

The Workshop Meeting of the West Milford Township Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Joseph DiDonato.

Mayor DiDonato advised that in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975 of New Jersey, adequate advance notice of this Workshop meeting was advertised in the Aim Community News in its issues of December 14, 2003 and December 21, 2003; copies were provided to the Suburban Trends, The Record, North Jersey Herald & News, the Star Ledger, and Greenwood Lake News 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.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Roll Call**

Present: Councilmembers Paul Bailey, Joseph Elcavage, William Gervens, Dennis Kirwan, Patricia Lotz-Moore, Carmelo Scangarello and Mayor Joseph DiDonato.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Acting Township Administrator Kevin J. Byrnes.

### **Meetings**

Mayor Joseph DiDonato noted the future meeting schedule:

April 7, 2004 - 7:30 P.M. - Regular Meeting  
April 15, 2004 - 7:30 P.M. - Workshop  
April 29, 2004 - 7:30 P.M. - Workshop

### **Public in Attendance**

Richard Williams, President of the West Milford Library Board of Trustees spoke on the status of the Library expansion as follows:

Dec. 7, 1995 Trustees contract for detailed needs analysis of current and future space requirements.

Oct. 3, 1996 Trustees hire engineering firm to evaluate current site's feasibility for expansion.

Dec. 19, 1996 Trustees discuss soil analysis test results: expansion of current building to 18,000 sq. ft. isn't possible.

Jan. 20, 1998 Trustees meet with Bd. of Ed. to discuss acquiring Hillcrest as a library.

Feb. 12, 1998 Bd. of Ed. notifies trustees they will retain Hillcrest. Trustees request formal vote from Bd. of Ed.

Apr. 22, 1998 Trustees sign contract for purchase of five acres on

Lincoln Avenue.

- May 6, 1998 Trustees meet with Council to request resolution authorizing using the Library's Bequest & Donation funds for purchase of property.
- July 1, 1998 Council introduces ordinance authorizing construction of a new public library on part of Lot 6, Block 6401.
- Aug. 5, 1998 Township adopts above ordinance.
- Aug. 19, 1998 Trustees schedule referendum for November 3.
- Nov. 3, 1998 Referendum for new library is defeated, 2,420 Yes to 3,798 No.
- Dec. 3, 1998 Trustees review defeat and public feedback; trustees agree property issue must be resolved and an architect selected to design building so public can see what \$4,000,000 would provide in resources and services.
- Apr. 28, 1999 At Bd. of Ed.'s request, trustees schedule meeting with them, May 25.
- May 25, 1999 Trustees meet with Bd. of Ed. and request a resolution of the property issue.
- June 21, 1999 State provides \$45,000,000 for public library construction grants with a 1:3 match.
- Aug. 25, 1999 Trustees file Intent to Apply for the New Jersey State Construction Bond Fund Grant.
- Oct. 27, 1999 Trustees vote to close on the Lincoln Avenue property.
- Dec. 15, 1999 Trustees vote to contract with Buell Kratzer Powell Ltd to develop design of a new library.
- Feb. 28, 2000 Trustees apply for Letter of Interpretation from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
- June 26, 2000 Trustees hire Syntax Communication Group to conduct focus groups.
- Sept. 29, 2000 Letter of Interpretation received from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
- Nov. 20, 2000 Syntax Communication Group recommends Library not hold a referendum at this time.
- July 16, 2001 Trustees vote to not apply for the New Jersey State Construction Bond Fund Grant since property issue is not resolved and matching funds not forthcoming.
- Oct. 21, 2003 Sal Falciglia presents rental space proposal. Mr.

Falciglia will donate \$5000 for a feasibility study; trustees unanimously vote to prepare the feasibility study for the concept of taking temporary space at Bald Eagle Commons commercial building and to contract Buell Kratzer Powell to prepare the feasibility study for \$5000 based on the anticipated proposal.

Nov. 13, 2003 Mr. Falciglia's check for \$5,000 received and deposited in the Library's Bequest & Donation account.

Feb. 11, 2004 Trustees unanimously vote to petition the West Milford Township council following a briefing of the Library development history to offer a determination as to the feasibility of renting approx 12,000 space in Bald Eagle Commons commercial building or, instead, developing efforts to commence development of the planned new library building on Wallisch site.

The Mayor and Township Council discussed the matter of the proposed expansion of the Library with Richard Williams, President of the West Milford Library Board of Trustees.

### **Township Administrator's Report**

Township Administrator Kevin J. Byrnes reported as follows:

Highlands legislation

Maintenance of Ballfields bid

Morsetown Road project

Bikeway project

Transportation committee

Fire Exhaust System bid specifications

Pinecliff Lake Dam assessment program

Dam programs - Gordon Lakes and Mt. Glen Lakes

Greenwood Lake, Post Brook (Gordon Lakes) 319 h Grant Programs

Highcrest Lake request - 319 h Grant Program

Agenda Items

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor DiDonato reported on various Municipal and Government matters pending.

### **Township Council Reports**

The Members of the Council reported on various Municipal and Government matters pending.

### **Township Attorney**

Township Attorney William DeMarco reported on the following:

The new Administrative Code

Acceptance of Olde Milford Estates roads and Stone Hedge ROW  
Floor Area Ratio Ordinance  
Office Transition Zone Ordinance  
Official Zone map

**Township Clerk's Report**

None.

**Public Comments**

Several residents addressed the Township Council with matters of concern.

**Executive Session**

**MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2004, that:

1. Prior to the conclusion of this **Workshop Meeting**, the Township Council 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, subsection (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 funds from the Government of the United States.
- ( ) b. (3) Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
- (X) b. (4) A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations.
- (X) b. (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if disclosed.
- ( ) b. (6) Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, if disclosure could impair such protection. Investigation of violations of the law.
- ( ) b. (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than in subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
- (X) b. (8) 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).

Moved: Elcavage

Seconded: Gervens

Voted Aye: Bailey, Elcavage, Gervens, Kirwan, Lotz-Moore, Scangarello.

