

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

APRIL 16, 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) Long and Schepiga

Absent: Councilmember Evans

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

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 April 16, 2015, unless otherwise noted (*):

PRESENTATIONS: Margaret Simpson
Renee Amellio
Diane Novobilsky
Rook Coffee

CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES:

April 2, 2015 - Workshop and Public Meeting

RESOLUTIONS:

15-082 Authorize a Developers Agreement with the following:

a. Block 187, Lot 1.01 - 1102 Highway 35 - Muy Brands, LLC

Andrew Brannen, Township Manager, said that this is the Taco Bell on Route 35.

15-083 Authorize an auction of public property by the Township of Ocean through PropertyRoom.com. for the period April 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

Mr. Brannen said that this is a standard resolution done each year.

15-084 Approve the release of Closed Session Minutes from April 2, 2015

Mr. Brannen said there are 14 properties included at this time, however, additional people can opt in at a future date.

15-087 Approve the temporary suspension of the noise ordinance associated with the Monmouth Road reconstruction project for the period April 16-24, 2015, or until such time as the project is completed

Mr. Brannen reported that this suspension will be in place for the balance of the road project. Upon completion, the provisions of the noise ordinance will be reinstated.

15-088 Approve the extension of time for the placement of a roll-off container for Block 132, Lot 7, 1902 South Wanamassa Drive, for a period not to extend past June 30, 2015

INDIVIDUAL ACTION:**VOUCHERS: \$ 3,507,043.96****RESOLUTIONS:**

15-089 Authorize the Tax Collector to issue a refund to a taxpayer who have been declared a Totally Disabled Veteran and have received a Homestead Rebate credit on their taxes

15-090 Authorize the Tax Collector to issue a refund/credit to those taxpayers that have received a favorable State Tax Appeal judgment.

15-091 Authorize a contract with Number One Security and Investigations, Inc. for unarmed security for the Ocean and West Long Branch courts at a cost of \$14.50 per hour, not to exceed \$15,000.00

Mr. Brannen said that the Township will utilize one security guard to supplement the Township.

15-092 Authorize a Ch. 159 Budget amendment for the following:

a. Joint Insurance Fund Safety Grant

Mr. Brannen said that this Grant is for \$3,849.00

ORDINANCES:**Adoption(s):****Introduction(s):**

Ord #2242 An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter III of the "Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Ocean, 1965" entitled: Police Regulations

Mr. Brannen said that these amendments are due to revisions in state regulations concerning the operation of these establishments.

a. West Park Avenue Senior Center

- The work is almost complete
- Additional curbing will be installed shortly
- Additional conduit will be run for future lighting upgrades
- A portion of the fence will be replaced

b. Monmouth Road Paving Project – from Roseld Avenue to West Park Avenue

- Roadway will be milled on April 16 – 17
- Roadway will be paved on April 21 and striped on April 24

All work will be done at night as to not disrupt traffic flow.

c. Sunset Avenue Project

- Fernandes Contracting is moving along nicely. The curb work is almost completed. The contractor will then move on to Monmouth Road and then onto the Senior Center.

d. Town Hall Improvements

- The revisions to the West Wing conference room are almost done. Beginning May 7th, the Governing Body will be holding the Workshop Meetings in that room instead of the Managers Conference room.

e. Tennis Facility

- The Township is waiting for word from Green Acres to determine whether they will require the Township to hold a hearing for this project.

Mayor Siciliano stated that the contractor has offered to hold a Question and Answer session regardless whether Green Acres requires one.

SUBJECT: Planning Board/Zoning Board Application Update

ACTION: Mr. Brannen said the Township would like to offer one day per month when a member of the public who is considering any renovation project can come in and discuss their project/renovation with the appropriate Township officials. The purpose of this is to help move the process forward more expeditiously and alleviating the confusion and delays that often come during the duration of said work due to missing/incomplete paperwork.

SUBJECT: Monmouth University Community Update

ACTION: Discussion occurred concerning the college-aged renters who cause disturbances to the neighbors. It appears that students from both Monmouth University and Brookdale Community College reside in the Township during the school year.

Mr. Brannen will reach out to the Community Relations Director at Brookdale College to discuss this matter.

SUBJECT: Affordable Housing Trust Fund Update

the strike price.

Mayor Siciliano mentioned he met with Maggie Boyce who would like to plant a natural garden in front of Human Services. All concurred it was a good idea and she should proceed.

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

Councilmember Long
Martin Arbus, Esq., Township Attorney
Andrew Brannen, Township Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rob Acerra inquired if the Township was planning on doing any crosswalk refurbishment as he noticed many in need of sprucing up, especially at the intersection of Whalepond Road and west Park Avenue.

Mr. Brannen will contact the Monmouth County since West Park Avenue is a county road.

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
 - C2, Contract – Town Hall Parking
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.

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
Opposed					
Not Voting/Recuse					
Absent/Excused					

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC/CMC/MMC
Township Clerk