

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010

Mayor Hameeduddin called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order at 8:00 p.m., and asked all those present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: C. Parker, DM. Gussen, C. Katz, C. Toffler.

Absent: C. Stern, C. Honis, Mayor Hameeduddin

Also Present: S. Turitz - Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka, & Goldberg, PC; W. Broughton, Township Manager; L. Aportela-Hernandez, Municipal Clerk; J. Evelina Senior Clerk, I. Abbasi, Executive Assistant.

DEPUTY 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk to read the Ordinances by title only.

ORDINANCE #4191 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 33-18 (d) "OUTDOOR CAFES" OF CHAPTER 33 "DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK RELATING TO PORTABLE SELF SUPPORTING BARRIERS.

ORDINANCE #4195 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$108,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK AND APPROPRIATING \$108,000.00 AS A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FOR THE COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM, COUNTYWIDE ADA RAMPS, CURB AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION CO-OPERATIVE FUNDED FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

ORDINANCE #4196 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XXII OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES ALSO KNOWN AS THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN THE UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK.

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

None.

DM. Gussen 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 had 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.

Council discussed whether or not to have residents should announce their street addresses. Moving forward, DM. Gussen suggested that for tonight's meeting, residents should simply state their name and town of residency.

None.

As there was no further persons who wished to speak concerning said ordinances, DM Gussen declared that the public hearing on these ordinances was closed.

DM. Gussen moved to pass said ordinances on second and final reading and adopt. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise same according to law. Seconded by Councilmember Toffler.

DM. Gussen inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments respecting these ordinances.

None.

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

In Favor: C. Parker, DM. Gussen, C. Katz, C. Toffler

Absent: C. Stern, C. Honis, Mayor Hameeduddin

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

DM. Gussen introduced Resolution #242-10, accepting the resignation of Municipal Clerk Aportela-Hernandez and authorizing appointment of Acting Municipal Clerk, William Broughton.

DM. Gussen announced a Memorial Service to be held in memory of the late Joan Davis.

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

None.

DM. Gussen declared that any members of the public who wished to be heard come forward and state their names and city of residence for the record. Comments were limited to five minutes per person.

Robyn Lowenthal, Teaneck – expressed interest in becoming a garden plot member.

Ken Shure – spoke of the garden plot rules and regulation.

Genevieve Mayberry – requested that Council explain the recent discussion with the changeover between the Police and Fire Departments.

Kimberly Watts, Teaneck – discussed the Ward Plaza Project and requested the project on the south side be halted.

Janice Preschel, Teaneck, requested consideration from Council for a Food Drive to be held at the Votee Park pool.

Hubert Austin, Teaneck – Spoke on the Ward Plaza Project and noted the inconveniences, design and striping, etc.

Dr. Alex Rashin, Teaneck – requested an explanation of budgeting and projects.

C. Katz made motion to close, and the consensus of Council was in favor.

DM. Gussen asked Manager Broughton to speak briefly on the Community Gardens administration and the recent establishment of an on-site meeting to be held with all members.

DM. spoke about the request for a Food Drive, and C. Parker requested to take it one step further and hold a Food Drive at the Municipal Building. Manager Broughton will reach out to Janice Preschel.

Manager Broughton spoke about the future road resurfacing projects and mentioned the Township has approximately 120 miles of roadway.

DM. Gussen asked Manager Broughton to speak on the Ward Plaza project. Manager Broughton advised that the Township Engineer sent letters to all residents in the vicinity regarding same.

DM. Gussen commented on an early speaker with respect to the Public Safety Director's position. C. Toffler mentioned that the matter has not yet been voted on, and there is more research to be conducted. Manager Broughton spoke on the administration part of the positions. C. Parker requested more information on the Public Safety Director's position and noted this was not voted on.

C. Parker commented on the recent loss of Joan Davis and noted this being the first meeting in her 4-year term that Ms. Davis was not present.

There having been no further persons who wished to speak or the time limit of one hour having expired, DM. Gussen declared that the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

DM. Gussen 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.

None.

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 #1280 - Family Promise of Bergen County - 50/50 On-Premise Draw Raffle.

RA #1281 - Yeshiva of North Jersey - 50/50 Off Premise Draw Raffle.

RA #1282 - Twins 'n Triplets Mothers of Morris County - Off Premise Merchandise Raffle.

MINUTES

June 15, 2010 - Closed Session - Approved for Content Only (C. Honis - Absent).

June 22, 2010 - Closed Session - Approved for Content Only.

June 29, 2010 - Closed Session - Approved for Content Only.

July 13, 2010 - Closed Session - Approved for Content Only (C. Parker - Absent).

August 10, 2010 - Closed Session - Approved for Content Only.

RESOLUTIONS

230-10. Authorize Settlement Agreement - BER-L-7642-09 - Bodin v. Township of Teaneck.

