

EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 25, 2014

The meeting of the East Windsor Township Council was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 7:30 p.m. on November 25, 2014.

Kelly Lettera certified that the meeting was noticed on January 3, 2014. Notices were sent to the Trenton Times, filed with the office of the municipal clerk and posted in the East Windsor municipal building. All requirements of the open public meeting act have been satisfied.

Steven Shangaur 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 Kelly Lettera.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Mayor Mironov invited Murray Barnett to tell Mayor and Council about his background. Mr. Barnett has lived in the Riviera for four years, and has a strong background in banking, investments and pensions. He served as treasurer for the Riviera for two years and is now retired. Mayor Mironov inquired about which board or committee he was most interested in. He responded that he was hoping the Mayor could figure out where his talents best fit. He is flexible and is available on any evening. Mayor Mironov expressed her appreciation and told Mr. Barnett she would be in touch.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sean O'Conner, 152 Hickory Corner Road, Apt. 313, East Windsor, spoke about Resolution R2014-195 authorizing bonds and notes.

MINUTES:

Mayor Mironov stated that the minutes of October 7, 2014, October 21, 2014 and November 11, 2014 would be rescheduled for the next meeting.

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2014-09 An Ordinance of the Township of East Windsor, New Jersey, to Establish Salaries and Wages for Non-Union Employees for Fiscal Years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

Kelly Lettera read by title Ordinance No. 2014-09.

Mayor Mironov stated the ordinance was introduced on November 11 and requested Councilmembers remove the last page attached to the ordinance. Mayor Mironov declared open the public hearing.

Sean O'Conner, 152 Hickory Corner Road, Apt. 313, East Windsor, spoke about Mayor and Council salaries.

Mayor Mironov declared closed the public hearing. Mayor Mironov commented that the ordinance covered four years per the labor union's collective bargaining agreements.

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by SHAPIRO that Ordinance No. 2014-09 be adopted and publication authorized as required by law.

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

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays, Ordinance No. 2014-09 was adopted and publication authorized as required by law.

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2014-10 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter X, Traffic, Schedule XIV Mid-Block Crosswalk, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of East Windsor

Kelly Lettera read by title Ordinance 2014-10.

Mayor Mironov stated the ordinance was introduced on November 11 in conjunction with the developer's agreement for Conair that included a commitment to install a midblock crosswalk on Milford Road, which required an amendment to be part of the ordinance. Mayor Mironov requested Council Members remove the last page attached to the ordinance.

Mayor Mironov declared open the public hearing. Having no comments from members of the public, Mayor Mironov declared closed the public hearing on Ordinance 2014-10.

It was MOVED by LIPPMAN and seconded by SHAPIRO that Ordinance No. 2014-10 be adopted and authorized publication as required by law.

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

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays, Ordinance No. 2014-10 was adopted and authorize publication as required by law.

ORDINANCE - INTRODUCTION

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2014-194 Chapter 159 – Amending the 2014 Municipal Budget Providing an Item of Revenue and Appropriation for the 2013 Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund (DDEF)

Kelly Lettera read by title Resolution R2014-194

Mayor Mironov stated a note from the Finance Director that the grant had to be inserted as a revenue and expenditure which was attached.

It was MOVED by ZOLLER and seconded by DUKE that Resolution R2014-194 be approved.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-194 was approved.

Resolution R2014-195 Cancellation of Bonds or Notes Authorized

Kelly Lettera read by title Resolution R2014-195.

Mayor Mironov stated that this action cancelled a portion of Ordinance No. 2012-06 that authorized funding for open space acquisition, as DEP required the ordinance in order for East Windsor to qualify for funding. The cancellation was due to calculations that had been made for developer funds submitted to match their open space grants. The cancellation of this portion of the ordinance had occurred each of the last three years as matching funds were being used from other sources than developer's contributions.

Mayor Mironov noted this action would reduce municipal debt by \$269,000.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by ROSENBERG that Resolution R2014-195 be approved.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-195 was approved.

Resolution R2014-196 Approval of Sale of Surplus Leaf Vacuum to Borough of Hightstown

Kelly Lettera read by title Resolution R2014-196.

Mayor Mironov noted there was a revised resolution in Councilmembers' packets.

It was MOVED by ZOLLER and seconded by LIPPMAN that Resolution R2014-196 be approved.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-196 was approved.

Resolution R2014-197 Approval of Purchase of Leaf Collection Equipment from Old Dominion Brush for Public Works Department

Kelly Lettera read by title Resolution R2014-197.

Mayor Mironov noted that the first paragraph should include “there is a need” and there should be quotes after the “now, therefore,” and the fifth paragraph should read “the maximum amount of the purchase is.”

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by SHAPIRO that Resolution R2014-197 be approved as amended.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-197 was approved as amended.

Resolution R2014-198 Approval of Purchase of Replacement of In-Car Video Systems from Watch Guard Video for Police Department

Kelly Lettera read by title Resolution R2014-198.

Mayor Mironov noted the third paragraph should read “the bid submitted from Visual Allied Inc. is nonresponsive as it contains,” and “critical exceptions from the systems

specifications, specifically including.” The rest of the paragraph is to be deleted. The next paragraph should read “did contain additional exceptions from the bid specifications, including.” On the second page, number four in the “now therefore” should read the “clerk office is authorized to return the bid bond.”

