

## **EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

October 22, 2013

The meeting of the East Windsor Township Council was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 7:30 p.m. on October 22, 2013.

Deputy Municipal Clerk, Susan Jackson 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, on January 14, 2013. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

Council Member Rosenberg led the flag salute.

Present were: Mayor Janice S. Mironov and Council Members Hector Duke, Marc Lippman, Alan Rosenberg, Perry Shapiro, and John Zoller. Council Member Peter Yeager was absent. Also present were Township Manager James P. Brady, Assistant Manager Eric Schubiger, Township Attorney David E. Orron and Deputy Municipal Clerks Kathie Senior and Susan Jackson.

### **INTERVIEWS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

#### **STUDENT MEMBER APPLICANTS:**

Jay Vaingankar spoke about his involvement with the Green Team at school and his goals for the environment for the future. He also talked about his involvement with politics. He is interested in serving on the Environmental Commission.

Chirayu Gupta spoke about his belief that no matter the age of a person, all people should work together for the better of the community. He is interested in serving on the Commission on Aging, Clean Communities Advisory Committee and the Recreation Commission.

Virpartap Grewal spoke about his involvement working on environmental issues through different classes and school clubs. He believes that it is important to take an active role in the community and to work together with others in the community on any environmental issues. He is interested in working with the Environmental Commission in the hope to help improve environmental issues.

Robert Cohen spoke about his interest with working with the Economic Development. He has learned, since being in high school that real life application has had a greater impact on how he looks at the subjects that he is interested in. He is interested in working with the members of the community. He volunteers at Meadow Lakes working and playing games with the residents.

Rithesh Neelamagam spoke about how important environment issues are to the daily lives of everyone. He works with Jay and Vir on many Project Green issues. He is also a tennis player.

John (Jack) Krall spoke about his involvement with student council. He is involved in substance abuse programs through school and other outside organizations and hopes that he can make a difference in others who have substance abuse problems.

Swarali Korgaonkar spoke about her interest in recreation. She would like to be involved with the community that she lives in.

Mayor Mironov made the following student member appointments: Robert Cohen to the Economic Development Commission; Virpartap Grewal to the Environmental Commission; Chirayu Gupta to the Clean Communities Committee; Jack Krall to the East Windsor Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse; Swarali Korgaonkar to the Recreation Commission; Rithesh Nellamagam to the Environmental Commission and Jay Vaingankar to the Environmental Commission. An appointment letter will be sent and include the schedule of meeting dates and times.

#### **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:**

#### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Sean O'Connor, 152 Hickory Corner Rd, Apt 313, East Windsor – He talked about government transparency, property taxes and cuts, goals and visions on how government presents itself and the reduction of debt.

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

#### **MINUTES:**

Mayor Mironov rescheduled the minutes of June 11, 2013, July 2, 2013, September 3, 2013, September 17, 2013 and October 8, 2013.

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution R2013-170** Authorizing Public Right of Way Agreement with Cablevision Systems Corporation for Lightpath and 4 Connections

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2013-170.

Mayor Mironov asked that Resolution R2013-170 be held until the next meeting. There are some questions raised internally by staff members about what infrastructure changes

are to be made. It is understood that this is a business program but we would like additional verification. Council agreed to hold the Resolution.

**Resolution R2013-171**      Action on Request for Release of Performance Guarantee  
for SciPark Industrial Park

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2013-171.

Mayor Mironov requested the following changes to Resolution R2013-171: paragraph 4 needs to include the Engineer's letter and recommendation. This should be standard language in all performance guarantee letters. There is a typo in the "NOW THEREFORE", section 1, it should read "Release of". Currently all accounts are not current and based on the recommendations from the Engineer and Manager, SciPark Industrial Park must submit any moneys owed to make the accounts current. The Manager has been in contact with the company and at this point it would be beneficial for the Township to take action on this Resolution and when the accounts are current, they can come back and reapply for the reduction.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by ROSENBERG that Resolution R2013-171 be approved with the requested changes.

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2013-171 was approved.

**Resolution R2013-172**      Approval of Public Donor Agreement between Better  
Beginnings Day Care and East Windsor Township

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2013-172.

Mayor Mironov stated that there is an agreement on this, which is identical to the agreement from last year and the amount is what has been budgeted.

It was MOVED by SHAPIRO and seconded by DUKE that Resolution R2013-172

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2013-172 was approved.

**Resolution R2013-173**      Authorizing Purchase of Wood Chipper for Department of  
Public Works

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2013-173.

Mayor Mironov stated that an updated resolution is in the Council folders. Mayor asked if this is done through a purchase order. The Deputy Clerk stated that she checked with the Finance Director and verified that it is done by a purchase order.

Council Member Rosenberg asked if resolutions can be noted when revised in the future.

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by DUKE that Resolution R2013-173 be approved.

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2013-173 was approved

Mayor Mironov asked if there were no objections, she would like to move to the discussion item on the Community Gardens at this point in the meeting.

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

##### 2. East Windsor Township Community Garden

Mayor Mironov introduced Mr. Green, Chairperson of the Health Board. This has been a discussion item previously as a program which will be made available on one of the public open space properties for an opportunity for members of the community to plant part of the property as a garden. A proposal had been received from the Health Advisory Board, which has been distributed as a draft of a proposed application and guidelines for the operation of the garden. There is a suggested timeline for applications to become available sometime in November, and the garden plots would be available for planting in early to middle April.

