

EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

May 6, 2014

The meeting of the East Windsor Township Council was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 7:30 p.m. on May 6, 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. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied

Zachary Beyer and Arlen Forst 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 and Deputy Municipal Clerk Erin Martin.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

Emergency Medical Services Week -- May 18 to 24, 2014

Recognizing East Windsor Rescue Squad, District I EMT of the Year

Recognizing East Windsor Rescue Squad, District II EMT of the Year

Mayor Mironov stated that this was an opportunity to recognize the two emergency medical rescue squads in the Township and the great work that the volunteers do. She also recognized the EMTs of the Year, Zachary Beyer of District 1 and Arlen Forst of District 2.

Bike Month--May 2014

Raising Awareness of Fibro Dysplasia Ossificans Progressiva

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

December 17, 2013

It was MOVED by LIPPMAN and seconded by ZOLLER that the December 17, 2013 minutes with revisions dated April 14, 2014.

ROLL CALL: Ayes –Duke, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov

Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, December 17, 2013 minutes were approved with revisions dated April 14, 2014.

Mayor Mironov rescheduled January 7, 2014, January 28, 2014, March 11, 2014, March 18, 2014, April 1, 2014 and April 22, 2014 minutes.

ORDINANCE - PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2014-02 An Ordinance to Authorize Exceeding the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits to Establish a Cap Bank

Mayor Mironov stated that Ordinance 2014-02 was introduced on April 22, 2014. Mayor Mironov declared that the public hearing is now open on Ordinance 2014-02.

There being no comment, Mayor Mironov closed the public hearing.

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by YEAGER that Ordinance No. 2014-02 be adopted and authorize publication as required by law.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, Ordinance No. 2014-02 was adopted and authorized publication as required by law.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2014-63 Adoption of the 2014 Municipal Budget Public Hearing

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2014-63.

Mayor Mironov stated that the budget was introduced on April 1, 2014 and set the public hearing for tonight, May 6, 2014 on the Municipal Budget. Mayor Mironov declared the public hearing open on the East Windsor 2014 Municipal Budget.

There being no comment, Mayor Mironov closed the public hearing.

Mayor Mironov stated that the Municipal Auditor and the Finance Director are present tonight. Mayor Mironov said that the Township agreed to waive the right to self-examine the budget and sent the budget to Division of Local Government for their review. Mayor Mironov asked if DLGS has reviewed the budget and is the Township able to adopt the budget tonight.

The Finance Director answered that the budget had been reviewed and the Governing Body can move forward with the adoption of the budget.

Mayor Mironov asked if there were any issues or changes that needed to be addressed before the adoption.

The Finance Director answered that there weren't any issues or changes to the budget.

Mayor Mironov said that the budget will be adopted as introduced.

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by ZOLLER that the 2014 Municipal Budget be adopted.

Mayor Mironov is pleased to announce that the 2014 Municipal Budget contains no tax increase. The East Windsor Municipal component of the property tax bill remains under 15%. The municipal portion of the property tax is the smallest part of the tax bill with the remainder going to the schools and the county government. The East Windsor municipal rates are among one of the lowest rates in the region and well below the Statewide average. It continues to contain all services and service levels, it also contains no employee reductions. The Township continues to look at all creative ways to keep spending tight by looking at additional sources of revenues, to continually seek efficiencies through co-operative purchasing avenues, service sharing opportunities and maintain a very low debt level. The property rate tax for the municipal government will be at the same rate as the 2013 which is 43.01 cents per \$100 assessment valuation. For the average assessed homeowner of \$260,000, the total municipal tax will be \$1,116.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, that the 2014 Municipal Budget was adopted.

Resolution R2014-64 Adoption of the 2014 Garbage District No. 1 Budget
Public Hearing

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2014-64.

Mayor Mironov stated that this is the companion to the Municipal Budget and was introduced on April 1, 2014 with the public hearing scheduled for tonight's meeting. Mayor Mironov declared the public hearing open on Resolution R2014-64.

There being no comment, Mayor Mironov closed the public hearing.

