

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

APRIL 3, 2014

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: Deputy Mayor Siciliano
Councilmember(s) Evans, Garofalo and Schepiga

Absent: Mayor Larkin

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

In the absence of Mayor Larkin, Deputy 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 30, 2013.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:

SUBJECT: 2014 Budget

ACTION: Budget presentation will be held on April 17, 2014 with the Public Hearing and Adoption scheduled for May 22, 2014.

Subsequent to Introduction, the Township received notification of receipt of two grants which will require the Budget to be amended prior to adoption. Also, due to the receipt of the rental subsidy and the decrease in PERS and PFRS, the appropriations will be reduced by \$25,000.00

SUBJECT: Ordinance Revisions

ACTION: Mr. Brannen said that his research into the payment of lighting fee at Fireman's Field yielded that only one entity, Ocean Township Little League, pay for lighting.

Discussion occurred about whether it would be appropriate to waive the lighting fee if the field rental fee was waived. Further discussion will occur at a subsequent meeting.

SUBJECT: Informational Sign Update

ACTION: Mr. Brannen reported that the Township received two price quotes and an award resolution will be on the April 17, 2014 meeting agenda. Mr. Brannen also stated that the Italian American Association of Ocean Township will be contributing to the cost.

SUBJECT: 2014 Road Program

ACTION: Mr. Brannen said that he will be meeting with the Township Engineer on April 8, 2014 to finalize the program. He believes that the majority of the 2014 program will consist of major patch work all over the Township.

Mr. Brannen also reported that the Sunset Avenue – Phase VI Project will go out to bid shortly.

SUBJECT: FEMA Grant Update

ACTION: Mr. Brannen said that the remediation should be done by May 2014. In order for the Township to receive their funding for this project, the reports need to be sent to FEMA and Green Acres, who in turn will disburse the funds.

SUBJECT: Website Update

ACTION: Mr. Brannen stated that the Township will be creating a master Facebook page which all departments will be able to feed in to.

The Housing Division will now have the capacity to accept payments on line.

SUBJECT: NCRS-EWR Grant Update

ACTION: Mr. Brannen said that the work should be completed within the next week.

Mr. Brannen also reported that the Environmental Commission will be having a meeting to discuss the stormwater issue and try to adopt a regional approach to solving this issue. So far, Monmouth County, Tinton Falls, West Long Branch, Long Branch and Eatontown will be participating.

Mr. Brannen reported that the Deal Lake Commission received a \$1 million grant to perform dredging of the lake.

Deputy Mayor Siciliano reported that the Township is waiting on approval from Monmouth County of the lease agreement of the proposed indoor tennis facility.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

The following individuals did not issue a report at this meeting:

Councilmember(s) Evans, Garofalo and Schepiga
Deputy Mayor Siciliano
Martin Arbus, Esq., Township Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no Public Comments at this time.

Seeing that there were no Public Comments, Mayor Larkin 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. Contract – West Long Branch Municipal Court
 - C3. Contract – Local 701 and Local 177
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.

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

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

Record of Vote	Deputy Mayor Siciliano	Councilman Evans	Councilman Garofalo	Councilwoman Schepiga	Mayor Larkin
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