
TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

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The Workshop Meeting of the Governing Body was called to order by Mayor Bettina Bieri.

Adequate Notice Statement

Mayor Bieri read the following statement:

Please note that in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975 of New Jersey, adequate advance notice of this Workshop meeting was advertised in the Herald News in its issue of December 21, 2014 and January 4, 2015; copies were provided to the Suburban Trends, the Record, Star Ledger, and posted continuously on the bulletin board in the main corridor of the Town Hall and on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Please also make note of all fire and emergency exits – located to the left, right, and rear of this room - for use in case of an emergency. Thank you.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bieri led all in attendance in a salute to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Ada Erik, Mike Hensley, Vivienne Erk, Michele Dale,
Luciano Signorino, Marilyn Lichtenberg, Mayor Bettina Bieri.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Township Administrator Kenneth Gabbert, Township Clerk Antoinette Battaglia
Township Attorney Frederick Semrau and Dawn Sullivan.

Agenda No. II

Reading of or Approval of Unapproved Minutes

Councilwoman Erik moved to adopt the December 3, 2014 Executive Session minutes as presented.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Dale
Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Erk, Dale, Signorino, Lichtenberg.
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

Agenda No. III

Meetings

Mayor Bieri noted the future meeting schedule:

January 21, 2015 Regular Meeting February 4, 2015 Workshop Meeting
February 18, 2015 Regular Meeting

Agenda No. V

Proclamations

Radon Action Month – Mayor Bieri joined Renee Alessio at the podium and read the proclamation. Ms. Alessio spoke about the importance of being aware of the dangers of radon.

Agenda No. IV

Executive Session

~ Resolution No. 2015 – 046 ~

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford on the 7th day of January 2015 that:

1. Prior to the conclusion of this **Workshop Meeting**, the Governing Body shall meet in Executive Session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss matters as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, sub-section (s):
() b. (1) Confidential or excluded matters, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court.
() b. (2) A matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive

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- () b. (3) funds from the Government of the United States.
(X) b. (4) Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
() b. (5) A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations.
() b. (6) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, setting of banking rates or investment of public funds...
(X) b. (7) Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public...
() b. (8) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations...
() b. (9) Personnel matters.
() b. (9) Deliberations after a public hearing that may result in penalties.

2. The time when the matter(s) discussed pursuant to Paragraph 1 hereof can be disclosed to the public is as soon as practicable after final resolution of the aforesaid matter(s).

Adopted: January 7, 2015

Moved: Erik Seconded: Dale
Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Erk, Dale, Signorino, Lichtenberg.
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

The Governing Body went into executive session at 9:29 p.m.
The Governing Body returned to the public meeting at 10:23 pm with all present as before.

Agenda No. VI

Presentations

None.

Agenda No. VII

Discussion Items

Table with 1 row: 1. Ordinance: Noise Penalty – the Council gave consensus to proceed to introduction at the next meeting.

Agenda No. VIII

Public Comments

Mayor Bieri opened the meeting to the public after advising that there is a five-minute limit for each speaker.

Bob Nicholson, 20 Hyde Road, Stockholm said there are varying decibel levels used to determine noise levels for music as compared to other sources of noise. He said there have been complaints about noise on Greenwood Lake. He asked that the Cable TV Committee meeting schedule be placed on the municipal calendar. He noted that in prior comments at the reorganization meeting, it was not his intent to imply that the Cable TV Committee was editing Governing Body meetings.

There being no more comments from the public, Councilwoman Erik moved to close the public portion of the meeting.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote.
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

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Council Comments

Councilwoman Erik said that the Clerk does not have the ability to maintain recordings of committee meetings.

Agenda No. X

Action Items

Agenda No. X 1

~ Resolution 2015 – 047 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PASSAGE OF CONSENT AGENDA

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed Resolutions and Applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Resolutions and Applications on the Consent Agenda are hereby approved:

Resolutions:

- a. **2015-048** – Cancel Outstanding Court Checks
- b. **2015-049** – Various Licenses

Applications:

- 1. Application for three Solicitor Licenses for Power Home Remodelers Group.

Adopted: January 7, 2015

Moved: Signorino Seconded: Dale
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote.
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

Agenda No. X 1 a

~ Resolution 2015 – 048 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS OVER SIX MONTHS OLD TO MUNICIPAL COURT CASH BALANCES

WHEREAS, the Court Administrator has determined that the following Township of West Milford General Court and Bail accounts have checks that have been outstanding for a period in excess of six months.

DATE	CHECK #	AMOUNT
7/24/2012	3820	.02
8/10/2012	3830	1.00
9/13/2012	3840	1.00
10/11/12	3851	1.00
3/13/2013	3894	5.00
4/15/2013	3904	75.00
4/15/2013	3905	3.00
7/5/2013	3924	1.00
8/7/2012	7282	1.00
11/8/2012	7376	108.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above outstanding checks be restored to the Township cash balance.

