

EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

The meeting of the East Windsor Township Council was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 8:00 p.m. on March 16, 2010.

Municipal Clerk Cindy A. Dye certified that the meeting was noticed in the Annual Meeting Notice. Notice was sent to the Trenton Times, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted in the East Windsor Township Municipal Building, all on January 5, 2010. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

Donald Moskowitz led the flag salute.

Present were: Mayor Janice S. Mironov, Deputy Mayor Mark Lippman, and Council Members Walter T. Daniels, Jr., Alan Rosenberg, Perry Shapiro, and Marsha Weinstein. Also present were Township Manager Alan M. Fisher, Township Attorney David E. Orron and Municipal Clerk Cindy A. Dye. Council Member Hector Duke was absent.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

Black History Month – February 2010

Eagle Scout: Spencer Wasilewski of Boy Scout Troop 59 – March 6, 2010

Yom Hashoah – Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust – April 21, 2010

Mayor Mironov indicated that the proclamations will be done at an outside event.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Arsenia Reilly of Communication Workers of America Local 1032 stated she wished to speak to Ordinance No. 2010-10. She referred the Council to Article 45 of their contract: Duration of Contract. She stated that the ordinance should be addressed in the context of the ongoing negotiations and if it was not, the union would have to file a grievance.

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None

PRESENTATION:

Presentation of "Police and Court Feasibility Study" by Patriot Consulting Group

Mayor Mironov indicated that there will be a presentation of the police and court feasibility study that was jointly conducted between the Township of East Windsor and the Borough of Hightstown utilizing shared grants that had been obtained by the two municipalities. Initially a grant of \$45,000 plus for a police study and then that was expanded to include the courts for an additional \$10,000 grant. The report has been finalized and released. The Township wanted to provide an opportunity to have the consultant attend the meeting a make a public presentation of the report and findings. The consultant will thereafter be available to answer questions. The consultant will present a powerpoint presentation regarding the report and thereafter, Council Members and members of the public will have a period to ask questions.

Brian Valentino of Patriot Consulting Group presented the results of the feasibility study to the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Mironov stated that this was the first public presentation of the report, including to the governing body. She stated that everyone, including citizens, businesses, and the government, was dealing with very challenging financial times. Therefore, they were interested in investigating any ways to maintain the same level of service for the residents while also experiencing a significant financial benefit.

Mayor Mironov opened the hearing up to the public. The following residents spoke: Mark and Judy Shane of 5 Hidden Spring Lane; Bob Thomas of 7 Millstone Drive; and Officer Wayne Hummel, President, East Windsor Police Benevolent Association.

Mayor Mironov thanked Brian Valentino and the two subcommittees for their time in this matter. Mayor Mironov stated that the towns intend to continue with open discussions with the community and any and all stakeholders. Any questions should be forwarded so they can be answered or obtain answers to them. There will be further meetings and discussions regarding this subject. We will be reaching out to the Hightstown members to determine how the two communities want to move forward in dialoging on the contents and recommendations of the report. There are certain predicates that the Township requires Hightstown to satisfy on behalf of the citizens of East Windsor Township whose trust the Council wishes to honor.

Mayor Mironov indicated that the presentation is available to the public through the East Windsor Township or Hightstown Borough websites, or had copies may be obtained through the Municipal Clerk's office.

MINUTES:
December 15, 2009

It was MOVED by DANIELS and seconded by ROSENBERG that the minutes of December 15, 2009 with revisions dated March 11, 2010 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Daniels, Duke, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, the December 15, 2009 minutes were approved with changes.

Mayor Mironov stated that the January 12, 2010, January 26, 2010, February 2, 2010, February 16, 2010, February 25, 2010 (Budget Hearing), February 27, 2010 (Budget Hearing), and March 2, 2010 minutes would be rescheduled.

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2010-01 An Ordinance of the Township of East Windsor, New Jersey, to Amend Ordinance 2008-01 Establishing Salaries and Wages for the Communication Workers of America, Local 1032 Union for Fiscal Years 2006-2009

The Township Clerk read by title Ordinance 2010-01.

Mayor Mironov stated that the ordinance was introduced on March 2, 2010 and scheduled for public hearing that night. She opened the public hearing. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed. She asked Mr. Orron and Mr. Fisher if there were any reasons why Council could not proceed.

Mr. Orron stated no, Council could proceed.

It was MOVED by WEINSTEIN and seconded by ROSENBERG to adopt Ordinance 2010-01 and authorize publication as required by law.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Mironov
Nays – None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-01 was adopted and authorized for publication as required by law.

Ordinance No. 2010-02 An Ordinance Amending Chapter VI, Licensing, Chapter XIII, Building and Housing, and Chapter XIV, Fire Prevention, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of East Windsor

The Township Clerk read by title Ordinance 2010-02.

Mayor Mironov stated that the ordinance had been introduced on March 2, 2010 and scheduled public hearing for that night. She opened the public hearing. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

It was MOVED by DANIELS and seconded by ROSENBERG to adopt Ordinance 2010-02 and authorize publication as required by law.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Mironov
Nays – None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-02 was adopted and authorized for publication as required by law.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2010-42 Authorizing Approval of Interlocal Service Agreement with Hamilton Township for Health Services for Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinic Services

Mayor Mironov stated this had previously been carried and would be carried again as it was being amended to include further services and a better rate. She scheduled it for the next agenda.

Resolution R2010-52 Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

The Township Clerk read by title Resolution R2010-52.

Mayor Mironov stated the resolution would be held. She stated that while she understood the need for these services, she was still waiting for previously-requested information regarding the contract.

