

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

MARCH 18, 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
Andrew 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 30, 2014 and revised on February 19, 2015.

Before review of the Regular Meeting Material, the Council was in agreement of moving the 2015 Budget Presentation to the end of the Regular Meeting.

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 March 18, 2015, unless otherwise noted (*):

CEREMONY:

Aerials JOGA Level 6 Gymnastics Team

Italian American Association of the Township of Ocean

2015 Municipal Budget

CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES:

March 4, 2015 - Workshop and Public Meeting(s)

RESOLUTIONS:

15-062

Authorize the Release of Maintenance Guarantees for the following:

a. Block 9.03, Lot 1 – 231 Perrine Avenue – Lensu, Inc.

15-063

Authorize the Release of a Performance Guarantees for the following:

15-066

Authorize the execution of an Agreement with the Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission permitting aerial surveillance and treatment during the period April 1 through November 30, 2015

INDIVIDUAL ACTION:

VOUCHERS: \$12,673,256.72

RESOLUTIONS:**15-067**

Authorize the Transfer of Funds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-58 and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.4a

15-068

Authorize the Township of Ocean to conduct the Annual Budget Review in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b

15-069

Authorize an application to the Local Finance Board for approval of refunding bonds pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51

15-070

Authorize the submission of the ANJEC Open Space Grant for the creation, mapping and signage of a Whale Pond Preserve Trail

ORDINANCES:**Adoption(s):****Ord #2240**

An ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits to Establish a CAP Bank (Coaster)

Introduction(s)**Ord #2241 (P.H. 4/2/15 Coaster)**

Bond Ordinance Authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$9,000,000.00 aggregate principal amount of general obligation refunding bonds authorized in and by the Township of Ocean in order to provide for the refunding of certain bonds issued by the Township and appropriating the proceeds of such general obligation refunding bonds to such purpose

At this time Mayor Siciliano introduced Mark Comer, Marisa Court, who had some questions and comments about the new Tennis Center.

Mayor Siciliano said the next step in this process is to get the Planning Board approval, but he will pass along Mark's suggestions. The construction could not start until late June at the earliest.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:

3. New Township Recycling Facility – reached out to neighboring municipalities, so far no one has responded
4. The Senior Center is almost complete.
5. The Monmouth Road sidewalk project should begin on Monday, March 23rd. They will be starting on the east side first.

SUBJECT: Rezoning Request – Norwood Avenue

ACTION: Mr. Brannen reported that the Township received a zone change request from the owner of the property on Norwood Avenue and West Morgan. They would like to take the existing buildings and convert it to residential on the top and commercial on the bottom. It would be rental apartments only. Once all of the reviews have been completed, Mr. Brannen will bring back the findings to the Township Council.

SUBJECT: Shade Tree Commission – Tree Sale

ACTION: Mr. Brannen explained that the Shade Tree Commission will be sponsoring a Sandy Recovery tree sale on April 18th from 10:00 am until Noon at the Pool & Tennis Facility.

SUBJECT: Cellphone Reimbursement Policy

ACTION: Mr. Brannen said the Township currently pays for seventeen cell phones that are used by the Police Department. Chief Peters suggested we implement a reimbursement plan instead. Each Officer would receive \$35.00 per month for their cell phone, but they would have to provide receipts, etc. in order to receive the reimbursement. The Township Council agreed that this a good plan.

SUBJECT: Environmental Commission Correspondence

ACTION: Mr. Brannen reported on a letter that was received from the Environmental Commission requesting the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment take into account the comments that the Environmental Commission makes in their review of site plans. The Environmental Commission is concerned that their written comments are not directly being received by the Boards. They would like to be assured the comments are submitted separately as part of the Boards packets. They would also like to make sure the members of the Boards have enough time to review their packets and the comments of the Environmental Commission and other professionals prior to the meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Evans reported that Posillipo's Restaurant is finally being torn down.

Councilmember Schepiga reported that she received a phone call from the Jewish War Veteran's that due to a religious holiday they will not be able to attend the Memorial Day ceremony. She also reported that she has not received the final figures yet from the St. Patrick's Day party, but it was a tremendous success.

Mayor Siciliano said he had a request from the owner of the property located on the southeast corner of Brower Boulevard for replacement trees or equivalent

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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;

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

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 copies 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	