

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

Mayor John R. Spodofora calls the Stafford Township Council Meeting to order with the Salute to the Flag and the reading of the Open Public Meeting Statement. TIME: 7:00 pm

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT: “THIS MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH MEETING DATES FOR 2016. NOTIFICATION AND PUBLICATION OF THESE MEETINGS WERE GIVEN TO THREE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND POSTING OF SAME ON THE MUNICIPAL BULLETIN BOARD”.

ROLL CALL: FESSLER, MARCHAL, McKENNA, SMITH, TAYLOR, SPODOFORA – ALL PRESENT; JEFFRIES ABSENT.

PUBLIC HEARING – OCEAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE YEAR 2016

Please note: rescheduled public hearing due to error in legal publication

Dial A Ride Transportation Service – Township wide public service - \$40,000.00

Mayor Spodofora opened public comment. Being no comment from the general public, the Mayor closed public comment.

RESOLUTION 2016-64

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE OCEAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2016

Motion to adopt was made by Councilman Fessler, seconded by Councilwoman McKenna. RCV: All in attendance – aye; Jefferies absent.

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING & FINAL DISPOSITION

ORDINANCE 2016-02

FIXING AND DETERMINING SALARIES AND WAGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS FOR THE YEAR 2016

Mayor Spodofora opened public comment. Being no public comment, the Mayor closed public comment.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-02 on 2nd reading was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Taylor. RCV: All in attendance – aye; Councilman Fessler abstained on portions of the Ordinance pertaining to police salaries; Jeffries absent.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

PLEASE NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND ADOPTION AT THE FEBRUARY 23, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING.

ORDINANCE 2016-03

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, APPROPRIATING \$4,408,659. THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,065,000. BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-03 on 1st reading was made by Councilwoman McKenna, seconded by Councilman Fessler. RCV: All in attendance – aye; Jeffries absent.

Ordinance 2016-03 is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

ORDINANCE 2016-04

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF PINE STREET BUILDING, APPROPRIATING \$236,250. THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$225,000. BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-04 on 1st reading was made by Councilwoman McKenna, seconded by Councilman Smith. RCV: All in attendance – aye; Jeffries absent.

Ordinance 2016-04 is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

ORDINANCE 2016-05

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS WATER/SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS WATER/SEWER UTILITY EQUIPMENT, APPROPRIATING \$1,135,600. THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,135,600. BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-05 on 1st reading was made by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Marchal. RCV: All in attendance – aye; Jeffries absent.

Ordinance 2016-05 is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

ORDINANCE 2016-06

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE MILLCREEK ROAD AND PAUL BLVD. WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PHASE II PROJECT, APPROPRIATING \$2,500,000. THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,500,000. BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-06 on 1st reading was made by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Smith. RCV: All in attendance – aye; Jeffries absent.

Ordinance 2016-06 is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

ORDINANCE 2016-07

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR BEACHVIEW AREA WATER MAIN EXTENSION, APPROPRIATING \$210,000. THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$210,000. BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-07 on 1st reading was made Councilwoman McKenna, seconded by Councilman Smith. RCV: All in attendance – aye; Jeffries absent.

Ordinance 2016-07 is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED WITH A SINGLE MOTION. ANY ITEMS REQUIRING EXPENDITURE ARE SUPPORTED BY A CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. ANY ITEM REQUIRING DISCUSSION WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA. ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE REFLECTED IN FULL IN THE MINUTES.

RESOLUTION 2016-08

AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR AS AGENT IN FILING PETITION OF APPEALS AND ROLL-BACK COMPLAINT FORMS

RESOLUTION 2016-68

AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION IN THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR THE PROJECT LOCATED AT BLOCK 44.02, LOT 39.01

RESOLUTION 2016-69

AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR WAWA, BLOCK 44.117, LOT 14

RESOLUTION 2016-70

RETAINING ECONSULT SOLUTIONS AS ITS EXPERT WITNESS IN PENDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING LITIGATION

RESOLUTION 2016-71

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A “SCHEDULE C” AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AND ROAD DEPARTMENT SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION 2016-72

APPROVING DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT WITH THE LANDINGS AT MANAHAWKIN, LLC, BLOCK 77, LOT 1.10

RESOLUTION 2016-73

APPROVING THE TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION 2016-74

AWARDING A CONTRACT TO REED & PERRINE SALES, SHERWIN-WILIAMS, RICCIARDI BROTHERS, AND SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY FOR GRASS SEED, FERTILIZER ETC. FOR THE STAFFORD CO-OP PRICING SYSTEM

APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL:

Ice Cream Vendor - renewal for 2016 – Ronald Nulle, Lickety Split Ice Cream

Investigated by the STPD, approved by Chief Giberson

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 9, 2016 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MARCHAL. RCV: ALL IN ATTENDANCE – AYE; JEFFRIES ABSENT.

VOUCHER RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,392,780.61

Motion to pay the bills was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Marchal. RCV: All in attendance – aye; Jeffries absent.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

January 1, 2016 – All present

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Marchal. RCV: All in attendance – aye; Jeffries absent.

January 19, 2016 – Taylor absent

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Fessler, seconded by Councilman Marchal. RCV: All in attendance – aye; Taylor abstained; Jeffries absent.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

JOHN R. SPODOFORA: commended the Administrator for his preparation of the 2016 Capital Budget – it will assist all of the Governing Body for future reference. Received numerous phone calls from NJ Natural Gas advising him that some individuals are going door to door posing as employees of NJ Natural Gas conducting scams. NJ Natural Gas had employee ID cards and should you receive a visit from anyone offering plans for NJ Natural Gas please contact the company. The next Pinelands Commission Meeting concerning the Neptune Basin Project is scheduled for March 11, 2016. Please be careful of weather conditions over the next few days – severe flooding is expected in areas near the bay and possibility of another snowstorm.

ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS:

JAMES A. MORAN: Steel was delivered to the Bay Avenue Community Center – moving right along. Bids were accepted today for the Ocean Acres Water Treatment Plant Upgrade – being reviewed by the engineer and hopefully will be scheduled to be on the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 5 MINUTE LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL

Mayor Spodofora opened public comment

Larry Oliphant – 295 N. Main Street: wanted to address the Governing Body with his thoughts concerning the proposed CVS location in the heart of town. The center of Manahawkin is beautiful, with the Manahawkin Lake & park, and other historical structures. The proposed location will cause another historic building to be demolished. Try to preserve what we have.

Being no further comment from the general public, the Mayor closed public comment.

Councilman Fessler wanted to remind everyone that the township calendars are available throughout town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the February 9, 2016 Council Meeting was made by Councilman Fessler, seconded by Councilman Marchal. RCV: All in attendance – aye.

TIME: 7:25 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**BERNADETTE M. PARK
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

**JOHN R. SPODOFORA
MAYOR**