

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

FEBRUARY 19, 2015

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

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

Absent: Andrew Brannen, Township Manager

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, 2014.

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 February 5, 2015, unless otherwise noted (*):

Ocean Township High School Spartans Gymnastic Team –

State Gymnastics Competition – 5th Place
Shore Conference – 3rd Place
State Sectionals – 3rd Place

Mayor's Statement: Public Portion of any Questions as to Resolutions

The purpose of this public portion is solely to ask questions to understand Resolutions and vouchers that appear on this agenda. All questions not related to an item on this Agenda should be asked during the Public Comments portion at the conclusion of the meeting.

Public Questions on Resolutions and Vouchers:

CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES:

February 5, 2015 – Workshop, Public and Closed Meeting

RESOLUTIONS:

15-040 Authorize a Developers Agreement for the following:

INDIVIDUAL ACTION:**VOUCHERS: \$9,259,790.86****RESOLUTIONS:**

15-043 Authorize the acceptance of the following Grant(s):

a. Monmouth County Open Space Grant - \$182,000

Mr. Buttiglieri said that these funds will be utilized for improvements to the fourth fairway at Colonial Terrace Golf Course.

15-044 Authorize the Tax Collector to issue a refund to the owner of Block 83, Lot 7 due to an overpayment in their 1st quarter 2015 taxes

Mr. Buttiglieri explained this refund was necessary due to a duplicate payment made by both the homeowner and the property owner.

15-045 Authorize the Tax Collector to issue refunds/credits to those taxpayers that have received favorable State Tax Appeal judgments.

15-046 Authorize an Emergency Appropriation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 4A:4-53b for the complete revaluation of all real property in the Township

Mr. Buttiglieri said that this will allow the Township to spread the cost of the County-mandated revaluation over a five-year period.

15-047 Authorize a contract with Realty Appraisal Company for the revaluation of all real property in the Township at a cost not to exceed \$560,000.00

15-048 Approve various changes to the Township Council meeting schedule.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:**SUBJECT:** 2015 Capital Budget Update

ACTION: Vincent Buttiglieri, Township Clerk, distributed the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Buttiglieri reported that requests were made by the following Departments: Public Works, MIS, Police, Recreation, and Office of Emergency Management, as well as the 2015 roadway reconstruction program. The total amount requested was \$2,516,300.00 with the recommended amount being \$2,103,172.00. The Township also received a Grant from the Monmouth County Open Space Trust Fund in the amount of \$182,500.00 to offset the cost. The total amount being borrowed is \$2,006,827.00.

SUBJECT: Solicitors Update

ACTION: Martin Arbus, Esq., Township Attorney, discussed the legality of possibly suspending solicitation west of Highway 35 and that perhaps such action could be deemed unconstitutional. Mr. Arbus further explained that the Township would need to provide certain statistics should they want to proceed with suspending this activity. Further discussion will occur in Closed Session due

SUBJECT: Township Logo Update

ACTION: Mr. Buttiglieri discussed the logo contest the Township is embarking on and inquired about various aspects such as deadline for submission of entries, quantity and dollar amount of prizes and who will be allowed to participate. It was determined that only school-aged children can participate, winner and all semi-finalists will receive a prize and all participants will be recognized on the Townships social media sites.

SUBJECT: Budget Calendar Update

ACTION: Mr. Buttiglieri reminded everyone of the following dates concerning the Municipal Budget: Introduction – March 5 (or possibly March 4), Budget Presentation – March 18 and Budget Adoption – April 8 (or April 2).

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Evans said that he attended an Emergency Management training seminar and learned how much time and preparation goes into all the different aspects of the Office. Councilmember Evans thanked OEM Coordinator, Tom Caruso, for all he does before, during, and especially after the events.

Councilmember Evans also mentioned that the sign at Town Shops is still down.

Councilmember Schepiga discussed the letter from Seaview Orthopaedics requesting parking restrictions on Eagle Avenue.

Deputy Mayor Garofalo reported that the Planning Board will be reviewing Ordinance No. 2239 concerning parking regulations at shopping centers.

Deputy Mayor Garofalo also commended the Department of public Works on the great job they have done during the snow storms.

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

Councilmember(s) Long
Martin Arbus, Esq., Township Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jack Kearns asked if the Logo contest information could be emailed to him for publication.

Seeing that there were no Public Comments, Mayor 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;

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 Garofalo	Councilman Evans	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 Evans	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,

Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC/CMC/MMC
Township Clerk