfied; a copy of the Annual Notice was sent to the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster, posted in Town Hall and filed in the Office of the Township Clerk on December 29, 2015.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:

SUBJECT: Deal Lake Commission Update

ACTION: Don Brockel, Ocean Township's Representative on the Deal Lake Commission discussed the following items:

- There are 7 member towns on the Commission and they collect \$50,000.00 per year. The lake is 154 acres with a 4,400 acre watershed
- As a result of damage suffered from Superstorm Sandy, the Deal Lake Commission had to put a new roof on the flume building.
- They are currently negotiating with the Army Corp. of Engineers to protect the flume.
- The Deal Lake Commission submitted a grant to the New Jersey department of Environmental Commission in the amount of \$2 million to rebuild the levies with check valves.
- They conducted their 4th Annual Carp Tournament which resulted in 20lbs of fish being caught.
- The Commission received \$1.6 million Grant for dredging the lake and that resulted in 13 cubic yards being removed.
- The Commission has requested another \$700,000 via the 319 Grants with the intent on using those funds to improve the water quality of the lake. They have also applied for another \$2 million from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Agency for Flood Hazard Risk and Resiliency Grant with the hopes of automating the flume operations.

Mr. Brockel discussed the steps the Township of Ocean can make to assist in these endeavors including:

- Placing trash receptacles on the bridges
- More frequent street sweeping to remove dirt, soot and debris from the roadways which ultimately makes its way into the lake
- Encourage the Planning Board to be tougher on applicants
- Perform some stream bank improvements.

SUBJECT: Human Services Program Update

ACTION: Sharon Moleski, Community Services Program Director, gave an update on the numerous programs being offered. The following was discussed:

- There are 40 developmental assets – 20 internal and 20 external factors that assist in determining if a young person is developing correctly.
- The Township of Ocean Growing Strong Programs ("TOGS") initially had 8 members at its inception and currently has 75 members.

- Funds for all the various programs was discussed including: fees for service, State and County Grants, Shared Services, Internship Program and, of course, the Township's General Fund.
- The various services offered bring in approximately \$300,000 in revenue.
- Discussion occurred concerning the current programs and services being provided:

Consultation Services

Of all the consultation services offered, non-residents account for 26% and residents account for 74% of this. In 2015 306 of 412 consultations went to Township residents – 197 adult participants and 109 youth participants.

Counseling Services

Township residents accounted for 2,864 sessions while non-Township residents accounted for 982 sessions.

These services are paid for through various Grants received by the Department through Monmouth County

High School Counseling Services were first established in 1986 and has become very successful. Possible expansion of the program into the Intermediate School is currently being discussed.

Project Extend has also become increasingly popular. It administers child-care services to those students that are between grades K-8 and promotes social interaction and safe fun.

Emergency Services to our increasing Senior Citizen population. Ms. Moleski discussed this at length.

Group Programs are mostly funded through various grants. Discussion occurred about whether these types of programs were really within the mission statement.

Healing Hearts Program provided parent/child visitation and is a very worthwhile program.

Ms. Moleski discussed her vision for the future of this division.

She concluded by thanking the Governing Body for their continued support in this area as these services are much needed and very much appreciated.

SUBJECT: Capital Projects Update

ACTION: Andrew Brannen, Township manager, said he met with the Township Engineer, Greg Blash, about various projects including but not limited to the following:

- Poplar Village Demolition which should commence shortly
- Installation of the Guardrail on Cold Indian Springs Road which was awarded at the March 10, 2016 meeting. Work will begin in the near future.
- Town Hall Parking Lot Expansion – the Township will be appearing before the Planning Board again as the project has been revised due to changes to the drainage aspect of the project.

Mr. Brannen went through the list of all the projects.

SUBJECT: Grants Update

ACTION: Mr. Brannen discussed which Grants have been received and which have been submitted but the Township is still waiting for word if they have been received. They include the following:

Grants received include:

- FEMA - Poplar Village Phase I and II)
- Green Acres - Poplar Village Phase I and II)
- Monmouth County Open Space - Poplar Village Phase I and II)
- Community Development Block Grant - Colonial Terrace Golf Course – 4th Fairway Improvements)
- NJ Department of Transportation – Sunset Avenue Phase VII (west of Highway 35)

Grants submitted include:

- Monmouth County Open Space – activity pool at the Pool & Tennis Facility
- Safe Route to Schools – Sidewalks along Carol Avenue
- NJ Department of Environmental Protection – stormwater management at Seaview Square Mall (benefitting Deal Lake)
- FEMA – hazard mitigation

Mayor Siciliano excused himself from the meeting at 7:30 p.m. due to a prior commitment.

SUBJECT: West Park Avenue Corridor Study Update

ACTION: Joseph Ettore, Monmouth County Engineer, explained the County and the Township realized that it needed a cohesive plan for the entire 3 mile stretch of that runs through the Township.

Mr. Ettore introduced Ron Latrecchia, Monmouth County's Consultant, to discuss the proposed renovations. Mr. Latrecchia explained that the County performed detailed traffic analysis at all intersections of West Park Avenue. They then projected the traffic patterns for up to 20 years out (year 2036). Mr. Latrecchia gave a synopsis of the changes proposed at the following intersections:

Hope Road and West Park Avenue

- New ADA ramps and sidewalks will be installed as well as ADA equipment

Poplar Road and West Park Avenue

- Widen roadway on Poplar Road to allow for a right turn lane onto West Park Avenue
- Sidewalks will be installed on the north side of West Park Avenue to Lynn Drive. Sidewalks will then be installed on the south side up to Route 35

Cindy Lane and West Park Avenue

- Widen both the north side of West Park Avenue and Cindy Lane

Route 35 and West Park Avenue

- Widen to allow various turning lanes
- A left turn lane will be constructed to allow those traveling west on West Park Avenue to make left onto Highway 35 South

Whale Pond Road and West Park Avenue

- Significant widening will occur at that intersection, including left and right turn lanes.

Mr. Latrecchia also discussed the limited space at the intersection of Monmouth Road and West Park Avenue.

County Representatives also discussed the need to have the Township support this alternative project and formalize it with a supporting resolution. Then, Monmouth County will encourage the State of New Jersey (because of the Route 35 corridor) to also support the improvements.

There will need to be coordination with both the NJ Department of Transportation and the NJ Transportation Planning Authority as the State has already committed to doing renovations along Route 35. Monmouth County wants to make sure that both projects get married and the State's proposed renovations do not conflict with the County's plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no Public Comments at this time.

There was no Closed Session at this meeting.

Seeing that there were no additional comments, the meeting was adjourned.

Record of Vote	Deputy Mayor Garofalo	Councilman Acerra	Councilman Long	Councilwoman Schepiga	Mayor Siciliano
Motion To Approve	X				
Motion to Second				X	
Approved	X	X	X	X	
Opposed					
Not Voting/Recuse					
Absent/Excused					X

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC/CMC/MMC
Township Clerk