

## **EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

The meeting of the East Windsor Township Council was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 8:00 p.m. on June 6, 2012.

Acting Secretary to the Manager Julia Martella 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 4, 2012. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

Rita Teubner led the flag salute.

Present were: Mayor Janice S. Mironov, Deputy Mayor Perry Shapiro and Council Members Hector Duke, Marc Lippman, Alan Rosenberg, Perry Shapiro, Peter Yeager, and John Zoller. Also present were Township Manager Alan M. Fisher, Township Attorney David E. Orron and Acting Secretary to the Manager Julia Martella.

### **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:**

Sylvia Weiss Senior Citizen Award for Outstanding Service as a Volunteer

Mayor Mironov presented the Sylvia Weiss Senior Citizen Award to Rita Teubner. She praised Mrs. Teubner for her long service to East Windsor Rescue Squad No. 2 and to Womanspace. Chief of Police William Spain also praised Mrs. Teubner for her service. Mrs. Teubner thanked Mayor Mironov, Chief Spain, and the community for the honor.

Mayor Mironov announced that effective July 1, 2012, the new East Windsor Township Chief of Police would be Lieutenant James Monahan. She thanked and praised all the applicants for their service. Lieutenant Monahan thanked Mayor Mironov for the honor.

Jewish Family and Children's Services of Greater Mercer County – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (June 5, 2012)

Eagle Scout: Darren Freedman of Boy Scout Troop 5700 (June 10, 2012)

Eagle Scout: Brian D'Souza of Boy Scout Troop 5700 (June 10, 2012)

Flag Day (June 14, 2012)

Mayor Mironov presented the remaining proclamations at outside events.

**INTERVIEWS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None**

**PUBLIC FORUM: None**

### **MINUTES:**

February 21, 2012

Mr. Shapiro noted that the roll call should read his title as Deputy Mayor, not Council Member.

Mayor Mironov noted there were additional corrections dated June 4, 2012.

It was MOVED by LIPPMAN and seconded by ROSENBERG that the February 21, 2012 minutes, with corrections dated June 4, 2012, be approved as corrected.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov  
Nays – None  
Abstention – Duke

There being six (6) ayes, no nays, and one (1) abstention, the February 21, 2012 minutes were approved as corrected.

May 1, 2012 (Closed Session)

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by ROSENBERG that the May 1, 2012 (Closed Session) minutes, with corrections dated May 29, 2012, be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Duke, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Zoller, Mironov  
Nays – None  
Abstention – Yeager

There being six (6) ayes, no nays, and one (1) abstention, the May 1, 2012 (Closed Session) minutes were approved.

Mayor Mironov stated that the following minutes would be rescheduled: February 18, 2012 (Budget Session), February 21, 2012 (Budget Session), March 7, 2012, March 20, 2012, April 3, 2012, April 17, 2012, May 1, 2012, and May 15, 2012.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution R2012-116** Approval of Agreement with Georgetown Condominium Association for Reimbursement for Private Community Services for 2011

Mayor Mironov stated the date needed to be revised to 2011 in two places. She stated that the numbers matched up with those that were previously reviewed.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by YEAGER that Resolution R2012-116 be approved.

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

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-116 was approved.

**Resolution R2012-117** Action on Bids for the Purchase of Radios and Equipment as Part of the Township Narrowbanding Project

Mayor Mironov stated the first sentence should read, “whereas there is a need for radio equipment within the municipal government to be modified and/or replaced to comply with the federal government narrowbanding requirements and deadlines; and”. She stated that the third paragraph should read “Chief of Police/Emergency Management Coordinator”, as this was the role in which Chief Spain was acting. She noted that the mandated deadline was January 31, 2013. She stated it was done as a collaborative effort including police, public works, fire prevention, and the volunteer fire and rescue squads. She stated that the pricing received was also very positive and lower than the anticipated cost.

It was MOVED by SHAPIRO and seconded by ROSENBERG that Resolution R2012-117 be approved as changed.

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

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-117 was approved as changed.

**Resolution R2012-118**            Approval of Purchase of Repairs to the Police Station Alarm System with Simplex Grinnell

Mayor Mironov stated that the word “desire” should be replaced with “need” in the first paragraph, as this was a necessary expenditure. She stated there was a recommendation from the Public Works Director and the Manager.

It was MOVED by SHAPIRO and seconded by ZOLLER that Resolution R2012-118 be approved with changes.

