

EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

The meeting of the East Windsor Township Council was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 8:00 p.m. on October 4, 2011.

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 7, 2011. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

Firefighters of the Year Carl Dye and Tom Ortega led the flag salute.

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

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

Fire Prevention Week - - October 9-15, 2011

Recognizing East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1

Firefighter of the Year Carl R. Dye, Jr.

Recognizing East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2

Firefighter of the Year Tom Ortega

Mayor Mironov read and presented a proclamation in recognition of Fire Prevention Week – October 9 to 15, 2011, recognizing East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 Firefighter of the Year Carl Dye, Jr. and East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 Firefighter of the Year Tom Ortega.

National Hispanic Heritage Month - - October 2011

Mayor Mironov indicated that this proclamation will be rescheduled.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mayor Steven Kirson of Hightstown Borough thanked Mayor Mironov and Council Members for their assistance during the recent hurricane.

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None

MINUTES:

June 28, 2011

It was MOVED by WEINSTEIN and seconded by ROSENBERG that the minutes of June 28, 2011 with revisions be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Yeager, Mironov
Nays – None
Abstain – Duke

There being five (5) ayes, no nays and one (1) abstention, the June 28, 2011 minutes with revisions were approved.

July 12, 2011

It was MOVED by YEAGER and seconded by ROSENBERG that the minutes of July 12, 2011 with revisions be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Duke, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Mironov
Nays – None
Abstain – Weinstein

There being five (5) ayes, no nays and one (1) abstention, the July 12, 2011 minutes with revisions were approved.

Mayor Mironov requested that the following minutes be rescheduled: July 26, 2011, August 2, 2011 and September 20, 2011. Mayor Mironov requested that the August 16, 2011 and September 6, 2011 minutes be held.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R0211-197 Action on Bid for Reconstruction of Hankins Road

The Township Clerk read by title Resolution R2011-197.

Mayor Mironov stated that the Township began the process on the improvements to Hankins Road. Recommendations from staff have been distributed regarding the results of the bid.

Mayor Mironov questioned staff if there needs to be anything added to the resolution to account for the funding. Part of the funding is coming from East Windsor and the other part is coming from Robbinsville, which was done by an interlocal services agreement.

Mr. Orron recommended adding the following paragraph: “Whereas, this bid is in accordance with a shared services agreement approved on September 20, 2011 by Resolution R2011-196 with Robbinsville Township and the cost will be shared in accordance with said shared services agreement.”

Mayor Mironov questioned Mr. Fisher if he spoke with the administrator of Robbinsville and if he is comfortable that they will be sending over the funds.

Mr. Fisher indicated that he has been in touch with the administrator of Robbinsville and that they will be sending over the funds.

Mayor Mironov requested corrections to the recommendation paragraph by adding Director of Public Works.

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by YEAGER that Resolution R2011-197 be adopted as corrected.

Mayor Mironov requested that Mr. Fisher obtain a timeline on this project and forward it to her.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Duke, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Yeager, Mironov
Nays – None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-197 was adopted as corrected.

Resolution R2011-198 Chapter 159 – Amending the 2011 Municipal Budget Providing an Item of Revenue and Appropriation for the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund

The Township Clerk read by title Resolution R2011-198.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by SHAPIRO that Resolution R2011-198 be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Duke, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Yeager, Mironov
Nays – None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-198 was adopted.

Resolution R2011-199 Chapter 159 – Amending the 2011 Municipal Budget Providing an Item of Revenue and Appropriation for the Reconstruction of Hankins Road.

The Township Clerk read by title Resolution R2011-199.

Mayor Mironov questioned if this was the total amount owed by Robbinsville for this project. Mr. Fisher stated yes.

It was MOVED by WEINSTEIN and seconded by YEAGER that Resolution R2011-199 be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Duke, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Yeager, Mironov
Nays – None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-199 was adopted.

Resolution R2011-200 Action on Request for Reduction of Performance Guarantees for
Riviera at East Windsor – Phase 2.

