

EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Wednesday, September 18, 2012

The meeting of the East Windsor Township Council was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 7:30 p.m. on September 18, 2012.

Assistant to the Municipal Clerk Joseph Kostecki certified that the meeting was noticed in the Annual Meeting Notice. Notices were 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.

Councilman Zoller led the flag salute.

Present were: Mayor Janice S. Mironov, and Council Members Hector Duke, Alan Rosenberg, and John Zoller. Also present were Township Manager Alan M. Fisher, Township Attorney David E. Orron and Assistant to the Municipal Clerk Joseph Kostecki. Deputy Mayor Perry Shapiro arrived late and Marc Lippman and Peter Yeager were absent

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS: None

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None

PUBLIC FORUM: None

MINUTES:

April 17, 2012

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by ZOLLER that the April 17, 2012 minutes be approved with revisions dated August 6, 2012.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the April 3, 2012 minutes were approved with revisions dated August 6, 2012.

June 6, 2012

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by DUKE that the June 6, 2012 minutes be approved with revisions dated August 6, 2012.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the June 6, 2012 minutes were approved with revisions dated August 6, 2012.

July 24, 2012

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by ZOLLER that the July 24, 2012 minutes be approved with revisions dated September 14, 2012.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the July 24, 2012 minutes were approved with revisions dated September 14, 2012.

July 24, 2012 (Closed Session)

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by DUKE that the July 24, 2012 (Closed Session) minutes be approved.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the July 24, 2012 (Closed Session) minutes were approved.

August 7, 2012 (Closed Session)

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by ROSENBERG that the August 7, 2012 (Closed Session) minutes be approved.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the August 7, 2012 (Closed Session) minutes were approved.

Mayor Mironov stated that the May 15, 2012, June 26, 2012, July 10, 2012, August 7, 2012, would be held.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2012-193 Approving Application for Fireworks Permit for K&S Farms

Mayor Mironov recommended this resolution be approved contingent on a corrected address that indicates the fireworks event at the 831 Windsor-Perrineville Road, and recommended this resolution be approved contingent on a corrected letter, correcting the address of the event to 831 Windsor-Perrinville Road.

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by DUKE that Resolution R2012-193 be approved, with corrections.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-193 was approved with revisions with corrections.

Resolution R2012-194 Approval of Developers Agreement with Shiseido America, Inc

Mayor Mironov indicated that the Resolution that is attached to the Developers Agreement, distributed by the Attorney is not signed, and is not the final and approved Resolution; however the changes are not substantive changes. There are form and condition changes to the Resolution that need to be made and the Planning Board Attorney and the Planning Board Secretary are aware of that. The Developer's Agreement is in standard form. The project is for an expansion to the Shiseido development on Route 571 of just over 71,000 square feet.

Mayor Mironov asked the Township Attorney if that was satisfactory in terms of the Resolution. Township Attorney Orron said yes and the applicant is aware of that and they signed the agreement knowing that the correct resolution would be attached.

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by DUKE that Resolution R2012-194 be approved as corrected.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Duke, Rosenberg, Mironov
Nays – None
Abstain - Zoller

There being three (3) ayes, no nays, and one abstention, Resolution R2012-194 was approved with revisions.

APPLICATIONS:

Raffle License RL:368 Hightstown High School Rams Football –
October 26, 2012 at the Hightstown High School Football
Field, Off-Premise Draw Raffle for Merchandise

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by DUKE that Raffle License RL:368 be approved.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Raffle License application RL:368 was approved

REPORTS BY COUNCIL AND STAFF:

Mayor Mironov stated the Economic Development Committee met and reviewed a new marketing brochure and is also working with the Princeton Chamber of Commerce for a Public Policy Networking event for the fall.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Listed for approval were the Current 2012 bill list dated September 13, 2012, 2012 Current Bill list dated September 13, and a capital bill list dated September 13, miscellaneous and trust account bill lists, as well as an Escrow Account bill list.

Mayor Mironov asked if anyone had questions or would like any bills pulled. She requested that the certifications as attached to the Escrow bill list be approved on the condition they are reworded with more direct language, and indicating that they have been reviewed and certified by whomever reviewed and approved the bill list.

Mr. Alan Fisher stated that he and Margaret Gorman have both reviewed the Bill List.

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by ZOLLER that the bills be approved with corrected certifications.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the bills were approved with corrected certifications.

MATTERS BY COUNCIL:

Mayor Mironov stated Assemblyman Benson sent a letter to East Windsor Township thanking the Township for supporting the change to “Inherently Beneficial” bill stance. The annual Flu clinic is coming up. The Township is continuing to reach out to the High School to bring students onto Township Boards and Committees. The Township will have a Recycling Day on October 6, with a unique feature that The Home Depot of East Windsor will be hosting the event at their location. The detour and closures related to the Turnpike widening will be delayed to a later date and the Township will continue to keep the public updated. There was an editorial on Governor Christie hiding housing guidelines to grab trust fund dollars. There has not been an appeal by the Governor’s Office and there is nothing new as of this date that we are not aware of.

