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MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2010

Mayor Hameeduddin called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order at 8 p.m., and asked all those present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler,
Mayor Hameeduddin.

Absent: C. Parker.

Also Present: S. Turitz/W. Rupp, Esqs. - Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka, & Goldberg, PC; W.
Broughton, Township Manager; J. L. Evelina, Senior Clerk;
C. Loschiavo; Senior Clerk, I. Abbasi, Executive Assistant.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution 170-10, setting the 2010 meeting dates, sending a copy to THE RECORD, THE SUBURBANITE, THE BERGEN NEWS/SUN BULLETIN, THE JEWISH STANDARD, and THE COUNTY SEAT, filing a copy in the Township Clerk's Office and posting it on the Municipal Building bulletin board, and the Mayor hereby directs that this statement be included in the minutes.

Mayor Hameeduddin briefly discussed the upcoming National Night Out, scheduled for August 3, 2010 in Milton Votee Park.

Township Manager, William Broughton, indicated that National Night Out would have a concert this year.

Mayor Hameeduddin requested that the Request for BCCD Grant Endorsing Resolution for Family Promise of Bergen County be the first matter of business and asked the representative of the organization to come forward.

Kate Dugan, Executive Director for Family Promise of Bergen County spoke on behalf of the organization; requested endorsement of a Block Grant; and proceeded to give a description as to the function of the organization.

C. Katz indicated that he is familiar with the organization and all of their work and suggested Council approve the Resolution. Council concurred, and the Mayor stated that it would be placed on the following agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ms. Evelina read the following Ordinances by title only.

ORDINANCE 4188 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$55,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK FOR RESURFACING OF GLENWOOD AVENUE AND SANFORD STREET.

ORDINANCE 4189 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$81,654.00 FROM THE MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK AND APPROPRIATING \$81,654.00 AS A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF HANDICAP ACCESS AT MUNICIPAL WADING POOLS AND THE RESURFACING OF THE BASKETBALL COURT AT HERRICK PARK FUNDED FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND.

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ORDINANCE 4190 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2010 ROAD RESURFACING AND CURB IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$800,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments respecting these ordinances prior to opening the public hearing.

No one came forward.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public hearings on the above ordinances were open. Any members of the public who wished to be heard on any of said ordinances or to ask questions concerning said ordinances came forward and stated their names and addresses for the record. Comments or questions were limited to five minutes per person.

Joan Davis - 976 Alpine Drive - expressed opposition to the ordinances regarding road resurfacing and curb improvement.

Art Vatsky - 950 Garrison Avenue - questioned why the Township is borrowing money, as funds should be put aside for resurfacing purposes.

There being no further persons who wished to speak concerning said ordinances, Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public hearing on these ordinances were closed.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments respecting these ordinances.

DM. Gussen, in response to Ms. Davis, advised that the roads are definitely in need of repair.

Mr. Broughton, in response to Mr. Vatsky, advised that the project was paid for with grant monies.

DM. Gussen moved to pass Ordinances 4188, 4189, and 4190 on second and final reading and adopt. The Township Clerk was authorized and directed to advertise same according to law. Seconded by C. Katz.

There being no further comments, Mayor Hameeduddin called on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

In Favor: C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler,
Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that said ordinances were duly adopted.

Prior to opening the meeting to the public for Good and Welfare, William Rupp read into the record Resolution #213-10, a Resolution authorizing the execution of an employment contract between the Township of Teaneck and Robert A. Wilson.

S. Turitz indicated that a Liquor License number on Resolution #212-10 was incorrect and would need to be corrected.

Mayor Hameeduddin instructed the Clerk to make the necessary changes.

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MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR GOOD AND WELFARE OR PUBLIC INPUT ON ANY MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments prior to opening the meeting to any comments from the public.

No one came forward.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that any members of the public wishing to be heard at this time should come forward and state their names and addresses for the record. Comments shall be limited to five minutes per person.

Harold Rosenstein, member of the Teaneck Creek Conservancy, 12 Sinclair Court - discussed a tree that is in danger of being cut down; supported the preservation of trees and plants; and made an offer to donate funds in the amount of \$100,000 to an arborist to save the tree.