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

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-118 was approved with changes.

**Resolution R2012-119**            Action on Bids for the Resurfacing and Associated Repairs for Chestnut Drive and Cedar Lane, Glen Oak Drive and Primrose Lane

Mayor Mironov stated this had been discussed during the capital project review. She stated there was a recommendation from the Public Works Director with a sign-off from the Manager. She asked Mr. Fisher to provide a timeline for the work.

It was MOVED by LIPPMAN and seconded by YEAGER that Resolution R2012-119 be approved.

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

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-119 was approved.

**Resolution R2012-120**      Action on Bids for the Purchase of One New 32 Cubic Yard Trash Compactor with Winch, Snow Plow and Frame for the Public Works Department

Mayor Mironov stated that there is usually a first paragraph in these types of resolutions stating, “whereas, there is a need to replace” the equipment. She stated this underscored it is a replacement purchase and that the vehicle will be over 10 years old at the time of replacement. She stated there was a recommendation from the Public Works Director with a sign-off from the Manager. She noted how close the bids were.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by SHAPIRO that Resolution R2012-120 be approved with changes.

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

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-120 was approved with changes.

**Resolution R2012-121**      Action on Bids for the Purchase of One New Regenerative Air Street Sweeper for the East Windsor Public Works Department

Mayor Mironov stated she was confused as to the resolution. Two bids were received; however, the memo indicated that the low bid did not comply with the specifications, and discusses awarding the bid. The memo also indicates that the second bidder took exception to a portion of the bid. She noted Mr. Orron indicated this was allowable and asked him to clarify.

Mr. Orron stated that the apparent low bidder took numerous exceptions to the equipment and deviated to such an extent that the bid was totally non-responsive. He recommended that the resolution be carried as normally, when an apparent low bidder is rejected, they are notified. It is then specified in the resolution that the bidder was non-responsive and could not be considered.

Mayor Mironov agreed. She noted that the first paragraph should read, “whereas, there is a need to replace the equipment”. She stated that the Attorney had recommended they hold the resolution and asked if there were any objections.

Council agreed the resolution would be held and rescheduled for the July 26 meeting.

**Resolution R2012-122**      Approval of Purchase of Repairs to Utility Vehicle for the East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 with Dom’s Getty

Mayor Mironov stated that there had been some questions raised regarding this action and suggested the resolution be held until those issues were resolved. She noted the Manager was aware of these issues and was addressing them. The Council agreed the resolution would be

held. Mr. Rosenberg noted the first paragraph read “desire” instead of “need” and should be changed.

**Resolution R2012-123**      Refund of Tax Overpayments

Mayor Mironov stated the Council had a certification from the Tax Collector.

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by DUKE that Resolution R2012-123 be approved.

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

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-123 was approved.

**APPLICATIONS: None**

**REPORTS BY COUNCIL AND STAFF:**

Mr. Rosenberg stated that the Commission on Aging had met on May 17, at which time they discussed the senior directory.

Mr. Yeager stated that the Municipal Drug Alliance had met on June 6, at which time they discussed National Night Out.

Mr. Zoller stated that the Environmental Commission had met on May 16, at which time they discussed community management forestry plan and the Millstone-Stony Brook clean-up. They also discussed the Sustainable Jersey grant, noting they had five ideas for submission.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**APPOINTMENTS: None**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Listed for approval were a current 2012 bill list dated May 25, 2012; a current 2011 bill list dated May 25, 2012; and a capital bill list dated May 25, 2012, as well as various other miscellaneous and trust account lists.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by ZOLLER that the bills be approved.

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

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, the bills were approved.

**MATTERS BY COUNCIL:**

Mayor Mironov stated that the Council had a memo from the engineering aide dated May 29 regarding a partial road closure on Dutch Neck Road. She stated that the Council had a letter from the legislators of the 14<sup>th</sup> District, dated May 25, regarding restoration of tax energy receipts and their sponsorship of the current legislation. The Council also had letters from the East Windsor Regional School District regarding the joint refueling program, the Hickory Corner Library regarding the gift received during National Library Week, and the Mercer County Human Relations Council, dated May 21, inviting the Mayor to designate a representative. She noted that the Council had a memo from the Public Works Director regarding the Recycling Day. She stated a report had been provided regarding the online auction. She asked Mr. Fisher to provide an update on the energy aggregation program. She reminded everyone of the summer programs and the Independence Day celebration.