The Township Clerk read by title Resolution R2011-200.

Mayor Mironov stated that a recommendation was made by the Township Engineer dated September 13, 2011, which is attached to and incorporated into the resolution. It recommends denial of the request.

It was MOVED by SHAPIRO and seconded by ROSENBERG that Resolution R2011-200 be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Duke, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Yeager, Mironov
Nays – None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-200 was adopted.

Resolution R2011-201 Action on Request for Reduction of Performance Guarantees for
Riviera at East Windsor - Phase 4

The Township Clerk read by title Resolution R2011-201.

Mayor Mironov stated that a recommendation was made by the Township Engineer dated September 13, 2011, which is attached to and incorporated into the resolution. It recommends denial of the request.

It was MOVED by SHAPIRO and seconded by ROSENBERG that Resolution R2011-201 be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Duke, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Yeager, Mironov
Nays – None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-201 was adopted.

Mayor Mironov requested that the Clerk draft a letter for her signature forwarding the two resolutions to the Rivera Homeowner Association. The Township has been keeping them up on all the actions on this project and working cooperatively with the residents.

Resolution R2011-202 Approval of Developers Agreement with Brooktree Swim Club LLC

The Township Clerk read by title Resolution R2011-202.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by YEAGER that Resolution R2011-202 be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Duke, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Yeager, Mironov
Nays – None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-202 was adopted.

APPLICATIONS: None

REPORTS BY COUNCIL AND STAFF:

Mayor Mironov stated that the Planning Board met and reviewed and approved an application for a minor residential subdivision and a subdivision of the McGraw Hill property for a minor solar project.

Mayor Mironov stated that the Clean Communities Committee met on September 22. They discussed plans for the October 15 Recycling Day, which will take place at the Senior Center. They also discussed their participation in Sustainable Jersey and the judging of the Suggestion Box Contest for the middle school students.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Listed for approval were current 2011 bill list dated September 28, 2011, current 2010 bill list dated September 28, 2011 and a capital bill list dated September 28, 2011, as well as other miscellaneous and trust account bill lists.

Mayor Mironov requested that on the current 2010 bill list, she questioned what the bills were for and requested an overall total for 2010 and 2011. She asked that the bills be pulled.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by ROSENBERG that the bills be approved, with the exception of the items on the 2010 current bill list.

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Duke, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Yeager, Mironov
Nays – None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, the bills were approved with the exception of the items on the 2010 current bill list.

MATTERS BY COUNCIL:

Mayor Mironov stated that she attended last week the High School Eat Healthy Move More. They had the Jets player Matthew Mulligan in attendance.

Mayor Mironov stated that Council received a Tax Collector's report for the period ending August 31. Memos were received for partial road closures dated September 23 from the principal engineering aid for Hankins Road and Old York Road. Materials were received and distributed from the New Jersey Turnpike Authority dated September 23 regarding the closure and detour of Milford Road. A letter was received dated September 28 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation regarding the Safe Routes to School Program. She asked Mr. Fisher to review the program and reach out to the School District to determine if there are any projects or needs that could be attempted to address. Mayor Mironov indicated that she followed-up, at the Council's request, with Assemblyman DeAngello. Passport Service Day is October 5. Bicycle Helmet giveaway program is Tuesday, October 11 from 4-7 p.m. at the municipal building. Recycling Day is Saturday, October 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. Flu Clinics are on going on October 5 and 12 at the Senior Center. The Suggestions Box Contest for the middle school students is currently underway. Responses are due by October 13.

Mayor Mironov is awaiting follow-up from the Manager regarding the Sustainable Jersey program.

