

## **EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

February 18, 2014

The meeting of the East Windsor Township Council was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 7:00 p.m. on February 18, 2014

Deputy Municipal Clerk, Erin A. Martin 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 3, 2014 and noticed on February 13, 2014 with respect to the change of time for this meeting. All requirements of the “Open Public Meetings Act” were satisfied.

Council Member Lippman led the flag salute

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

### **2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET REVIEW WORKSHOP:**

Mayor Mironov said that tonight’s meeting will begin with the first session of the 2014 Budget Review. This meeting is to go over the proposal and start discussing in further details each department’s budget requests for the 2014 budget and review both sides of the ledgers. The effort is to have the most cost effective budget and to be mindful of keeping the costs as low as possible for the residents by keeping the tax burden to the degree within the Township’s jurisdiction, which is only a small portion of the overall budget.

RISE – A Community Service Partnership – Leslie Koppel was present. Council reviewed the budget.

Better Beginnings - Liston Abbott, Chairperson of Board of Directors and Luz Horta, Executive Director were present. Council reviewed the budget.

East Windsor Volunteer Fire Co. #1– Chief Tony Katawick was present. Council reviewed the budget. Additional information was requested to be provided to Mayor and Council.

East Windsor Court – Claudia Rosenberg, Court Administrator and Kelli Hand, Deputy Court Administrator were present. Council reviewed the budget.

General Government: Township Manager’s Office/Human Resources– Council reviewed all budgets.

East Windsor Volunteer Rescue Squad Co. #1 - Chief Scott Prykanowski was present. Council reviewed the budget. Additional information was requested to be provided to Mayor and Council.

At this time, Mayor Mironov asked to go to the regular agenda for tonight's meeting with the right to return to the topic of 2014 Municipal Budget Review later in the meeting.

**INTERVIEWS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Sean O'Connor, 152 Hickory Corner Rd, Apt 313, East Windsor – he appreciates the effort that goes into the budget review. He asked about the recording of the meeting.

**MINUTES:**

Mayor Mironov rescheduled December 17, 2013 and January 1, 2014, January 7, 2014, January 28, 2014 and February 4, 2014 minutes.

November 12, 2013

It was MOVED by LIPPMAN and seconded by DUKE that the November 12, 2013 minutes be approved with revisions dated February 10, 2014.

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

There being five (5) ayes, no (0) nays, one (1) abstention, November 12, 2013 minutes were approved with revisions dated February 10, 2014.

November 26, 2013

It was MOVED by YEAGER and seconded by LIPPMAN that the November 26, 2013 minutes be approved with revisions dated February 14, 2014.

Council Member Zoller said that on page 2 near the center of the page, his vote is recorded but his name needs to be added to the vote.

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

There being five (5) ayes, no (0) nays, one (1) abstention, November 26, 2013 minutes were approved with revisions dated February 14, 2014.

Mayor Mironov stated that there is an updated Public Works narrative in the folders and it will replace the one they have currently.

Mayor Mironov is also requesting to amend tonight's agenda with these changes: to renumber the current Resolution R2014-43 to R2014-44 and add a new Resolution R2014-43.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by ZOLLER to amend tonight's agenda per the Mayor's request.

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, to amend tonight's agenda per the Mayor's request was approved

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution R2014-37** Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2014-37.

It was MOVED by LIPPMAN and seconded by SHAPIRO that Resolution R2014-37 be approved.

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-37 was approved

**Resolution R2014-38** Authorizing Purchase of Wheel Loader from Foley Caterpillar for Public Works Department

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2014-38.

Mayor Mironov stated that this purchase is part of the capital budget and there is a recommendation from the Public Works Director. Three quotes were obtained as required.

It was MOVED by ZOLLER and seconded by DUKE that Resolution R2014-38 be approved.

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-38 was approved

**Resolution R2014-39**            Approval of Professional Services Agreement for  
Township Tax Appraiser

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2014-39.

Mayor Mironov asked that the Resolution be changed. In the section under “NOW, THEREFORE” under #1 to always include the terms of the contract.

It was MOVED by LIPPMAN and seconded by SHAPIRO that Resolution R2014-39 be approved with the changes.

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-39 was approved with the changes.

**Resolution R2014-40**            Approval of Professional Services Agreement for  
Township Tax Appeal Attorney

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2014-40.

Mayor Mironov stated that the budget should read for the amount of \$20,000.00, not \$36,000.00, the term of the contract needs to be inserted and on the contract itself, the amount needs to be corrected.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by YEAGER that Resolution R2014-40 be approved with the changes.

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-40 was approved with the changes.

**Resolution R2014-41**            Closed Session (Attorney Client Privilege – Tax Refunds;  
Contract Performance)

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2014-41.

It was MOVED by LIPPMAN and seconded by ZOLLER that Resolution R2014-41 be approved.

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-41 was approved

**Resolution R2014-42** Authorizing Purchase of Rock Salt from International under Mercer County Contract CK-09 Mercer 2013-25 titled Treated and Untreated Rock Salt for Public Works Department

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2014-42.