**MATTERS BY PUBLIC: None**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS AND COUNCIL ACTION WHERE APPROPRIATE:**

1. East Windsor Township and Hightstown Borough Route 33 Corridor Revitalization Plan

Mayor Mironov stated that the Township had previously held a public hearing, at which time Heyer, Gruel and Associates presented their plan. She recognized Mayor Steven Kirson of Hightstown Borough.

Mayor Kirson, along with Hightstown Planning Board Chairperson Steven Misiura and Planning Board member Fred Montferrat, thanked Mayor Mironov and the Council for the opportunity to work together and praised the good work and participation between the municipalities.

Mayor Mironov stated that the study, which was funded through a \$100,000 grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, covered the area along Route 33 from Route 130 in East Windsor to Summit Street in Hightstown, with particular areas of focus being the former Minute Maid property, noting the plant was in Hightstown, the Airport Road intersection, and other intersections. She noted that East Windsor was the lead agency in obtaining this grant and leading the process. She stated that the study was then placed on the agenda for review by the Council and to make a decision about whether to move forward with the next step.

Mr. Rosenberg stated that it was an exciting plan and thanked the committee for their hard work. Mr. Lippman stated it was an exciting joint project and that there had been a great deal of work involved. Mr. Shapiro made note of the good cooperative efforts between the municipalities. Mr. Yeager stated it was a very thorough plan, with attention to some important traffic and circulation issues. Mr. Zoller recognized the efforts of the two municipalities and noted the area was ripe for improvement. Mayor Mironov stated that the project had been a positive, constructive collaboration with Hightstown that showed how municipalities could work together. She stated that the ordinances and codes were still being written but that the Council had the plan and report. She stated that should they proceed, the next step would be to refer the plan to the municipal planning board and to have the municipalities meet to determine the next step for implementation.

It was MOVED by LIPPMAN and seconded by DUKE that the Council forward the plan to the Planning Board for comment and continue to work with Hightstown Borough to move forward with the project.

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

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, the Council agreed to forward the plan to the Planning Board for comment and to continue to work with Hightstown Borough to move forward with the project.

Mayor Kirson confirmed that this was favorable to Hightstown Borough as well.

2. Township Bicycle Safety Program – Phase II, “Congratulations! You are Obeying the Law!”

Mayor Mironov stated that May was Bike Safety Month, and that the Township had received \$10,000 from the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety. Phase I was “Use Your Head”, a helmet giveaway. During Phase II, the Mayor, the Council and Township police officers give citations to children for wearing their helmets which go into a drawing for prizes to be given away at National Night Out. Phase III would begin in August.

3. Rescue Mission of Trenton – Clothing Donation Boxes

Mayor Mironov stated that the Rescue Mission had sent materials and had discussions with Chief Spain and Public Works Director Bill Askenstedt, and this matter now was before the Council to discuss their proposal.

Doug Liebau, Director of Entrepreneurial Training for the Rescue Mission, thanked the Council for allowing him to speak. He stated that the Rescue Mission serves the neediest of society and operates a drop-in center, residential and outpatient treatment centers, housing, and a soup kitchen, among other services. He stated that the treatment programs help people transition back into society through education, job training, and job placement. He stated that the Mission also operates a thrift store, and that they hoped to grow this store through the placement of clothing donation boxes in local municipalities. He handed out additional materials to the Council.

Mayor Mironov stated she was familiar with the Rescue Mission, and that the Township has previously partnered with them for recycling days when the Mission provides trucks to pick up donations. She stated that she felt the proposal to partner with the Mission was a valuable one, in that it would support the Mission as well as providing another means of recycling to Township residents. She suggested three possible sites: at the public works facility (as residents already recycled many materials there), at the senior center, and on the east side of town in the Twin Rivers Rescue and Fire two buildings.

Mr. Lippman stated he felt it was a good plan and asked if they would recycle anything other than clothing. Mayor Mironov stated no, it would only be clothing. Mr. Rosenberg stated he supported the idea and that he felt the three referenced locations would be ideal.

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The Council unanimously agreed to move forward and establish a partnership with the Rescue Mission for the clothing donations boxes and agreed with the cited locations.

There being no further business Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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Alan M. Fisher  
Acting Municipal Clerk

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Janice S. Mironov  
Mayor