231-10. Award Contract for Animal Control Services - 2010.

232-10. Appropriate \$19,050 from the Capital Improvement Fund - 2010 Road Resurfacing Program Engineering Services.

233-10. Award Professional Services Contract - Schwanewede/Hals - Engineering Services - 2010 Road Resurfacing Program.

- 234-10. Authorize Settlement Agreement - BER-L-19-09 - Thompson v. Township of Teaneck.
- 235-10. Ratify Payments - CFO - July 2010.
- 236-10. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order - Sutphen Corporation - Fire Engine Pumper Vehicle.
- 237-10. Refund 2009 and 2010 Tax Overpayments - Various.
- 238-10. Award Contract - Rockburn Trucking and Excavation, Inc. - 2009 Road Resurfacing Program.
- 239-10. Authorize Grant Agreement with County of Bergen - Barrier Free Bathroom at the Belle Avenue Information Center.
- 240-10. Authorize Grant Agreement with County of Bergen - Lozier Place Sanitary Sewer Replacement.
- 241-10. Authorize Grant Agreement with County of Bergen - Sylvan Terrace Street Improvement.

BILL LIST

The Clerk read the amount of the Bill List into the record. (\$4,173,248.53)

Councilmember Katz moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Minutes, Resolutions Bill List, and to dispense with the reading of same inasmuch as it has been posted on the bulletin board all day. Seconded by Councilmember Toffler.

DM. Gussen called on the Clerk for a roll-call vote.

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Katz, C. Toffler, DM. Gussen.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: DM. Gussen (Check #'s 159234 and 159286)

Absent: C. Stern, C. Honis, Mayor Hameeduddin.

DM. Gussen declared whether said items were passed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilmember Katz moved that the following Ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and that the Clerk be 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 #4197 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4140 ESTABLISHING SALARY RANGES, CLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS AND DUTIES THEREOF FOR CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK WITH RESPECT TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND MUNICIPAL ENGINEER.

Seconded by Councilmember Parker.

DM. Gussen inquired as to whether any Councilmember wished to comment upon the motion to introduce.

None.

There being no further comments, DM Gussen called on the Clerk for a roll-call vote.

In Favor: C. Parker, DM. Gussen, C. Katz, C. Toffler.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Stern, C. Honis, Mayor Hameeduddin.

DM. Gussen declared that said ordinance were duly introduced and passed on first reading.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Manager Broughton briefly discussed the Banner Policy. DM. Gussen called up Ken Hoffman to speak on the banner policy. Manager Broughton spoke on the rain barrels and quoted an approximate price of \$300.00. DM. Gussen noted there were two rain barrels on display at the Library. Manager Broughton spoke about the recent injury of a ball player from Teaneck Southern Little League, and informed that corrective measures are now in place. The scheduling of Sunday Computer Classes were clarified. Manager Broughton informed that a meeting will soon be scheduled regarding parking meters. He also informed where additional receptacles were placed in parks. He also provided a status on bus shelters and cell phone towers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. TMAASA Appointments for September: All council members in favor to await discussion until C. Honis returns.
2. Rent Control Ordinance: C. Katz asked to be recused during brief discussion.
3. Bergen County Community Development Regional Committee - Council Representatives: C. Parker to continue to represent.
4. Cedar Lane Management Group – Appointments: C. Stern and DM Gussen appointed as Manager’s Designee and nominated Karen Carrecio.
5. 2011 Meeting Schedule: Opted for further discussion and would email the Clerk.

DM. Gussen noted that Manager Broughton would now be the one to place the proper advertisement for the Municipal Clerk’s position.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Request for Endorsing Resolution - BCCD Grant - Teaneck Women Train & Work - Project REACH.

Claire Scarano spoke on behalf of the Teaneck Women Train and Work Project REACH. The Council directed the Clerk to list an endorsing resolution on the next agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

None.

DM. Gussen noted that with vacations being taken between July and August, less discussion was heard on Advisory Board items.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. Council Action Items (C. Parker).

C. Parker has concerned with the way ordinances are introduced and requested whoever introduces the ordinance should have a brief introductory period.
2. Teaneck's Relationship with BCIA (C. Toffler).

Approved: 7/24/12

C. Toffler requested S. Turitz to comment on the prime relationship with the County Agency (BCIA) and the borrowing for bond notes or leased purchases at a lower rate. (enabling municipalities to use the County's credit) and park development.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Broughton spoke about Overpeck County Park.

Manager Broughton spoke about the Teaneck Road Streetscape, the recent meeting and requested Council to seek professional services to revise the conceptual drawings.

Manager Broughton noted a meeting is being held with the Bergen County Prosecutors Office regarding a Feasibility Study on the Teaneck/Bogota Shared Services.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Katz moved to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Toffler.

In Favor: C. Parker, DM. Gussen, C. Katz, C. Toffler.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Stern, C. Honis, Mayor Hameeduddin.