It was MOVED by YEAGER and seconded by ROSENBERG that Resolution R2014-64 be approved.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-64 was approved

At this time Mayor Mironov asked if there was no objection she would like to go to the Discussion Items and Council Action Where Appropriate with the one item for New Jersey Department of Transportation “Complete Streets” Policy.

There were no objections.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND COUNCIL ACTION WHERE APPROPRIATE:

1. New Jersey Department of Transportation “Complete Streets” Policy

Resolution R2014-86 Establishing a Township Complete Streets Policy

Mayor Mironov introduced Jerry Forster from the Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association.

Jerry Forster talked about the Resolution. Whenever a new roadway project is done, consideration is included for walking. What this promotes is for the community to become more mobile, safer and as the walkability to other communities gets better over time, the property values go up. This doesn’t make any additional mandates over what already is planned but when a new road project is considered it makes sure that all aspects are considered.

Mayor Mironov stated that there is a new Resolution in the Council folders tonight. She stated that this Resolution expresses the desires of the Township to improve the mobility within the community for pedestrians and bicyclists. When there is consideration for new road projects, that there would be considerations for pedestrian/bicyclist traffic when feasible.

Council Member Zoller said that this is a great opportunity to build upon what has already been started in the Township and is a good vision for the future of the planning of highways and walkways within the Township.

Council Member Lippman stated that the Township has always been in favor of sidewalks and this Resolution gives the Governing Body another tool to take it one step further.

Council Member Shapiro stated that this Resolution is in the best interest of the Township and it will also be considered in the developments.

Mayor Mironov stated that this is something that has been part of every developer project, to help make sidewalks part of the overall plan for the community.

Council Member Rosenberg stated that he likes that pedestrian/bikeway systems is a part of the Township in making it accommodating and safe for everybody and just not vehicles.

Council Member Yeager agrees and is happy to see that the Resolution includes cycling as well.

Brian Kliswold, 1 Cornwall Drive, East Windsor – He stated that he is in full support of this Resolution and wants to thank the Council for adopting this initiative. He did bring up one concern and that is for wheelchair accessibility.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by LIPPMAN that Resolution R2014-86 be approved

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

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-86 was approved.

Resolution R2014-81 Approval of Application for Person to Person Transfer of
Alcoholic Beverage License No. 1101-44-017-005 from
Windsor Wines and Liquors Inc. to PST Associates LLC

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2014-81.

Mayor Mironov asked that the typo in the second WHEREAS be corrected, it needs to read “and the transfers had been paid”.

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by DUKE that Resolution R2014-81 be approved.

Mayor Mironov stated that this is a person to person transfer of the liquor license and asked if there was anyone in the public who objects to this transfer. There was no objections from the public. Mayor Mironov stated that there is a memo from the Chief of Police reporting that there are no facts or circumstances that would preclude the transfer of the license.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-81 was approved

Resolution R2014-82 Approval of Contract for Third Party Administrator with MagnaCare

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2014-82.

Mayor Mironov said that the contract is in the Council folders and asked that it be attached to the Resolution in their packets. She asked that the following corrections be made: in the second paragraph, it should read “the Township solicited proposals and received one (1) proposal for Third Party Administrative Services (TPA)”. Mayor Mironov asked if the agreement had been reviewed and if it reflects that agreement correctly. The Manager stated that it was reviewed and is correct.

It was MOVED by YEAGER and seconded by ROSENBERG that Resolution R2014-82 be approved with the changes.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-82 was approved with the changes.

Resolution R2014-83 Approval of Agreement with Georgetown Homeowners Association for Reimbursement for Private Community Services for 2013

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2014-83.

Mayor Mironov stated that these were all reviewed in January and they signed off on the agreement so it is being approved. These are the numbers that are in the budget as well.

It was MOVED by ZOLLER and seconded by LIPPMAN that Resolution R2014-83 be approved.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-83 was approved

Resolution R2014-84 Award of Contract to Schaefer Pyrotechnics for Independence Day Fireworks

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2014-84.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by ROSENBERG that Resolution R2014-84 be approved.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-84 was approved

Resolution R2014-85 Authorizing the Purchase of a Flag Pole for Disbrow Hill
Park from Gates Flag & Banner Co. for the Department of
Public Works

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2014-85.