Mayor Mironov stated that a new Resolution with the new County Contract is in the Council folders' tonight. Mayor is asking for further information in regards to how this new contract will affect the 2014 budget proposals.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by ZOLLER that Resolution R2014-42 be approved.

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-42 was approved

**Resolution R2014-43** Authorizing Replacement of Resolution R2014-43, Establishing 2014 Temporary Budget Appropriations

Mayor Mironov stated that the reason for the change is because there were errors in the numbers in the original Resolution from the beginning of the year and this Resolution will amend the errors and is retroactive to the beginning of the year.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2014-43.

It was MOVED by LIPPMAN and seconded by YEAGER that Resolution R2014-43 be approved.

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-43 was approved.

**Resolution R2014-44** Authorizing Amendments to 2014 Temporary Budget  
Appropriations

Mayor Mironov stated that this was the original Resolution R2014-43 and there is an updated Resolution in the Council folders tonight with the correct information. This Resolution covers storm expenses and salt purchases.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by SHAPIRO that Resolution R2014-44 be approved.

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-44 was approved.

**REPORTS BY COUNCIL AND STAFF:**

Council Member Zoller reported that the Council on Aging met Saturday, February 15, 2014 in a workshop to discuss Senior Services Directory.

Council Member Yeager reported that the Municipal Alliance met on February 12, 2014 to discuss quarterly reporting requirements and reports of the different events that had taken place as well as various communications efforts that might be undertaken during the year ahead.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Mayor Mironov stated that there is a current 2014 bill list and 2013 bill list, a capital bill list and other misc. bill lists, all dated February 7, 2014.

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

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

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

**MATTERS BY COUNCIL:**

Mayor Mironov stated that there is are several memos from the Township Manager dated January 13, 2014 and January 27, 2014 regarding bill list questions. There is also a memo from the Financial Officer in regards to a bill list question.

There is a Tax Collector's report for the period ending January 31, 2014.

There is also a memo from the Manager and the Chief of Rescue Co. #2 with information regarding the ambulance purchase, inspection and acceptance of that vehicle.

On April 26, 2014 there will be a Recycling Day.

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

1. Summer Events

Mayor Mironov stated that this was discussed at the January 28, 2014 meeting and as a result the Recreation Director has generated a new list of possible event ideas.

Council Member Shapiro likes the "*Broadway Extravaganza*" and "*Alotta Colada*". He believes that they would be a lot of fun to listen to.

Council Member Duke agrees with Council Member Shapiro on his suggestions.

Council Member Yeager would like to see the "*The B Street Band*". He believes that it will draw a wide variety of people to hear them play.

Council Member Zoller agrees with Council Member Yeager's suggestion.

Council Member Lippman also agrees with Council Member Yeager's suggestion. He also isn't opposed to 60s and 70s music. There are a number of different bands listed that play that music but he isn't aware of which are better than others so he wouldn't have a preference but he feels that that is always a popular venue. He wouldn't have a problem with letting the Recreation Director making the choice.

Council Member Yeager said that Country music is becoming very popular and would attract people. He wouldn't be opposed to hearing "*The Beth Anne Clayton Band*".

Mayor Mironov stated that the "*The B Street Band*" and "*The Mahoney Brothers*" have a consensus and one more band is needed.

Council Member Zoller agrees with the suggestion of "*The Beth Anne Clayton Band*".

Council Member Duke agrees with having the Country band.

Council Member Shapiro wants an Oldies band. He would like to see something different.

Mayor Mironov suggests that the Recreation Director check into “*The Beth Anne Clayton Band*” to find out if they are good and draws a crowd and if not then go to the back-up idea. At the end of the day, the Township wants good bands for the summer events.

## 2. Gun Lock Safety Program

Mayor Mironov stated that there is a memo from the Police Chief. In March this has been used to promote gun lock safety and the Township has gun locks that have been obtained for free from gun safety groups. No matter what your opinion is in regards to gun control, the bottom line is to promote gun safety is just good common sense. If people are going to purchase guns, they need to make sure that they are stored safely. She said that if there is an agreement among the Council, then Mayor would like to see the Township do the program again. The Council Members all agreed to the program.

## 3. Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association 2014 Stream Clean-Up

There is a Stream Clean-Up scheduled for April and the Association has reached out to the Mayor asking if there is a preference on what date the Township would like for the clean-up. The proposed dates are April 5, 6, 12 and 13. The consensus of the Council is April 5 and the time will be 9:00 AM. The location will be Etra Lake Park.

### **MATTERS BY PUBLIC:**

Sean O’Connor, 152 Hickory Corner Rd, Apt 313, East Windsor – He talked about National Night Out, process time of minutes, how does the public request a copy of the budget and can the audio recording of the Council be put on-line, the summer events and the gun safety program.

Don DeZarn – 958 Jamestown Rd, East Windsor – He wants to thank the Public Works Department for the storm clean-ups and the work that the Emergency Services do during the storms and also spoke about the budget process and Red Light Cameras.

There being no further business Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

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Erin Martin  
Deputy Municipal Clerk

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Janice S. Mironov  
Mayor