

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 23, 2012 MINUTES**

The Tewksbury Township Committee met in a work session on the above date at the Municipal Building, Mountainville, NJ.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM, roll call held and a quorum established. Mayor Dana Desiderio presided.

Other officials in attendance were Township Committee members Louis DiMare, Peter Melick, Shaun Van Doren and William Voyce.

Jesse Landon, Township Administrator and Roberta Brassard, Municipal Clerk were in attendance.

There were approximately two members of the public in attendance.

1. Open Public Meetings Statement

The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mayor Desiderio.

2. Flag Salute

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

3. Actions to be taken

➤ **Consent Agenda**

Dr. Voyce moved adoption of the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. DiMare. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. Ayes: Desiderio, DiMare, Melick, Van Doren, Voyce. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION #84-2012

**APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION FOR PROPERTY
LOCATED AT BLOCK 38 LOT 1.04**

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Agriculture Development Board informed Tewksbury Township that it has received farmland preservation applications from a landowner in Tewksbury Township; and

WHEREAS, the State Agriculture Development Committee provides between sixty and eighty percent of the funds to acquire a development easement on a farm; and

WHEREAS, for the balance of the easement purchase funds Hunterdon County will determine the portion to be paid by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Agriculture Development Board requested confirmation from the Township that Tewksbury Township approves of the farmland preservation application within the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey that Tewksbury Township approves of the below applications located within Tewksbury Township.

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1. Hill and Dale Farm, Block 38, Lot 1.04

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hunterdon County Agriculture Development Board.

Dana Desiderio
Mayor

MISCELLANEOUS

- Claims as submitted by the CFO
- Regular and executive session minutes of 10-09-12
- Authorization to sign F & D for bingo and raffle events at OTS 11/16/12

4. Reports

➤ **Township Committee Comments**

Mr. Van Doren noted that if the Forestry Advisory Board still wishes to attend a Committee meeting, they should be invited to the work session in November.

He noted that two separate finance subcommittee meetings are scheduled for the coming weeks: one to discuss OFC funding and one to discuss the budget.

Mr. Landon noted that two donations have been received for the purchase of AED's for Township parks.

Mr. Melick made a motion authorizing the purchase of three (3) AED's with appurtenances for use in Township parks, seconded by Dr. Voyce. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. Ayes: Desiderio, DiMare, Melick, Van Doren, Voyce. Nays: None.

Mr. Landon noted that members of the Tewksbury Rescue Squad will train residents on the proper use of the devices.

Mr. Melick noted that the Police contract in Califon will expire at the end of 2012. He suggested that it would be prudent to look into the matter at this point in time.

Mr. DiMare stated that he had two issues he wished to discuss in Executive Session.

Mayor Desiderio noted the following items.

- She met with some Girl Scouts earlier to discuss municipal government.
- She recently spoke at a Boy Scout meeting at the Trump Golf Course.
- She questioned the status of the submission of the wastewater management plan to the Highlands Council. It was noted that Ms. Goodchild will check with the Township Engineer on the matter.

5. Public Participation

Mayor Desiderio was recused from the following discussion.

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Nancy Held noted that a group of residents have engaged James Rhatican as counsel pertaining to the Johnson helistop matter. Comments were made regarding the time parameter with regard to the public comment period and the needed documents for Mr. Rhatican's defense. Ms. Held stated that she felt it would be advantageous for Mr. Rhatican to work with the Land Use Board Attorney, Dan Bernstein.

In response to a question from Mr. DiMare, Ms. Hance stated that she was not sure if Mr. Rhatican had shared his comments with Mr. Bernstein or if Mr. Rhatican had seen Mr. Bernstein's letter to the DOT.

Further comments were made regarding the insurance carrier and coverage of the matter.

Ms. Held suggested that the Committee consider hiring Mr. Rhatican.

Mayor Desiderio returned to the meeting at this time.

6. Executive Session

At 7:43 PM Dr. Voyce moved adoption of the following Resolution, seconded by Mr. DiMare. The motion was approved. Ayes: Desiderio, DiMare, Melick, Van Doren, Voyce. Nays: None.

**RESOLUTION #85-2012
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE TEWKSBURY
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 and 10:4-12 that the Tewksbury Township Committee hold a closed session to discuss Litigation and Personnel.

It is expected that the discussion undertaken in closed session can be made public at the time official action is taken.

Dana Desiderio
Mayor

7. Reconvened

The meeting reconvened at 8:05 PM.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Roberta A. Brassard
Municipal Clerk