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~ Resolution 2015 – 049 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF VARIOUS LICENSES FOR THE LICENSE YEAR 2015

WHEREAS, applications have been made for the new licenses and the renewal of various Licenses for the 2015 license year; and

WHEREAS, reports of recommendation have been received from applicable Township Departments recommending the issuance of said licenses as listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford does hereby approve the issuance of 2015 Licenses as listed below and;

2015 CLOTHING BIN LICENSES	
2015-12	Cancer Support Community of Central NJ Carecycle Inc. 1 Bin at Walgreens
2015-13 thru 14	American Red Cross North Jersey Region We Collect Clothes For A Cause 2 Bins at A&P Supermarket
2015-15 thru 20	Planet Aid 1 Bin at TJ's Gas, West Milford 1 Bin at SBP Gas, Hewitt 1 Bin at Convenience of America, Oak Ridge 1 Bin at Pizza Station, Oak Ridge 2 Bins at Recycling Center, West Milford
2015-21 thru 22	Millennium International Textile Inc. 1 Bin at Recycling Center, West Milford 1 Bin at Apshawa Volunteer Fire Co, West Milford
2015 POOL TABLE LICENSE	
2015-06	N.T.I. LLC The New Jessies Country Kettle
2015 SOLICITOR LICENSES	
2015-01	Andrew DeVito Power Home Remodeling Group 6 Commerce Drive Cranford, NJ 07016
2015-02	Michael Calderone Power Home Remodeling Group 6 Commerce Drive Cranford, NJ 07016
2015-03	Matthew Kaczmar Power Home Remodeling Group 6 Commerce Drive Cranford, NJ 07016

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Agenda No. XI

Approval of Expenditures

~ Resolution No. 2015 – 050 ~

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, the Township Treasurer has submitted to the members of the Township Council a report listing individual disbursement checks prepared by his office in payment of amounts due by the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Treasurer's report of checks prepared by him be approved and issued as follows:

Acct #	Account Name	Amount
1	Current Account	\$145,818.07
3	Reserve Account	403.66

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2	Grants	11,723.40
6	Refunds	23.00
1	General Ledger	36.32
26	Refuse	155,827.42
4	Capital	152,508.04
19	Animal Control	0.00
19	Heritage Trust	0.00
19	Open Space Trust	0.00
19	Trust	465.00
19	COAH	0.00
16	Development Escrow	0.00
19	Tax Sale Trust	0.00
21	Assessment Trust	0.00
Total		\$466,804.91
Less Refund Resolution		-23.00
Actual Bill List		\$466,781.91
Other Payments		
Payroll		568,728.81
Treasurer, State of NJ Dog Report		24.60
Pitney Bowes		1,332.00
Recreation Petty Cash		56.36
Treasurer, State of NJ Tax Court		5,800.00
Total Expenditures		\$1,042,723.68

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Moved: Erik Seconded: Signorino
 Voted Aye: Erik, Hensley, Erk, Dale, Signorino, Lichtenberg.
 Voted Nay: None.
 Motion carried.

Agenda No. XII

Reports of Mayor, Administrator, Council Members, Attorney and Clerk

Council President Erk said the *Light Up West Milford* presentation was cancelled tonight. The winning check is being presented at the airport. She provided details about the contest, its purpose, and the level of participation. She said the members of HEAT wish to thank all participating businesses which she listed.

Councilman Signorino said he and Councilwoman Dale met with the library board subcommittee. They needed a decision regarding flooring in the building. The library wants to install carpet tiles for various reasons and in the main areas they have selected a vinyl composite tile (VCT). VCT appears to be more functional and they have recommended a "wood look" VCT. He listed some benefits. Councilwoman Dale said the subcommittee agreed that is best material and they seeking Council consensus. Council agreed. Councilman Signorino gave more details about where it would be located. He wished everyone a Happy New Year. He said it was brought to his attention that on Dockerty Hollow Road by Bald Eagle there are concerns about emergency services vehicles. There are only 3 residences on that street. This may be a good time to change the street name. Councilwoman Erik said Dockerty Hollow on the Union Valley end is not passable and Councilwoman Dale said emergency responders have cards that notate that. Mr. Semrau said the Governing Body can change the road name by ordinance. The residents & post office would have to be notified. He will outline the process by memorandum.

Councilwoman Lichtenberg said there will be two vacancies on senior advisory committee because she is now liaison. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Bieri said she read a press release from DEP about an ATV park in Cape May County. The article says the DEP is seeking proposals to operate the park. It mentions legislation enacted in 2009 which has resulted in the DEP searching for sites in central & northern New Jersey. The press release says the DEP must purchase new lands for ATV parks and cannot use existing State owned property. She asked Mr. Semrau to look into this as, if it is true, it may mean that Jungle Habitat may not be a viable option for an ATV park. She said there are several tracts in West Milford which the Township may be able to sell to the DEP for an ATV park. Mr. Semrau said he will write to the DEP tomorrow morning adding that he is startled to hear this.

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Voted Aye: Erik, Erk, Lichtenberg.
Voted Nay: Hensley, Dale, Signorino.
Abstain: Bieri
Motion defeated.

Mayor Bieri announced the following Fire Appointments:

Matthew C. Weaver, Fire Fighter (Co. #6)
Meghan M. Van Dalinda, Fire Police Officer (Fire Co. #2)

Agenda No. XIV

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Township Council adjourned the meeting at 10:47 p.m.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: All in favor.
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

Approved: March 4, 2015

MAYOR BETTINA BIERI
PRESIDING OFFICER

ANTOINETTE BATTAGLIA
TOWNSHIP CLERK