

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2017

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT: “THIS MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH MEETING DATES FOR 2017. NOTIFICATION AND PUBLICATION OF THESE MEETINGS WERE GIVEN TO THREE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND POSTING OF SAME ON THE MUNICIPAL BULLETIN BOARD”

ROLL CALL: Mr. Fessler-absent, Mr. Jeffries-present, Mr. Marchal-present, Ms. McKenna-present, Mr. Smith-present, Mr. Taylor-present, Mayor Spodofora-present

SPEAKER

FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR JOE VICARI

Freeholder Vicari spoke on services and the planned renovations that will be made to the Southern Ocean County Satellite Office’s locate at 179 S. Main in Manahawkin. It is a great location and will be making it more conducive to our Senior Citizens of Southern Ocean County. Many improvements will be made to the facility.

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2017-294

Discussion and acceptance of the NJ State Best Practices Checklist 2017

Motion to accept the NJ Best Practice checklist 2017 was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. McKenna
RCV: All in favor, Mr. Jeffries, Mr. Marchal, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Smith, Mr. Taylor, Mayor Spodofora
Mr. Fessler-absent

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY A SINGLE MOTION. ANY ITEMS REQUIRING EXPENDITURE ARE SUPPORTED BY A “CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS” BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. ANY ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA”.

Resolution 2017-285

Approving and authorizing a down payment assistance loan with the owner of an affordable housing unit located in Perry’s Lake

Resolution 2017-286

Approving and authorizing certain personnel actions

Resolution 2017-287

Denying the request for a release of performance guarantee for site improvements on Block 146, Lot 26.03

Resolution 2017-288

Awarding the bid for a contract for the purchase and delivery of 6,400 feet of linear pipe to Water Works Supply Co.

Resolution 2017-289

Authorizing a contract award for first aid supplies to Cintas Corporation

Resolution 2017-290

Authorizing the sale of surplus property no longer needed for public use on an on line auction website www.govdeals.com

Resolution 2017-291

Authorizing a contract to Foveonics Imaging Technologies, Inc. for document management for records retention and disposal through the Middlesex Regional Education Service Commission

Resolution 2017-292

Authorizing the Township Administrator to award contracts for above ground Diesel/Gasoline storage tanks (installation, repair and related equipment) project per NJ State Contract T-0849

Resolution 2017-293

Resolution promoting Bradley King to Assistant Superintendent/Chief Operator in the Water/Sewer Department

Resolution 2017-295

Authorizing the Township Administrator to award a contract for a 20 ton deck over trailer with abs air brake axels

Resolution 2017-296

Authorizing a release of the four year storm water maintenance guaranty for property known and designated as Block 44.127, Lot 3

Resolution 2017-297

Authorizing a shared service agreement between the Township of Stafford and the Borough of Barnegat Light for installation of approximately seventy seven water meters in the Borough of Barnegat Light

Minutes for Approval

October 10, 2017

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of October 24, 2017 was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Marchal

RCV: All in favor, Mr. Jeffries, Mr. Marchal, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Smith, Mr. Taylor, Mayor Spodofora
Mr. Fessler-absent

VOUCHER RESOLUTION

Authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$2,250,938.56

Motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Marchal and seconded by Ms. McKenna

RCV: All in favor, Mr. Jeffries, Mr. Marchal, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Smith, Mr. Taylor, Mayor Spodofora
Mr. Fessler-absent

QUARTELY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Current Fund

Water-Sewer Utility Fund

MAYORS REPORT

On Friday October 13th the Mayor attended a meeting along with members of the DEP, FEMA, Barnegat Bay, Army Corp of Engineers to discuss a project to dredge areas in Beach Haven West along Mill Creek Rd and to use the dredge spoils to create dredge berms along the southern side of Mill Creek. The meeting was productive and are looking for solutions to make our shoreline more resilient to storms in the future.