Resolution R2010-56 Approval of Certified Participants List of Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)

The Township Clerk read by title Resolution R2010-56.

It was MOVED by LIPPMAN and seconded by WEINSTEIN that Resolution R2010-56 be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Mironov
Nays – None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-56 was adopted.

Resolution R2010-57 Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Hamilton Township for Health Officer Services

Resolution R2010-58 Approval of Health Officer Agreement with Hamilton Township Health Officer

The Township Clerk read by title Resolutions R2010-57 and R2010-58.

Mayor Mironov stated these resolutions would be held. She stated they supported the arrangement but that some clarification was needed regarding additional services.

Resolution R2010-59 Authorizing Bidding for Lease of Farmland along One Mile Road (Block 6.06, Lot 2)

The Township Clerk read by title Resolution R2010-59.

Mayor Mironov stated that there was a recommendation. She noted this was a re-bid with a minimum bid.

It was MOVED by DANIELS and seconded by ROSENBERG that Resolution R2010-59 be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Mironov
Nays – None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-59 was adopted.

Resolution R2010-60 Authorizing Bidding for Lease of Farmland along Dutch Neck Road (Block 71.01, Lot 48)

The Township Clerk read by title Resolution R2010-60.

Mayor Mironov stated that there was a recommendation. She noted this was a re-bid with a minimum bid.

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by WEINSTEIN that Resolution R2010-60 be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Mironov
Nays – None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-60 was adopted.

Resolution R2010-61 Approval of Agreement with Windsor Mill Condominium Association for Reimbursement for Private Community Services for 2009

The Township Clerk read by title Resolution R2010-61.

Mayor Mironov stated this was the last of the agreements discussed January 12, 2010.

It was MOVED by WEINSTEIN and seconded by ROSENBERG that Resolution R2010-61 be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Mironov
Nays – None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-61 was adopted.

Resolution R2010-62 Closed Session (Collective Bargaining: Teamsters Local Union 676; Communication Workers of America Local 1032; Superior Officers Local 191; Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 191; Teamsters Local Union 469) (Personnel) (Contract Negotiations – Land Acquisition)

The Township Clerk read by title Resolution R2010-62.

It was MOVED by LIPPMAN and seconded by DANIELS that Resolution R2010-62 be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Mironov
Nays – None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-62 was adopted.

APPLICATIONS:

Raffle License RL:346 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5700, January 1, 2010 – January 1, 2011, 140 Dutch Neck Road, Instant Raffles

It was MOVED by WEINSTEIN and seconded by DANIELS that Raffle License RL: 346 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Mironov
Nays – None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Raffle License RL:346 was approved.

REPORTS BY COUNCIL AND STAFF:

Mr. Daniels stated that the Drug Alliance met to discuss pre-prom activities.

Mayor Mironov stated that the Economic Development Committee met to discuss a “buy local” program, specifically a Facebook page, as well as a card exchange.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Listed for approval were vouchers approved for payment dated March 16, 2010, a current 2010 bill list dated March 11, 2010, and a current 2009 bill list dated March 11, 2010, as well as other miscellaneous and trust account bill lists.

Mayor Mironov asked for clarification on the 2 items under “data processing” on page 2, for the charges of \$345.00 and \$920.00. Also, she asked for clarification on the item on page 8 concerning the doors for \$1,480.00. She stated she would need explanations before payment was made.

Regarding the Page 8 item for the Hightstown Diner, Mr. Rosenberg stated that he preferred that these events be held at East Windsor establishments if possible.

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by LIPPMAN that the bills be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Mironov
Nays – None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, the bills were approved.

MATTERS BY COUNCIL:

Mayor Mironov stated that a list of movies was available for Movies in the Park.

Mayor Mironov stated that a letter was received from the DVRPC awarding a \$100,000.00 grant for the study of Route 33 between Route 130 and Summit Street. She stated that a letter was received from Senator Turner indicating receipt of the Township’s letter in opposition to the “Time of Decision” bill.

Mayor Mironov stated there would be a Passport Day March 24. She noted they were in the process of receiving submissions for the recycling poster contest and soliciting nominations for the Sylvia Weiss Volunteerism award. She stated that Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association Stream Clean-Up from May 2.

MATTERS BY PUBLIC: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND COUNCIL ACTION WHERE APPROPRIATE:

1. Mercer County Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) Grant/Program

Mayor Mironov stated there was a memo from the Clerk. She asked what other towns are participating in this. She also asked if the Township had \$40,000.00 to spend on this project, and if so, was this program the most appropriate way to proceed. She asked what a “shared server” meant.

Ms. Dye stated that instead of taking up room on the Township server, the documents would be saved to a county-owned server. She stated the county would not have access to these documents, with the exception of an administrator to each municipality.

Mayor Mironov asked if they would have access to the funds otherwise. She asked if this was of value to the Township.

Ms. Dye stated that these funds were monies left over from other PARIS grants. She stated that the Township cannot use the monies otherwise, as the county already has the money. She stated she felt the service was of value to the Township, and that to do what Mercer County was offering would cost a prohibitive amount of money. She stated the grant was open to all of Mercer County although she was not sure who was participating.

Council agreed to proceed with the program.

2. 2010 Municipal Budget

Mayor Mironov stated that the Governor gave his budget address that day. She noted that they were trying to get some of the shared money restored. She also noted that municipal and school aid was being cut. She indicated that she had met with State officials, and no one was clear what the cuts would be from town to town. There has been no clarity on how the cuts were going to be made.

There being no further business Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Cindy A. Dye
Municipal Clerk

Janice S. Mironov
Mayor