Lillian Lewis, Ardsley Court – welcomed the new Mayor and Council; stated that although she had been out of town for the Reorganization, she had heard many positive comments regarding this Council; and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

Carter Jackson, Hirliman Road – suggested surveillance in Argonne Park.

Art Vatsky, 950 Garrison Avenue – supported Mr. Jackson’s suggestions; and discussed the Cedar Lane Streetscape imperfections.

Joan Davis, 976 Alpine Drive – supported Art Vatsky’s comments; expressed opposition to outsourcing; spoke about making the Township more “green”; and questioned the Local Finance Board’s function.

Chuck Powers, 1374 Academy Lane – discussed Overpeck Park and the increasing quality of the park; feels it would be useful for Council to understand what the relationship is to Overpeck Park; asked Council to report to the public regarding this issue.

Adam Rodriguez, from Pennsylvania, formerly a Teaneck resident – distributed a handout and read from the pamphlet regarding the economy; discussed the recession we are experiencing; and requested Council’s support regarding this issue.

There being no further persons wishing to speak at this time (or the time limit of one hour having expired), Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public comment portion of the meeting was now closed.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council or the Manager wished to respond to the public comments or whether a member of the council wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda and have a separate discussion thereon.

C. Toffler suggested the Manager contact the police regarding the concerns with Argonne Park; and asked Mr. Turitz to comment on Mr. Vatsky’s concern regarding the Cedar Lane Streetscape.

S. Turitz gave a detailed explanation regarding the situation with the streetscape; indicated there will be no litigation regarding this matter; and the Township Manager will use the money the Township has to make the most urgently-needed repairs.

Mr. Broughton informed he conducted an objective evaluation of the streetscape, and he is in agreement that the repairs must and will be made in the near future.

C. Toffler inquired as to whether or not the DPW could remove any dead trees as well, in order to improve the appearance of the streetscape.

S. Turitz gave a historical overview of Overpeck Park and discussed the Township’s involvement in same.

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C. Katz indicated Township residents are being short changed regarding Overpeck Park in that they are not given the recognition they should be receiving; requested the Township Manager or Mayor produce a letter to the County Executive requesting a meeting with the Township Recreation Director in order for the Township to be more publicly acknowledged for their contribution.

DM. Gussen would like for the Township to be acknowledged in that if it had it not been for Teaneck's contribution of the land, the Park would not exist.

C. Katz acknowledged S. Turitz and his staff for all of their hard work concerning Overpeck Park.

C. Toffler discussed that the Township is in the process of becoming certified with a bronze certification from Sustainable Jersey; and discussed the process of becoming certified, as well as, what benefits would come from being bronze-certified.

S. Turitz spoke about the process by which municipalities receive their authority and gave an explanation of the bid threshold.

C. Katz commended Mr. Turtiz for his enlightenment regarding the bid threshold; also thanked Mr. Vatsky for his input regarding the situation with the streetscape; and indicated that C. Stern will be a great asset to the Cedar Lane Management Group.

C. Stern plans on bringing a positive experience to the Cedar Lane Management Group; commented on Mr. Rosenstein's comments regarding the tree; and encouraged others to work together with the owner of the property.

DM. Gussen commented on Sustainable Jersey and listed accomplishments which have taken place over the past four years making significant and positive strides within the environment; and stated that Council plans on continuing this practice.

C. Toffler commended the two students from Teaneck High School who assisted the Township's Department Heads gather documentation for submission to Sustainable Jersey.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed below are considered to be routine in nature by Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

RAFFLES

All subject to approval and conditions applicable with the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and pursuant to State Statute.

RA #1272 - Yeshiva of North Jersey - Off-Premise Draw Raffle.
RA #1273 - Yeshiva of North Jersey - Off-Premise Draw Raffle.
RA #1274 - Yeshiva of North Jersey - Off-Premise Draw Raffle.
RA #1275 - Yeshiva of North Jersey - Off-Premise Draw Raffle.
RA #1276 - Yeshiva of North Jersey - Off-Premise Draw Raffle.
RA #1277 - Yeshiva of North Jersey - Off-Premise Draw Raffle.
RA #1278 - Yeshiva of North Jersey - Off-Premise Draw Raffle.

