

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

NOVEMBER 10, 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 G. Brannen, Township Manager
Jessie M. Joseph, Deputy 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.

Mayor Siciliano introduced Dennis Huntley from Making Connections and Pastor Anthony from the Relevant Church in Asbury Park.

Dennis Huntley spoke briefly about being diagnosed with MS a few years ago and the idea that he came up with to help other MS patients who are less fortunate than him connect with the outside world by starting a computer outreach system. He would take computers that were donated, refurbish them and give them to these patients. That program was such a success that he has branched out to people with other disabilities, nursing homes and families that just cannot afford a computer. He wanted to make the Council aware of what he is doing and to get the word out so that he may connect with more donations of used computers.

REVIEW OF ALL REGULAR MEETING MATERIAL:

Andrew Brannen, Township Manager, went through the meeting items, which were reviewed by the Governing Body and held for the Public Meeting of November 10, 2016, unless otherwise noted (*):

CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES: October 27, 2016 – Workshop and Public Meeting(s)

RESOLUTIONS:

16-217 Approve the release of Closed Session Minutes from October 27, 2016

INDIVIDUAL ACTION:

VOUCHERS: \$8,091,822.44

RESOLUTIONS:

16-214 Authorize the confirmation of the Special Assessments for curb, sidewalk and driveway aprons along portions of Monmouth Road, Park Avenue, Sherman Avenue, Harnell Avenue, Wells Avenue, Crimson Circle, Roseld Avenue, Hollywood Golf Course, Crosby Avenue, Runyan Avenue and Parker Avenue

16-215 Approve the continuance on the assessment installment payment plan for a property owner who has become delinquent for their assessment(s) confirmed on March 10, 2016

16-216 Authorize the Tax Collector to issue a refund or credit to a taxpayer who has received a favorable State Tax Appeal judgment

16-218 Authorize the Tax Collector to issue a refund due to an overpayment of the 3rd quarter 2016 property taxes for Block 182, Lot 89

16-219 Authorize the transfer of funds in accordance with NJSA 40A:5-58 and NJSA 40A:4-45.4a

Stephen Gallagher, Director of Finance, gave a brief explanation of the Resolution.

ORDINANCES:

Adoption(s):

Ord #2284 – (Coaster)

An ordinance amending Chapter XII of the “Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Ocean, 1965” prohibiting parking along portions of Beecroft Place

Ord #2285 – (Coaster)

An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter V of the “Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Ocean, 1965” banning the sale of dogs and cats from pet shops

Ord #2286 – (Coaster)

An ordinance amending and supplementing the Township of Ocean Personnel Policies, Practices and Procedures

Introduction(s):

Ord #2287 – To be held

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Acerra wanted to address the deer issue again.

Mr. Brannen said he will send a letter to the County requesting their help.

Councilmember Acerra also wanted to discuss cars being parked on front lawns.

Mr. Brannen said that right now this is a zoning issue. We are working on an ordinance so that it will become a Police issue.

Councilmember Long reported on the meeting he had with Joe Ettore, County Engineer for Monmouth County, regarding improvements to West Park Avenue.

Councilmember Long wanted to discuss a letter he received from a Lake Avenue resident regarding speeding on his street.

There was a discussion about speeding and setting up temporary speed bumps in problem areas throughout the Township.

Councilmember Schepiga wanted to remind everyone of the Veteran’s Day ceremony being held tomorrow, November 11th at 11:00 am here at Town Hall.

Andrew Brannen said he will have a draft of the 2017 meeting schedule for the next meeting.

The following did not offer any report at this time:

Mayor Siciliano
Deputy Mayor Garofalo
Martin Arbus, Esq., Township Attorney

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

SUBJECT: Capital Projects Update

ACTION: Mr. Brannen discussed the following projects:

1. Paving Projects – 2016 roadway paving is finished.
 - Town Hall parking lot will be paved shortly after we close on the Temple property which is scheduled for November 14th.
2. Band Shell bid opening is scheduled for December 15th
3. He is meeting with the residents of Fanwood Street next week to discuss drainage issues
4. He will also be meeting with Joe Ettore from the County to discuss Highway 35 paving project.

SUBJECT: Ordinance Revision Update

ACTION: After a brief discussion, the Council decided to leave the decision of appeals of zoning decisions to the Board of Adjustment.

SUBJECT: FEMA Grant Update

ACTION: Mr. Brannen said the checks have been received from the State and FEMA, we are now waiting for the County check.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jerry Mauer asked if the MTD project is still viable.

Mr. Brannen explained that we had every intention of putting at least one in but after a cost analysis was done, it is cost prohibitive at this time. There are over 300 inlets in Ocean Township alone and it just isn't practical.

Councilmember Acerra went on to explain that the developer of the new building going up at Seaview Square Mall will be repaving and replacing the storm septors.

Mr. Mauer asked if there was anything to report on Fireman's Pond.

Mr. Brannen said we have no results yet, they should be in the first week of December.

As there were no additional Public Comments, Mayor Siciliano read the following:

**RESOLUTION
DECLARING CLOSED SESSION**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Ocean, County of Monmouth as follows:

1. The Public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - C1. Litigation – COAH
 - C2. Litigation – Zoning Board of Adjustment
3. It is anticipated at this time that the Municipal Clerk shall review the minutes of closed session of the Township of Ocean and make a recommendation to the Governing Body which minutes should be considered for public record. The minutes which are made public shall not thereafter be treated as confidential, but may be seen and copied by any person(s) in the same manner as any meeting minutes of the Township of Ocean.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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	X
Opposed					
Not Voting/Recuse					
Absent/Excused					

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	X
Opposed					
Not Voting/Recuse					
Absent/Excused					

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie M. Joseph, RMC/CMR
Deputy Township Clerk