

EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 7, 2014

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

Kelly Lettera 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.

William Kerr led the Flag Salute.

Present were: Mayor Janice S. Mironov and Council Members Hector Duke, Alan Rosenberg, Perry Shapiro, Peter Yeager and John Zoller. Also present were Township Manager James P. Brady and Kelly Lettera. Council Member Marc Lippman was absent

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

Fire Prevention Week - - October 5-11, 2014

Recognizing East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1
Firefighter of the Year William Kerr

Mayor Mironov presented a Proclamation to William Kerr:

Recognizing East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2
Firefighter of the Year Brian Morton

Mayor Mironov presented a proclamation, and Chief Coran and President Thornten accepted on behalf of Brian Morton.

National Hispanic Heritage Month - - October 2014

Hightstown High School Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee (October 17, 2014)

William Applegate

Jennifer Roberti

Michael Russo

Kelly Platt

Joel Kulina

Lynne Hitchner Hamilton

1950 Boys Group I State Champions Soccer Team

***Eagle Scout Presentation by Kenny Gerhart, Boy Scout Troop 59**

Kenny Gerhardt presented his Eagle Scout project to build and install bike racks at Veteran's Park located in Cranbury Manor. He grew up in Cranbury Manor and has good memories of being a part of Veteran's Park and its activities throughout his life. He stated that with the bike racks, the park will look nicer with not having bikes thrown all over the place, bikes can be kept secure in the bike racks and safe from damage and overall safety for the people who use the park so they don't accidentally fall over bikes left fallen on the ground.

He also discussed other needs in Veteran's Park including the tennis courts and the playing surface conditions and nets. He spoke about the worn conditions of the baseball/softball fields.

Mayor Mironov stated that they are aware of the conditions and have been discussing options for the softball fields. She asked if Kenny had any thoughts as to completely removing the softball field since the field is rarely used and installing a soccer field in its place. Kenny feels that maybe because of the current state of the field it doesn't get much use but he doesn't have a preference on what type of field is there.

Kenny stated the bike rack will be made out of pressure treated wood. It will contain spots for bikes and posts to hold helmets. It will be stained when constructed and then a coating of anti-graffiti paint will be applied. It will then be installed at the park at the entrance of the park, a little to the left side. It will be set in concrete and then dirt on top of the concrete.

His plan is to start in April because of the process. He still has to get approval through his Boy Scout Troop and Boy Scout Council. His timeline for completion is estimated at five work sessions.

He estimates the cost of the bike rack to be about \$250, and added costs for supplies including refreshments for those that come out to the work sessions.

It was MOVED by SHAPIRO and seconded by ROSENBERG that Kenny Gerhardt's Eagle Scout Project be approved by Mayor and Council.

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, the motion to approve Kenny Gerhardt's Eagle Scout Project was approved. Mayor Mironov stated she would send Kenny a letter.

****“Vision for Prosperous Sustainable Future” Presentation by Central Jersey Transportation Forum**

Bill Neary from Keep Middlesex Moving and Jesse Burke from the Delaware Regional Planning Commission gave a Powerpoint presentation about the Central Jersey Transportation Forum Vision for a Prosperous and Sustainable Future.

Mr. Neary gave a history of the Central Jersey Transportation Forum and gave a synopsis of the challenges East Windsor faces in the future. Mr. Burke presented the slide show and explained future congestion problems if development continued at its current pace. Housing closer to highways, improved connectivity, and better transit and bicycle-friendly communities are critical to alleviating these problems. They requested Mayor and Council adopt a Smart Growth resolution supporting these initiatives.

Mayor Mironov asked if open space acquisition was part of this initiative. Mr. Neary responded yes. Mayor Mironov noted open space not only saves taxpayers' money but also mitigates environmental issues. Mr. Neary affirmed this. He also commended Mayor Mironov for East Windsor's strong advocacy and proactive efforts with public transportation. Mr. Burke noted that the transportation studies conducted by the Township were very helpful to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Mayor Mironov noted that the resolution requested was on the agenda that evening and requested a motion.

Resolution R2014-077 Endorsing Smart Growth Strategies for Central New Jersey was MOVED by YEAGER and seconded by SHAPIRO.

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-077, Endorsing Smart Growth Strategies for Central New Jersey, was approved.

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sean O'Conner, 152 Hickory Corner Road, Apt. 313, East Windsor, spoke about economic diversity and his love for East Windsor. He gave thanks for the good work, and commented on the transparency and democracy of the Council.

MINUTES:

June 3, 2014

Mayor Mironov stated that the notation on the left that the minutes were "revised" was incorrect. There were no further corrections.

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by YEAGER that the June 3, 2014 minutes be approved with changes.

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

Nays – None

Abstain - Zoller

There being six (5) ayes, no (0) nays, (1) abstention, June 3, 2014 minutes were approved with changes.

June 24, 2014

Mayor Mironov stated that on page ten the Safe Routes to School item should read “Mayor reviewed and Council concurred to support and file a grant application for Safe Routes to Schools Program, to include installation of a bicycle only lane in the area of Oak Creek Road, Dutchneck Road and Windsor Center Drive and upgrades and crosswalks, possibly refuge islands at Dutchneck Road, Dorchester Drive and Hickory Corner Road for Kreps Middle School. Mayor and Council also supported the installation of six stationary solar school zone flashing signs and new message boards for Perry L. Drew Elementary School and Ethel McKnight Elementary School. Mayor Mironov noted there is a resolution required from the School District and directed the Manager to contact them for the resolution first thing in the morning.”

