

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

October 15, 2015

OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY

The Workshop Meeting was held in the Council Conference Room, Town Hall, 399 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, NJ 07755 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Siciliano (arrived 5:25 p.m.)
Deputy Mayor Garofalo
Councilmember(s) Acerra, 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.

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 October 15, 2015, unless otherwise noted (*):

Public Questions:

CEREMONY:

Community Volunteers - Lois Stewart, Peggy Hildebrand, and Rosemary Macksey

CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES:

October 1, 2015 - Workshop and Public Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTIONS:

15-189 Authorize the Receipt of Bids for the following:

- a. Bulky Waste Recovery Facility to accept Construction and Demolition Waste, Rubbish, Bulky Trash, Tied and Containerized Brush and Other Type #13 and #13C Waste Materials as delivered by the Township of Ocean and to provide dumpster and container services for said materials

15-190 Approve the release of Closed Session Minutes from October 1, 2015

15-191 Approve the placement of a trash dumpster and storage trailer at Heritage Village at Ocean, LLC, located at 400 Stacey Drive, for the period not to extend past December 31, 2015

INDIVIDUAL ACTION:

VOUCHERS: \$7,113,396.85

RESOLUTIONS:

15-192 Authorize the extension of the contract with Mazza & Sons for the Bulky Waste Recovery Facility to accept Construction and Demolition Waste and Other Type #13 and #13C Waste as Delivered by the Township of Ocean for the period not to extend past November 30, 2015

15-193 Authorize a contract with Civil Solutions, a division of Adams, Rehmann & Heggan Associates, Inc., Hammontown, NJ to perform tax map updates at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00

15-194 Authorize a Developer's Agreement between the Township of Ocean and the Affordable Housing Alliance – Block 1.02, Lot 51.11, Clearview Drive

ORDINANCES:**Adoption(s):**

Ord #2249 An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 21 – The Comprehensive Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Ocean

Mr. Brannen explained that this for the definition of a wellness center and to add affordable apartment flats

Ord #2250 An Ordinance providing for various improvements, appropriating \$225,000 therefor, authorizing the issuance of \$213,750 bonds or notes to finance a portion of the cost and directing the Special Assessment of the costs

COMMENTS:

Councilmember Acerra asked who can sign businesses up for the Own Ocean Program, as he has been approached by a few local businesses.

Mr. Brannen said that Carmine who is our representative for the program is the person to contact with the information.

Councilmember Long Wanted to discuss the deer problem.

Mr. Brannen said that is one of the items listed for discussion.

Councilmember Schepiga reported that Stanley from the Jewish War Veteran's reached out and would like to invite the Mayor and Council to the veteran's Day breakfast at the High School on November 11th.

Councilmember Schepiga went on to say she does have a tent for the November 11th ceremony here at Town Hall honoring the Veteran's. If it rains she has made arrangements to use the courtroom.

Councilmember Schepiga also wanted an update on the adopt-a-spot that had a problem.

Mr. Brannen said he was given a written notice.

Councilmember Schepiga also wanted to remind everyone about the Community Celebration Committee meeting on October 25th at 4:15 pm at Town Hall.

Mayor Siciliano said he would like to start honoring the veteran's organizations at different meetings. He would like to see World War II & Korea first, followed by Vietnam and the last meeting with everyone else.

Mayor Siciliano would like to suspend the Pilot Tax Program until we see where it's going. He asked Mr. Brannen to set up a meeting with Matt Clark from the Monmouth County Tax Board so that he can address our concerns.

Mr. Brannen explained the advantages of the program and that he would arrange for a meeting with Matt Clark.

Councilmember Long said that in the face of all the scrutiny that is going on with the Program, it's hard to defend why we are still doing it.

Mayor Siciliano would also like to start working on introducing ordinances regarding adult book stores, etc. and one regarding medical marijuana dispensaries.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:**SUBJECT:** 2015 Road Program Update

ACTION: Mr. Brannen said they had a pre-construction meeting with TOSA, NJAWC and it appears there is a lot of utility work that needs to be done and it probably won't begin until next spring.

He also explained that we are going to have to re-work some of the storm sewers for the MTD's.

Mr. Brannen reported that not as much work will be done this fall on the Town Hall parking lot expansion as was anticipated.

SUBJECT: Capital Project Update

ACTION: Mr. Brannen reported that a meeting has been set up with Monmouth County to discuss the three options that are the focus of the expansion of West Park Avenue.

Mr. Brannen also reported that the Transportation Trust Fund application is out. He gave the Council a few different ideas and suggested modifying last year's application that was for improvements to Green Grove Road. It is also a plus because we could work together with Tinton Falls on the project.

SUBJECT: State Health Benefits Update

ACTION: Mr. Brannen explained that he has now met with all of the employees to discuss the different State Health Benefits plans.

SUBJECT: Animal Control Update

ACTION: Deputy Mayor Garofalo briefed the Council on the meeting he and Councilmember Long had with County and State officials. They realize there is a big problem with the deer and they offered a few different options. The State prefers opening up the park to hunting.

Mr. Brannen suggested we don't do anything right now and wait to see what happens this winter.

Mayor Sicilinao would like to invite the animal protection league to our next workshop meeting to see if they have any other suggestions.

SUBJECT: Rezoning Request – Block 22, Lot 87 – 288-290 Norwood Avenue

ACTION: Martin Arbus, Township Attorney, suggested that the Council take home the report by Jim Higgins, Township Planner and discuss it at the next meeting.

SUBJECT: 2016 Budget Update

ACTION: Mr. Brannen said he is starting to set-up Budget meetings with Department Heads and is planning on having the Budget Hearing the Monday of Thanksgiving week. He should have a draft budget to the Council by January 15, 2016.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

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

Deputy Mayor Garofalo
Councilmember(s) Acerra, Long and Schepiga
Martin Arbus, Esq., Township Attorney
Andrew Brannen, Township Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Seeing that there were no Public Comments, Mayor Siciliano 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 – PBA Local 57
 - C3. Personnel
3. It is anticipated at this time that the Municipal Clerk shall 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 Acerra	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 Acerra	Councilman Long	Councilwoman Schepiga	Mayor Siciliano
Motion To Approve	X		X		
Motion to Second					
Approved	X	X	X	X	X
Opposed					
Not Voting/Recuse					
Absent/Excused					

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie M. Joseph, RMC/CMR
Deputy Township Clerk