Council Member Shapiro questioned the portion that asks for the applicant to “choose volunteer service” on the application, is this mandatory? Mr. Green said that it is voluntary. Council Member Shapiro said it should read “optional”.

Council Member Rosenberg said under the Rules of Operation, page 4, under hours, where it talks about locks on the gate and members will be provided the combination of the locks. Mayor Mironov stated that it is not correct and needs to be removed. People will be there during hours when the park is open.

Council Member Rosenberg questioned if the person doesn't harvest, what will happen. Mr. Green stated that others will do the harvesting.

Mayor Mironov asked that everyone take a look at the proposal and if there is any other questions or changes please, notify her so that Mr. Green and Mayor can go over it so that a final set of application forms and guidelines can be issued.

Council Member Zoller asked for an explanation under the rules of conduct on page 5, behavior and it talks about the use of cell phones in the garden. Is that a necessary rule? Mayor Mironov stated that it will be adjusted.

Council Member Rosenberg added that sometimes a cell phone is used as a camera and that can be considered an invasion of privacy. Mayor Mironov stated that this is an outside, public garden. She said that we can ask that people use discretion while in the garden.

Mr. Green commented that they are very excited about the Community Garden and working with the Township. There has been a positive feedback from the people to volunteer. There is no municipal money being used for this project.

Mayor Mironov said that calls have been coming into the Township Building to be added to the list for applications and to be a part of the Community Garden. The changes will be made where appropriate. She wants to thank the members of the Health Advisory Committee for all the time that they have put into getting this project off the ground.

3. New Jersey Department of Transportation Excess Land (Letter of September 19, 2013)

Mayor Mironov stated that a letter was received from the DOT with respect to property off of Old Cranbury Road on North Main Street that became available after the construction of Route 133. The process is to first offer it to the municipality in which the property is located to see if they are interested in acquiring the property. If so it must be for public use only. This is the same property that was offered to the municipality a few years back and at that time the offer was declined. There is an approved development project in that area and it was thought that the developer would purchase that property but nothing has occurred to this date. Mayor Mironov is suggesting that a letter be written to the State to ask for some additional time and reach out to the developer of the adjacent property to obtain a status on their approval and what their interest is in the land. When that information is obtained, then come back before the Council for a final discussion.

Council Member Shapiro asked if a map can be attached that is larger and clearer to read.

4. Interlocal Services Agreement for Animal Control Officer with Robbinsville Township

Mayor Mironov said that this is a shared service undertaken recently with Robbinsville at their request. An agreement has been worked out with the Mayor of Robbinsville and they are satisfied with the agreement and they have asked that it be renewed for 2014.

The suggestion is to utilize the same rates that has been worked out with the shared services agreement for animal control with West Windsor and is reflected in the draft agreement.

Council Member Duke feels that the proposal is acceptable and should move forward with it.

Council Member Lippman said that it is good for East Windsor but it is also nice to see a letter from Robbinsville stating how much they appreciate being partners with East Windsor. He agrees with moving forward.

Mayor Mironov said that a shared service should be beneficially and successful for both municipalities as this one is. There is a good working relationship between Robbinsville and East Windsor.

There is a consensus from the Council Members is to move forward with the shared services with Robbinsville. Mayor asked for a letter to be drafted for her signature to be forwarded on to Robbinsville.

**APPLICATIONS:**

**REPORTS BY COUNCIL AND STAFF:**

Council Member Zoller – Environmental Commission met Wednesday, October 16. Topics were the Community Forestry Management Plan. Some of the members of the commission are surveying the township looking for hazardous trees and they will be submitting the report in the near future. Also there was a discussion about the Green Team and what the Environmental Commission can do to help the Green Team achieve its goals for 2014.

Mayor Mironov followed this report by saying if any student member is interested they may want to consider working with the Green Team.

**CORRESPONDENCE: NONE**

**APPOINTMENTS: NONE**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Mayor Mironov noted the 2013 current bill list, one page for Grants, one page for Capital dated October 11, 2013 as well as other miscellaneous, trust fund and escrow accounts.

Council Member Shapiro had a question on the Recreation Bill List, on page 1, why is the Adult Fitness Classes under the After-School Program. Mayor Mironov asked for additional information on that.

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

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, the bills were approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**MATTERS BY COUNCIL:**

Mayor Mironov said that there is a report from the Tax Collector for the period ending September 30, 2013. There is a note from the principal Engineering about partial street closing on Stockton Street. There is ongoing road work on Old Trenton Road where there are road closures and that work is likely to continue for two or three weeks for the resurfacing of the roadway. Conover Road is expected to begin tomorrow. Free rabies clinic is scheduled for Saturday, November 16 and Saturday, November 23.

**MATTERS BY PUBLIC:**

Mr. Cohen – spoke about the condition of Conover Road and questioned why a roadway needs to be repaired if only part of it is in bad condition.

Sean O'Connor, 152 Hickory Corner Rd, Apt 313, East Windsor, NJ – he spoke regarding taxes and the vision for East Windsor.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 7:30 pm

There being no further business Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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Susan D. Jackson  
Deputy Municipal Clerk

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Janice S. Mironov  
Mayor