Mayor Mironov asked that the third paragraph be stricken from the Resolution. Mayor Mironov stated that there was a timeframe since this item was for the opening ceremony of Disbrow Hill Park but wants to remind the staff that in the future three (3) quotes must be obtained for all purchases.

It was MOVED by LIPPMAN and seconded by ROSENBERG that Resolution R2014-85 be approved with the changes.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-85 was approved with the changes.

APPLICATIONS:

Raffle License RL2014-03 VFW Post 5700 Hightstown – April 11, 2014 – April 11,
2015 at 140 Dutch Neck Road, East Windsor, Instant
Raffle

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title Raffle License RL2014-03.

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by ZOLLER that Raffle License RL2014-03 be approved.

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, one (1) abstention, Raffle License RL2014-03 was approved

REPORTS BY COUNCIL AND STAFF:

Council Member Shapiro reported that the Planning Board met last night. There were a few items on the agenda. AT&T received approval to add a dozen new antennas to the monopole to improve service to their customers. Windsor Crossing received approval to make some changes to the three signs within the shopping center. There was a discussion of an amendment to the Master Plan.

Council Member Zoller reported that the Commission on Aging met on April 24. They discussed the Senior Services Directory, obtaining a health care speaker for one of the future meetings, home repair grants and funding that is available in the Township, and emergency preparedness.

Mayor Mironov reported that the Ethel McKnight School had a DARE Graduation on April 30. The Township Recycling Day was held on April 16 at the Senior Center. There was a tremendous turnout from the residents. Mayor Mironov thanked the Council Members that assisted in the day – Council Members Zoller, Shapiro, Rosenberg and Yeager. Operation Medicine Cabinet was held on April 16 and was also a great success. They collected four large plastic bags of unused, expired and unwanted medicine.

CORRESPONDENCE:

APPOINTMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Mayor Mironov said that there is a Current 2014 and Current 2013 bill list, 1 page Capital bill list, Escrow bill list and some other misc. and trust fund account bill lists all dated May 1, 2014.

Mayor Mironov stated that on the 2014 Current Bill List she doesn't have any problem paying the private community refunds but it seems to be redundant and unnecessary to be listing refunds on the bill lists after doing a resolution. It is a suggestion to see if it can stop being listed on the bill lists in the future since it gets approval through resolutions.

Council Member Rosenberg suggested that maybe the cleaning of uniforms can be done by a local cleaning business in East Windsor.

Council Member Zoller has a procedural question on the 2014 Current Bill List. On page 2, under Planning Board Professional, there is a professional service listed there and the nature of the service seems to be something that should be on the Escrow list. Mayor Mironov asked to have that clarified as to where it should be paid from without pulling it from payment.

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

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays the bills were approved.

MATTERS BY COUNCIL:

Mayor Mironov noted the following items:

There is a Tax Collector's Annual report.

There is a letter dated April 30, 2014 from Senator Turner who has received the Resolution in respect to the Energy receipts. She stated that she fully supports the legislation and the rightful return of the money to the Municipality where it belongs.

There is a letter from the Watershed Association, dated May 1, 2014, thanking the Township for participating in the Stream Clean-Up.

There is a letter from Robbinsville, dated April 30, 2014, in regards to the project they will be starting in mid-May on Hankins Road, just past Woodland out to South Lane. More information will be put out by the staff members in regards to any further information about signage and/or detours.

Tomorrow is the State of the Township Address.

MATTERS BY PUBLIC:

Chris Daly, 523 Fairfield Road, East Windsor – He works with soccer programs and he is reaching out to the Mayor and Council to see if there is any possible direction that they may provide to him so that the soccer programs will be more in line with the present day operation.

Mayor Mironov is looking at the June meeting schedule and asked if everyone would look at their schedules with the possibility of changing the June 17, 2014 meeting to June 24, 2014.

There being no further business Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Erin Martin
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Janice S. Mironov
Mayor