

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

OCTOBER 13, 2009

OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY

The Workshop Meeting was held in the Council Conference Room, Town Hall, 399 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, NJ 07755 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilmember(s) Siciliano

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

Mayor Larkin 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 16, 2008, revised on June 15, 2009 and again on September 29, 2009.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Subject: Automated Garbage Collection

Action: Andrew Brannen, Township Manager, distributed a list of the Frequently Asked Questions summarizing the inquiries he had been receiving related to the revisions to the solid waste collection process. After discussion, it was determined that the Township would revise said solid waste ordinance and the public would be given the opportunity to comment at the Public Hearing of said ordinance prior to adoption.

Subject: Poplar Brook Flood Control

Action: Mr. Brannen reported that the Grant Application has been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and it appears that the project is ideally suited for said grant. The Township may need to submit additional information. Mr. Brannen stated that he believed the Township stood a very good chance of receiving this grant. If the Township is successful, approximately 32 units at Poplar Village would need to be relocated, as well as some homes along Brookside Avenue would need to be elevated. Additionally, if successful in securing this grant, some discussion needs to occur between the Township and the Army Corp of Engineers regarding scaling down of their project for flood control in that area.

Subject: Police Communications

Action: Mr. Brannen distributed information regarding the new communications tower that the Police Department is requesting be purchased due to the installation of the new communications equipment. Mr. Brannen explained that the existing tower lacks adequate height and is structurally unsafe. It is also unable to support any additional equipment or antennas. The new tower will have increased capabilities which is necessary due to the new police communications system. All concurred that this new tower is necessary and instructed Mr. Brannen to proceed.

Subject: 2009 Paving Program

Action: Mr. Brannen gave a status update on the road repaving program. Most of the roads have been completed with the exception of Sunset Avenue, Hillcrest Avenue, Roosevelt Avenue and Fairway Lane. All roads should be completed within the next few weeks.

- Subject:** Safe Route to Schools Grant
Action: Mr. Brannen discussed a proposal that would construct sidewalks in the vicinity of Wanamassa School. Currently, the children in the area do not get bused to school and are required to walk on streets that are not fully outfitted with sidewalks. The project would essentially connect all the existing sidewalks which would provide a safe walking route for the children. The projected cost will be \$16,000.00. Discussion occurred regarding whether the Board of Education would be willing to split the cost of the project on a 50/50 basis. Mr. Brannen will speak to the Business Administrator and report back at a future meeting.
- Subject:** Armstrong Boulevard Project Update
Action: Mr. Brannen reported that the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders has declined to proceed with the Armstrong Boulevard jughandle project. Councilmembers expressed their disappointment at the decision of the Board.
- Subject:** Animal Control
Action: Mr. Brannen reported that he had received a petition from residents regarding the deer population. Mr. Brannen has arranged for representatives from the State to walk the park again with the residents and Monmouth County has agreed to do a "fly-over" of the area to try and determine the total extent of the deer population in order to gage the best course of action for the Township.
- Subject:** Poplar Brook Flood Control
Action: Andrew Brannen, Township Manager, showed the updated maps of the proposed project and stated that it is important that if the Township wants to proceed, Congressman Pallone should be contacted and informed of the intention to proceed. In this way, he can then monitor that the funding remains in place. Mr. Brannen, will obtain a copy of the latest specifics of the revised project.

Item D5 – 2010 Municipal Budget was not discussed.

COMMENTS:

The following individuals did not issue a report at this meeting:
Councilmember(s) Garofalo, Hiers, Schepiga
Andrew Brannen, Township Manager
Martin Arbus, Esq., Township Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments at this time.

**RESOLUTION
DECLARING CLOSED SESSION**

Councilmember Hiers offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Councilmember Schepiga

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:
 - Personnel – Police Department
 - Contract – Land Sale
 - Litigation - OPRA
 - Contract – Local 701 and SOA
 - Litigation – Legal Services
3. It is anticipated at this time that the Municipal Clerk shall on a six (6) month basis, review the minutes of closed sessions 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.

ROLL CALL:

YES: Garofalo, Hiers, Schepiga, Larkin

ABSENT: Siciliano

On a motion by Councilmember Garofalo and seconded by Councilmember Hiers, it was moved to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

YES: Garofalo, Hiers, Schepiga, Larkin

ABSENT: Siciliano