MATTERS BY PUBLIC:

John Zoller of 114 Aristotle Way requested a timetable for the construction of Milford Road. Mayor Mironov responded the closure itself is seven days, weather permitting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND COUNCIL ACTION WHERE APPROPRIATE:

1. Operation Medicine Cabinet

Mayor Mironov stated that the materials from the Police Chief have been distributed regarding this program. The Township has participated in this in the past. It gives the opportunity to residents to dispose of unneeded or expired prescription drugs in a safe, secure manner. It is proposed this year for Saturday, October 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program is sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Council Member Rosenberg indicated that this is a nice program and the Township should participate.

Council Member Weinstein indicated that one day is not enough and questioned if this program could occur more often. Mayor Mironov indicated that staff could look into that request.

It was the unanimous consensus of Council to participate in the program under the name "Operation Medicine Cabinet" on Saturday, October 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

2. Sustainable Jersey Certification Program

Mayor Mironov stated that Sustainable Jersey is a State established certification program, originally sponsored by the New Jersey League of Municipalities. It is a means for towns that want to undertake green initiatives, save money and enhance the environmental dynamics of the community. It is a program that measures and obtains certifications toward those goals. The Township has established a Green Team, which just recently met to discuss undertaking further aspects of the Sustainable Jersey initiatives. Meanwhile, the Township had the good fortune to have an outstanding student intern to undertake the project and to put together certain documents to allow the Township to be in the position now to apply for initial bronze certification. The program also provides additional access for funding and grant opportunities by becoming certified. Applying for the bronze certification in no way limits or precludes additional initiatives the Environmental Commission is undertaking.

Council Member Yeager stressed that the Township was already doing the things that are necessary in order to get the certification

It was MOVED by YEAGER and seconded by ROSENBERG to proceed with the submission for Bronze Level certification.

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Duke, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Yeager, Mironov
Nays – None

There being six (6) ayes and no nays, to proceed with the submission for Bronze Level certification.

3. Lanning Boulevard Southern Connection

Mayor Mironov stated that a packet was distributed on this subject. This project was previously discussed and initiated earlier this year. The Township brought on an engineering firm to design a concept and evaluate the area for wetlands. This project is funded through the Township's Transportation Improvement Fund, which is a developer funded account. The basic concept of this project is to extend the existing Lanning Boulevard across Route 571 into the Windsor-Hights Shopping Center and to create a direct linkage between the two centers. One of the primary focuses would be to allow the people who are exiting the Windsor-Hights Shopping Center to be able to make a safe, traffic controlled left turn out of the shopping center. It would also provide additional linkages among all of the centers and public facilities. The Lanning Boulevard extension has already been created to link Lanning Boulevard out to Route 130, back behind where the Chase Bank and the East Windsor Farmer's Market are located. This is a reflection of some of the concept work that has been done by the engineering company. A subcommittee has performed an initial review and screening of the concepts that were proposed.

Mayor Mironov and Council Members discuss the various concepts presented in the packet. Mayor Mironov stated that all of the ideas will be taken back to the engineer and subcommittee for consideration. No final decisions are being made this evening.

4. New Jersey Small Cities Grant Program/Application – Projects

Mayor Mironov stated that staff should start review of the various grant programs that come up on a regular basis, even before notice is received. The current cycle for the New Jersey Small Cities Program ended on September 30. She formally requested staff to look at the particulars of the program and to come back to the governing body within the next couple of months with a narrative indicating what programs/projects the New Jersey Small Cities Grant Program may provide for the Township. The Township has used this program in the past for rehabilitation programs in the community. The details needed to be included in the narrative, for example, are: the logistics of the program, chances of getting funding, what kind of match would need to be provided, cooperative applications and any other necessary information in order to possibly move forward with the application. Money was obtained from this program in the past for the Senior Center.

The Council concurred with Mayor Mironov's direction.

5. Storage of Flyers, Informational Materials and Promotion Items

Mayor Mironov stated that the Township needs a system for the various items used by the Council and committees as to where they are stored. This matter should be discussed during the staff meeting.

Mr. Fisher indicated that he would follow-up on this issue and provide the status of the progress.

There being no further business Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Cindy A. Dye
Municipal Clerk

Janice S. Mironov
Mayor