It was MOVED by YEAGER and seconded by ROSENBERG that the June 24, 2014 minutes be approved with changes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Duke, Rosenberg, Yeager, Mironov

Nays – None

Abstain - Shapiro, Zoller

There being four (4) ayes, no (0) nays, two (2) abstentions, June 24, 2014 minutes were approved with changes.

Mayor Mironov rescheduled July 1, 2014, September 2, 2014 and September 23, 2014 minutes.

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION:

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2014-173 Refund of Tax Overpayments

Kelly Lettera read by title Resolution R2014-173.

Resolution R2014-176 Action on Bids for Roadway Improvements to Hickory
Corner Road

Kelly Lettera read by title Resolution R2014-176.

Mayor Mironov stated that a recommendation had been received from the Director of Public Works to reject all bids as they all came in very high, and that the project should be re-bid for the spring. The project is funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation so needed engineering, which delayed bidding times.

Mayor Mironov noted that in the first paragraph, second line should read “improvements to Hickory Corner Road between Dutch Neck Road and Dorchester Drive.” Paragraph three, “based upon the recommendation of the Director of Public Works it is in the best interests of the Township to reject the bids as they are substantially over budget and the appropriated funding, in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:11-1 et. seq.” Under “now, therefore,” the second paragraph should state “the certified check and the bid bond shall be returned to the lowest and second lowest bidders.”

It was MOVED by ROSENBERG and seconded by YEAGER that Resolution R2014-176 be approved with changes.

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

There being six (6), no (0) nays, Resolution R2014-176 was approved with changes.

APPLICATIONS:

REPORTS BY COUNCIL AND STAFF:

Council Member Shapiro reported that the Planning Board met on October 6th. They had two concept plans presented, one for a Banquet and Wedding Reception Facility and a Self-Storage Facility on One Mile Road.

Mayor Mironov reported that the Economic Development Committee met on October 2nd and discussed the Einstein’s Alley event scheduled for October 9th. There was also a speaker from Mercer County One-Stop Career Center.

CORRESPONDENCE:

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Mironov appointed a student member to the Health Advisory Board at the last Council meeting. She asked that an appointment letter be sent.

Mayor Mironov appointed Roswell Perez from the East Windsor Regional School District to the Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcohol and Substance Abuse. She asked that a letter be sent.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Mayor Mironov inquired about a bill for the Airport Road project on the second page of the Capital bills list be held until confirmation that it was being paid from the correct account was provided.

It was MOVED by DUKE and seconded by ROSENBERG that the bills be approved with those subject to the questions and clarifications.

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

There being six (6) ayes, no (0) nays the bills were approved and those subject to questions and clarifications.

MATTERS BY COUNCIL:

There is a report from the tax collector for the period ending September 30, 2014.

Mayor Mironov reported that during Operation Medicine Cabinet on September 27, approximately 112 pounds of medication were collected.

Parker Homes closed September 10th on 56 acres on Wyckoffs Mill Road, where a senior care/service facility will be constructed. All prior plans for the property now were null and void.

Einstein's Alley Corridor Business Event was scheduled for October 9th at 5:00 pm.

Recycling Day was scheduled for Saturday, October 11th at the Senior Center.

The annual Flu and Pneumonia Clinics were scheduled for Tuesday, October 14th and Wednesday, October 15th from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND COUNCIL ACTION WHERE APPROPRIATE:

1. EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION BY KENNY GERHARDT, BOY SCOUT TROOP 59*

2. "Vision for a Prosperous Sustainable Future" Presentation by Central Jersey Transportation Forum**
3. NJ Division of Local Government Services CY 2014 Best Practices Checklist – Review

The Division of Local Government Services requires that all municipalities complete the checklist and that it be placed on a Council agenda for review. Failure to do so could affect State funding. Mayor Mironov confirmed that Council Members had reviewed the checklist. No further action was required.

4. Brooktree Subdivision: Donation of Property

Mayor Mironov explained that the developers of Brooktree Subdivision had offered to donate a parcel of land on Brooktree Road by Oak Creek Estates. Acceptance of the donation must be done by Council action. Mayor Mironov stated the value and responsibilities would rest with the Township, and whether there would be any other consequences to accepting the donation.

Council Member Shapiro noted the property would not provide any improvements to East Windsor, and that it may be costly to maintain. Council Member Zoller pointed out that it was not a buildable lot. Mayor and Council determined that it was in the Township's best interests to decline the donation. Mayor Mironov requested a letter be prepared for her signature to that effect.

5. 2014 Municipal Capital Program

Mayor Mironov stated that this had been discussed at the last Council meeting. Documentation was distributed that answered questions from that meeting. Mayor Mironov also provided a prioritized listing of capital items and suggested the first Council meeting in February 2015 could be used for follow-up and discussion of the Capital Budget. Mayor Mironov reviewed the items that had been recommended for funding, and those for which additional information was required.

All suggestions were agreeable to Council. It was determined that the capital program would be on the next agenda for introduction, and would be on the agenda for the first Council meeting in February.

MATTERS BY PUBLIC:

Sean O'Connor, 152 Hickory Corner Road, Apt. 313, East Windsor, commented on graffiti in the men's bathroom. He requested that he be permitted to comment on issues other than agenda items.

There being no further business Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Kelly Lettera
Acting Municipal Clerk

Janice S. Mironov
Mayor