Police activities report was read by the Mayor. He also reminded our residents that the police department is available to inspect and install car seats.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Taylor-The road department has been busy working on improvements and drainage on Mermaid Drive and also in areas of Beach Haven West. Most work is being done in house saving a great deal of money, The Township parking lot improvements has started and the new gas stock station at the public works building will soon begin. The Fire Company held an open house all part of Fire Prevention Week. It was a great event.

Councilwoman McKenna-The winter coat drive has begun. Donations are being accepted at the Bay Avenue Community Center or any Toy Donation drop box or at town hall. The Stafford PBA Toy Drive runs from 11/6 thru 12/15/2017. New unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the Bay Ave Community Center from 8:30 to 4:30. The Harvest festival was a great success. The Chamber of Commerce is holding bourbon tasting on 11/15/17 at the Old Causeway to benefit the Hunger Foundation. Tickets are \$100.00. Maximillian Foundation had an event at the STAC center to fund prevention of drug abuse. The township has increased our tonnage for recycling collected by two tons from last year this time and our tipping fee cost avoidance is \$273,737.14 great savings for the town. Harvest Festival was a great success. Many compliments from residents. We are very fortunate to host these festivals please avail yourself of them.

Councilman Smith-Stafford Township Volunteer EMS Squad 38 are doing an outstanding job expecting to top 1500 calls by years end. All very dedicated and spending there volunteer time maintain the building and training. Councilman Smith along with Betti Anne McVey visited Freeholder Vicari to discuss senior services. He in turn sent his Director of Senior Services to speak at our local Senior Advisory Committee. By late spring or the beginning of summer the Township will be holding a Senior Service Expo.

Councilman Marchal-Announced that there will be a holiday trip to New York City on December 15th leaving from the Bay Avenue Community Center at 8:00 am and returning at 8:00 pm. Cost is \$40.00. Stroll through Cental Park, Window Shop or visit the world famous Christmas Tree at Rockefeller Center. To sign up contact Jennifer McBrien at 609-597-1000 ext 8573. The Ocean County Do Wop club will begin to meet the first Wednesday of the month starting November 1st. For more information contact Ray at 609-971-7676 or Joey at 609-978-8003. The November schedule is available for activities at the Bay Avenue Community Center. It is loaded with activities every day.

Councilman Jeffries-Updated on activities of the Stafford Water /Sewer Department. Most work being done in-house saving money. Installing water meters in Ship Bottom and will also be installing in Barnegat Light.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Paving continues along Route 72 the section from the Shop Rite plaza to the parkway will be paved as part of the East Road project in the spring of 2018. The K-Mart plaza is under new ownership with major changes. Old Navy will move into K-Mart store. Home Goods and Michaels will move into the K-mart plaza and Burlington Coat Factory will move into those spots. Plans are being submitted for the changes. Panera Bread and Chic Filet will be coming to Stafford on Route 72 where the old Nat West Bank sight.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 5 MINUTE LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL

Mayor Spodofora to opened public comment

Richie Gilchrist-Virginia Drive complemented the cleanup job done at the Mill Creek Community Garden. He also questioned Councilwoman on the Master Gardner program and the improvements to be done on intersection islands in areas of Beach Haven West.

James Lacey-77 Hudson Street- Called for an ambulance and stated it took 108.5 minutes to come to his house He expressed concern as to how long it took to answer his call. Councilman Smith apologized that this happened and took his information and promised to look into.

Jay Hoover-Howard Drive questioned the reimbursement for a sewage leak at is property by a contractor. Wasn't aware of the procedure to have corrected.

There being no further comment Mayor Spodofora closed public comment.

And asked for a motion to go into Executive session.

Motion was made by Ms. McKenna and seconded by Mr. Taylor

All in Favor: Aye

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. McKenna and seconded by Mr. Taylor

All in favor: AYE

Mr. Fessler-absent

Time: 7:55

Respectfully Submitted

Linda Martin
Acting Municipal Clerk

Mayor John Spodofora