MINUTES

May 4, 2010 - Open Session Minutes (C. Honis - Absent).
June 15, 2010 - Open Session Minutes (C. Honis - Absent).

RESOLUTIONS

185-10. Confirm Council Seating Order.

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- 186-10. Appoint Council Liaisons.
- 187-10. Appoint Members to the Advisory Board of Community Relations.
- 188-10. Appoint Members to the Board of Adjustment.
- 189-10. Appoint Member to the Civilian Complaint Review Board.
- 190-10. Appoint Members to the Ethics Board.
- 191-10. Appoint Members to the Hackensack River Greenway Advisory Board.
- 192-10. Appoint Members to the Municipal Open Space Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Board.
- 193-10. Appoint Members to the Parks, Playground, and Recreation Advisory Board.
- 194-10. Appoint Members to the Patriotic Observance Advisory Board.
- 195-10. Appoint Members to the Planning Board.
- 196-10. Appoint Members to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.
- 197-10. Appoint Members to the Shade Tree Advisory Board.
- 198-10. Appoint Members to the Site Plan Review Advisory Board.
- 199-10. Appoint Members to the Social Services Advisory Board.
- 200-10. Appoint Members to the Youth Advisory Board.
- 201-10. Authorize Refund of 2009 and 2010 Tax Overpayments - Various.
- 202-10. Ratify Payments - CFO - June 2010.
- 203-10. Authorize Increase in the Township's Bidding and Quotation Threshold.
- T. Award 2010 Animal Control Services Contract - Bergen County Animal Shelter.

- 204-10. Ratify Issuance of Purchase Order - Cody Computer Systems.
- 205-10. Execute Public Health Nursing Contract.
- 206-10. Authorize Appropriation to the Capital Improvement Fund - Resurfacing of Robinson Street.
- 207-10. Award Professional Services Contract - Schwanewede/Hals - Resurfacing of Robinson Street.
- 208-10. Amend 2010 Budget - Multi-Jurisdictional JAG Grant.
- 209-10. Authorize Execution of Grant Agreement with NJDOT - Resurfacing West Englewood Avenue, Section 4.
- 210-10. Authorize Execution of Grant Agreement with NJDOT - Queen Anne Road Sidewalk Improvement Project.
- 211-10. Authorize Execution of Grant Agreement with NJDOT - Resurfacing of Glenwood Avenue, Section 2 Project.
- 212-10. Authorize Plenary Retail Consumption (Hotel/Motel Exception) Liquor License - Glenpointe Associates, III and Davidson Hotel Company, LLC - #0260-33-039-004.
- 213-10. Authorize Execution of Employment Contract Between Teaneck Township and Robert A. Wilson.

BILL LIST

The Clerk read the amount of the Bill List into the record. (\$4,425,208.18)

Mayor Hameeduddin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including Minutes, Resolutions, and Bill List, and to dispense with the reading of same inasmuch as it has been posted on the bulletin board all day, except Resolution T. Seconded by C. Honis.

Mayor Hameeduddin called on Ms. Evelina for a roll-vote.

In Favor: C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker; C. Katz (at time of vote).

Abstained: C. Stern (Minutes); DM. Gussen (Check #158999).

Mayor Hameeduddin declared said items were passed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Hameeduddin moved that the following Ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required legal notice of the introduction thereof, together with a notice of the place, time, and date on which a public hearing will be held on said ordinances, and on which said ordinances will be considered for final adoption.

ORDINANCE 4187 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2, "CHARTER/ADMINISTRATIVE CODE," OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK TO ADD THERETO APPENDIX IV, "PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL" AND APPENDIX V, "PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR EXCLUDED EMPLOYEES" AND AMENDING SECTION 2-24(P)(1) OF ARTICLE III THEREOF.

ORDINANCE 4192 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RESURFACING OF QUEEN ANNE ROAD, SECTION 7, FROM FORT LEE ROAD TO CEDAR LANE AS A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AND APPROPRIATING \$200,000.00 TO BE ENTIRELY FUNDED BY A GRANT UNDER THE NEW JERSEY TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND AUTHORITY ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010.