Mayor Mironov requested the Township Manager with concurrence from the Township Council to identify and provide her with items in the 2012 Municipal Budget to be cut.

MATTERS BY PUBLIC:

There being no comments, Matters By Public was closed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND COUNCIL ACTION WHERE APPROPRIATE:

1. New Jersey Department of Transportation FY 2013 State Aid programs

Mayor Mironov stated an August 8 letter was received from the Governor’s office and October 16, 2012 is the deadline to apply for aid programs that include categories of Roadway, Bikeway and Safe Streets To Transit

In prior years, East Windsor submitted two projects for consideration for roadways with a primary and secondary project, and Mayor Mironov suggested a continuation of this for a greater chance of funding. She further suggested that Yorkshire Drive be identified as the primary project for consideration for a roadway program.

Mr. Rosenberg supported Yorkshire Drive on the basis of the school being on this road. Mr. Zoller supported this as well with Hickory Corner Road as a strong second choice. Deputy Mayor Shapiro asked if projects which previously received funding have a greater chance to receive funding. Mayor Mironov stated this is a good point and asked that the Township Manager and staff review. Mayor Mironov directed the next Council meeting to include a formal approval of applications with Yorkshire as the Primary project choice and Hickory Corner (between Dorchester and Dutch Neck Rd) as the second choice.

Mayor Mironov asked Council for ideas on the applications for the Bikeway category. Mr. Rosenberg expressed his support for the Woods Road Bikeway, because it's a connector, extending and joining two parks; the Turnpike Park and the Woods Road Park. Mr. Rosenberg's second preference was the One Mile Bikeway Connector.

Mayor Mironov confirmed with the Township Manager that the Township previously applied for the Woods Road project, and directed him to contact the Department of Transportation and obtain information that would enhance the application or give us any insight on Department of Transportation preference.

Deputy Mayor Shapiro Mr. Shapiro suggested that if the manager comes up with some information from the Department of Transportation which helps determine the application preference, that would be good enough for his approval.

The Council was in agreement and the Mayor directed the Township Manager to meet with Public Works to review the projects, see the history of them, and then reach out to whoever is appropriate to identify which would be most apt to receive funding and what else the Township may need to enhance its chances

Mayor Mironov asked Council for ideas on the applications for the Safe Streets To Transit program and what criteria are weighted to improve funding chances. Mr. Zoller stated he supports connecting Stockton Street sidewalks with the East Windsor existing sidewalks. The Mayor confirmed with the Township Manager there is a parallel application that can be reviewed for ideas.

2. Traffic Signal at Intersection of New Jersey Route 33 and Realigned Milford Road
Resolution R2012-195 Approval of Agreement with the State of New Jersey for Installation of Traffic Signal at New Jersey Route 33 and Milford Road

Mayor Mironov requested changes in the Resolution and pulled with Council concurrence.

3. New Jersey Route 33 and Twin Rivers Drive Signalization and Turning Lanes

Mayor Mironov, with the agreement of the Council Members on April 24, 2009, and at the request and concurrence of the Twin Rivers Home Owners Board, now has responded and asked the Department of Transportation to construct a designated right turning lane at the corner of Route 33 and Twin Rivers Drive. The Department of Transportation agreed to this request. The Mayor and Council are in agreement that this project is beneficial. Mayor Mironov further directed the Director of Public Works to identify steps and status of this project.

4. Best Practices Checklist – Review

Mayor Mironov stated that as part of a State requirement, the Chief Financial Officer must certify responses to an inventory of questions provided by the State and further it is required that this checklist be reviewed by the Governing Body during a public meeting.

5. Creation of Qualified Purchasing Agent Position

Ordinance No. 2012-9 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter II – Administrative Code, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of East Windsor

Mayor Mironov stated this ordinance would allow the Township to increase the bidding threshold and to allocate other purchasing responsibilities as appropriate to the Qualified Purchasing Agent. The Mayor stated East Windsor has strict and limiting procedures established through the Mayor and Council, and provided the example that any purchase over \$4,500 must be approved through Mayor and Council. Mayor Mironov stated the Mayor and Council's continuation of this policy and the open process of quotes reveals the Township's strict financial controls. Mayor Mironov further noted this Ordinance did not create a new position nor did it increase any personnel's salary. After a discussion; the Council agree that it is satisfied with the current procedure and wished to leave everything as is.

6. Restoration of Municipal Energy Tax Receipts

Mayor Mironov stated the money taken from the State as a way to plug holes in the State budget is not just. The Township of East Windsor is working with the League of Municipalities to ensure return of this money. She further noted that a tax advocacy group is interested in hosted a forum in East Windsor to further discuss the Municipal Energy Tax Receipts.

There being no further business Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

KATHIE SENIOR
ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK

JANICE S. MIRONOV
MAYOR