Mayor Mironov then asked if there was a representative from Digital Allied Inc. who wished to be heard. No representative was present.

Mayor Mironov noted Council Members had received a memo from the Police Chief with the recommendations and exceptions for reward to Watch Guard Video.

It was MOVED by YEAGER and seconded by DUKE that Resolution R2014-198 be approved as amended.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-198 was approved as amended.

APPLICATIONS:

REPORTS BY COUNCIL AND STAFF:

Councilmember Rosenberg reported on the November 12 Recreation Commission meeting. The Senior Calendar was now online on the Township website.

Mayor Mironov reported that the Clean Communities Committee met on November 13 and discussed the Township’s Sustainable Jersey Bronze Certification, as well as the Adopt-A-Spot and wrap-up program to be held in January. Recycling and Paper Shredding days for 2015 were also discussed.

Mr. Zoller reported on the November 20 Commission on Aging meeting. The Senior Directory, the Senior Community Bus and the December Food Drive were discussed. A visitor would be attending in January to discuss seniors and the winter season.

CORRESPONDENCE:

APPOINTMENTS:

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Mayor Mironov asked that all bills on the Grants Bills List be pulled and requested the status of payments to consultants and receipts for payments for DVRPC. On page three

of the current 2014 bills list, a bill listed at the top that had been pulled at the last meeting should be re-pulled for further information, as well as a bill on page nine in the amount of \$7,031. Mayor Mironov asked for confirmation that all bills on page seven were included in the budget, and asked that they be held until confirmed.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by ROSENBERG that the bills be approved without those pulled and subject to the questions and clarifications.

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

There being seven (7) ayes, no (0) nays the bills were approved without those pulled and subject to questions and clarifications.

MATTERS BY COUNCIL:

Mayor Mironov asked Councilmembers to check their schedules to see if the second meeting in December could be moved to the 23rd.

Mayor Mironov stated the Passport Service Day on November 15 had been very successful, with 47 passports being processed.

Mayor Mironov noted that a report from the Tax Collector ending November 30, 2014 had been received by Mayor and Council.

Mayor Mironov invited all Council Members and public to the Womenspace Communities of Light event on December 8. She stated it was a tremendous event for a valuable organization that raised awareness for victims of abuse regarding support and resources available to them. She also took a moment to recognize Pat Hart for her 20 years of service as Executive Director of Womenspace.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND COUNCIL ACTION WHERE APPROPRIATE:

1. 2015 Independence Day Celebration

Mayor Mironov noted that the Recreation Director had provided possible dates. Because the 4th was on a Saturday, the suggestions were Friday the 3rd or the Sunday the 5th, with a rain date of the following Saturday. She suggested Councilmembers give it some thought and bring ideas to the next meeting.

Council Member Lippman stated there would be additional costs if it was held on Friday, and would like an idea of what those costs would be. He commented that Thursday, July 2nd with a rain date of Sunday the 5th might be a possibility as well.

Council Member Yeager stated he did not like the idea of Wednesday but was flexible with the other dates.

Council Member Shapiro agreed with Councilmember Lippman's and Yeager's comments.

2. Milford Road Speed Limit

Ordinance No. 2014-11

An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter X – Traffic, Section 10-6 and Schedule VII Speed Limits, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of East Windsor, to Establish Speed Limits on Milford Road

Mayor Mironov pointed out that the Police Chief had provided some information regarding the proposed speed limit change, which was due to the relocation of the interchange and the widening of the Turnpike. The Turnpike Authority has agreed to replace signage. The Turnpike Authority has provided feedback regarding what would be a safe speed limit, and the Chief gave a recommendation as well. The speed limit was to be set in sections: 35 miles per hour on Milford Road from Etra Road to 1720 feet north of Etra Road, 45 mph on Milford Road from 1720 feet north of Etra Road to Twin Rivers Drive, and 35 on Milford Road from Twin Rivers Drive to Route 33.

Council Member Zoller expressed full agreement with the recommendations as the new roadway constructed by the Turnpike was an S-curve. All Council Members echoed Council Member Zoller's agreement.

Mayor Mironov asked Council Members whether they were available for the proposed December 23 council meeting so that the public hearing may be set. All Council Members confirmed their availability.

It was MOVED by ZOLLER and seconded by ROSENBERG that Ordinance No. 2014 11 be approved on introduction, authorized for publication as required by law and public hearing set for December 23, 2014.

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

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays, Ordinance 2014-11 was approved on introduction, authorized for publication as required by law and the public hearing set for December 23, 2014.

MATTERS BY PUBLIC:

Sean O'Connor, 152 Hickory Corner Road, Apt. 313, East Windsor, spoke about the value of volunteers, the debt service, salaries for non-union employees, and how mayors are elected. He also expressed appreciation that his grandfather's name was listed in the Township's history section on the website, and asked that the spelling of his name be corrected from "Jerry" to "Gerry."

There being no further business Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

James P. Brady
Acting Municipal Clerk

Janice S. Mironov
Mayor