ORDINANCE 4193 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$120,158.00 AS A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TO RESURFACE ROBINSON STREET, THIS PROJECT TO BE FINANCED ENTIRELY FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

ORDINANCE 4194 - AN ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, TRANSFERRING THE FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE DIVISION OF ENGINEERING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AS THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Seconded by Councilmember Honis.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired as to whether any Councilmember wished to comment upon the motion to introduce.

There being no further comments, Mayor Hameeduddin called on the Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

In Favor: C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that said ordinances were duly introduced and passed on first reading.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Employee Manual.

The Ordinance regarding the Employee Manual was introduced during this meeting therefore this item no longer falls under Old Business.

2. Teaneck and Sustainable Jersey.

This item was discussed earlier during the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Hameeduddin suggested Council delve into how the first-responder departments are handled; and suggested updating same, as it has not been updated since the 1970's. Mayor Hameeduddin, C. Stern, C. Toffler volunteered to serve on this Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Family Promise of Bergen County - Request for BCCD Grant Endorsing Resolution.

This subject was discussed at the start of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

DM. Gussen discussed the recent electrical storms, indicating that the lightning detection system in Sagamore Park is installed and appears to be functioning; and informed the sirens and strobe lights will sound to alert when conditions are unsafe and safe again.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. Bus Stops (C. Katz).

C. Katz requested Township Manager to move forward in implementing new bus shelters through NJ Transit; and suggested looking into something aesthetically pleasing.

Council concurred.

2. Garbage Cans (C. Katz).

C. Katz discussed the two presentations regarding recycling bins for the Township; and C. Katz suggested the Manager look into the matter to report back to Council with his suggestions.

3. Billboard (C. Katz).

C. Katz referenced a presentation from three years prior when there were several possibilities at that time; and requested the Manager to look into this to report back to Council.

W. Broughton stated that this was recently bid upon and there will be a meeting on the received proposal.

C. Katz indicated that Council's concern is where the billboard would be placed.

Mayor Hameeduddin requested the information be gathered and placed in Council's packets the following day.

4. Cell Tower (C. Katz).

Council briefly discussed the cell towers, where they should and should not be placed; and suggested looking into this matter further.

5. Cellular Phones During Council Meetings (C. Toffler).

C. Toffler requested the Manager request members of the Council and the public turn off cell phones, pagers, etc., or place them on vibrate during meetings in an effort to avoid a disruption.

DM. Gussen indicated that family comes first; there will be times when there is a need to keep communication open in the event of an accident, explaining a recent situation he encountered with his son sustaining an injury while he was attending a Council Meeting.

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C. Toffler stated that she received e-mails from residents questioning why Council Members are using their cell phones during meetings.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

1. I have provisionally appointed Ken Katter as Health Officer effective July 1, 2010.

C. Katz applauded Mr. Broughton's appointment of Ken Katter as Health Officer; and indicated that in all of his years serving on Council, he has never received a negative comment regarding the Health Department.

2. Parking Meters.

Council recently researched various parking meter companies. Mr. Broughton indicated that he has a proposal from Municipal Parking Meter Services of Minnesota which outlines the proposal to install self-enforcing parking meters; gave a detailed description as to how the self-enforcing meters would work; and would like to see requests from residents to include Ward Plaza in this venture.

C. Katz requested the Manager circulate a map which would indicate the placement of the meters.

S. Turitz informed Council that this would be a pilot program and went on to explain, in detail, how the meters work.

3. National Night Out.

Mr. Broughton gave information regarding National Night Out, scheduled for August 3, 2010, to take place at Milton Votee Park.

He discussed the program implemented with the Construction Official which took off on July 20, allowing residents to come in and speak with the Construction Official about work they are completing in their homes; and residents and contractors are welcome to attend these workshops for input on projects.

Mr. Broughton discussed an incident that occurred at Teaneck Southern Little League; and is waiting for feedback from Glenna Crockett with respect to this incident prior to moving forward.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

S. Turitz requested feedback from Council with regard to the potential agreement for the boat launch; informed the acquisition on rights to use the river has been raised; advised the rights must be bought or leased from the Tidewater Council in the State of New Jersey; explained difficulty in determining price; and requested Council authorize a potential expenditure to purchase the rights, not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Council concurred.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Katz moved to adjourn at 11:02 p.m. Seconded by C. Honis and carried by the following vote:

In Favor: C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker.