

EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

September 17, 2013

The meeting of the East Windsor Township Council was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 7:34 p.m. on September 17, 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, Peter Yeager and John Zoller. 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:

Gary D. Fournier – He gave his educational, work and environmental background and is very interested in serving on the Environmental Commission and/or the MUA Board.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Sean O'Connor, 152 Hickory Corner Rd, Apt 313, East Windsor – He spoke about government transparency, property tax increases and decreases for the last 25 years, goals and visions on how government presents itself and the reduction of debt.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND COUNCIL ACTION WHERE APPROPRIATE:

MINUTES:

Mayor Mironov has rescheduled June 11, 2013, July 2, 2013 and September 3, 2013 minutes to the next meeting.

March 5, 2013

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by ROSENBERG that the March 5, 2013 minutes be approved with revisions dated September 3, 2013

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, the March 5, 2013 minutes are approved with revisions dated September 2, 2013.

June 25, 2013

It was MOVED by LIPPMAN and seconded by YEAGER with revisions dated September 3, 2013 be approved with a correction on page 4, line 2 by adding 'd' to the end of declare.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, the June 25, 2013 minutes are approved with the correction.

July 16, 2013

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by ZOLLER that the July 16 minutes be approved with revisions dated September 9, 2013.

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, the July 16, 2013 minutes are approved with revisions dated September 9, 2013

August 6, 2013

It was MOVED by YEAGER and seconded by ZOLLER that the August 6, 2013 minutes be approved with revisions dated September 9, 2013.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, the August 6, 2013 minutes are approved with revisions dated September 9, 2013

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2013-158 Chapter 159 – Amending the 2013 Municipal Budget
Providing an Item of Revenue and Appropriation for the
Small Cities CDBG Grant

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2013-158.

Mayor Mironov stated that the Finance Officer has made a recommendation for Chapter 159 – Amending the 2013 Municipal Budget.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by ROSENBERG that Resolution R2013-158 be approved.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2013-158 was approved.

Resolution R2013-159 Authorizing Purchase Additional Rock Salt with Atlantic Salt Inc. under Mercer County Bid 2009-28

Mayor Mironov stated there is an attachment included in the bid in the Councils' folder. Mayor Mironov asked for a correction to the resolution to change the word "desire" to "need" in the first paragraph. She also said that the Public Works Director is making the recommendation in order to take advantage of the County's contract for Rock Salt and to have stock in place for November and December if there is a need for it. There is room in the shed for additional supply to accommodate the purchase.

It was MOVED by ZOLLER and seconded by LIPPMAN that Resolution R2013-159 be approved with the correction.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2013-159 was approved.

Resolution R2013-160 Approval of Maintenance Service Agreement for Phone and Voicemail Systems with NACR for the East Windsor Police Department

Mayor Mironov stated that the Chief of Police has made the recommendation to use NACR. NACR is the sole provider in respect to maintenance of the equipment. The quote attachment has been provided in the Councils' folders.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by ROSENBERG that Resolution R2013-160 be approved.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2013-160 was approved.

Resolution R2013-161 Approving Application for Fireworks Permit for K&S Farms

Mayor Mironov stated that this is an annual event held by the farm. The Fire Official and Chief of Police have reviewed the application and all items are found to be acceptable. Mayor Mironov said that it is a recommendation of the Police Chief that a notice be provided to the neighbors informing them of the event as a condition of the resolution.

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by LIPPMAN that Resolution R2013-161 be approved.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2013-161 was approved.

APPLICATIONS:

RL: 380 East Windsor Fire Company No.2 – October 26, 2013 at 69
Twin Rivers Drive, On-Premise 50/50 Raffle

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by ZOLLER to approve RL: 380

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, motion was approved.

REPORTS BY COUNCIL AND STAFF:

Council Member Yeager – Recreation Committee met on September 11. They spoke about the fall programs that are starting as well as some adult courses. Some of the programs that have started are street hockey and the adult yoga and palates.

Mayor Mironov – Economic Development Committee met on September 12, 2013. They discussed their participation in the Township National Night Out and continued discussion about having Fall Business Networking event.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Mayor Mironov stated that the Council was presented with a copy of the current bill list and one page for capital bill list dated September 12, 2013 as well as other trust fund

account, two pages of the 2012 current bill list, dated September 12 and other miscellaneous and trust funds bill lists

Mayor Mironov has pulled from the current 2013 bill list the Dakotas invoices, on page 2. She would like to have it reviewed for the accuracy of all the charges. On the capital bill list, there are some bills for Down to Earth Landscaping, this is in connection with the No-Net Loss Program, the first three bills have identifying invoices and checks have been received from the state today for these invoices; the fourth invoice is to be removed from the bill list until appropriate documentation has been presented as to what this invoice is for.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by ZOLLER that the bills be approved with the exception of the two bills that have been pulled.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, the bills were approved with the exception of the bills that have been pulled.

MATTERS BY COUNCIL:

Mayor Mironov said that there is a report from the Tax Collector for the period of August 31. There is also a Manager's memo responding to some bill questions from a prior meeting.

Mayor Mironov spoke about a few events that are coming up around the Township. Saturday is the 10th Anniversary of the Senior Center. The senior citizens have been encouraged to attend the program. The following Saturday is the Recycling Day outside at the Senior Center from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. It is an opportunity for document shredding for the residents as well as a drop off for a number of other types of equipment and items. Residents are encouraged to utilize this day. There is another Passport Service Day with the County Clerk's Office at the Township Municipal Building on Tuesday, October 8 from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. It is an opportunity for local residents to have the convenience of filing their passports locally and for families to come since both parents must be present

MATTERS BY PUBLIC:

Sean O'Connor, 152 Hickory Corner Rd, Apt 313, East Windsor – he spoke regarding Council discussions with the public and taxes.

Mayor Mironov responded to some of his comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND COUNCIL ACTION WHERE APPROPRIATE:

1. Community Energy Aggregation –

Mayor Mironov stated that it has been on the agenda for at least two prior meetings for discussion. Various representatives have been involved in this so that the Council and members of the public can have a better understanding as to what the concept is. The Energy Aggregation is basically a tool by which the energy consumption of residential users is aggregated and processed, by which quotes are obtained to try to obtain a better rate for anyone who wishes to participate in this co-operative program for energy use. She wants to know if this is something that the Council Members are interested in looking at this further and getting proposals or to determine the process that the Council would like to take.

Council Member Rosenberg believes that it is a very intriguing concept. At any time in the process if it is not as good as it appears, the process can be stopped. He feels that this is something that needs to be pursued and investigated further and see what is available.

Council Member Zoller feels that he would like to hear from more than the two companies that has already been heard from. Mayor Mironov responded that the two companies that came in were just to give more information and explain how the program works. If the Council would like to move forward in hearing other options, more than two companies would have the opportunity to present their programs and proposals for further review in an open process.

Council Member Lippman feels that it is important to hear other ideas from different companies who may have better ideas and more information.

Council Member Yeager thinks that it would be better to get something on paper where the Council can compare and contrast as opposed to just hearing testimonies. He would endorse moving forward, there is no harm in it and there may be savings for the residents.

Council Member Shapiro agrees that seeing it on paper would be helpful to compare and evaluate the different programs and if this is something that would help the people of the township it would be very important to take a look at all options.

Mayor Mironov asked that an RFP be formulated and processed to be sent out to solicit proposals.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 7:30pm

There being no further business Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Susan D. Jackson
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Janice S. Mironov
Mayor