

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
March 26, 2019 MINUTES**

The Tewksbury Township Committee met 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 William Voyce presided.

Other officials in attendance were Township Committee members Dana Desiderio, Peter Melick and William Voyce.

Absent: Becker, DiMare.

Jennifer Ader Acting Municipal Clerk and Paul Carelli Interim Administrator were in attendance.

There were approximately nineteen members of the public in attendance.

1. Open Public Meetings Statement

Mayor Voyce opened the meeting by announcing that adequate notice of the meeting had been provided by posting a copy thereof on the Police/Administration Building bulletin board, transmitting a copy to the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat, and filing with the Municipal Clerk, all on January 4, 2019.

2. Flag Salute

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

3. Proclamation for Citizen of the Year 2018

Mayor Voyce read the following Proclamation into the minutes of the meeting.

Mayor Voyce moved adoption of the Proclamation, seconded by Ms. Desiderio. Ayes: Desiderio, Melick, Voyce. Nays: None. Absent: Becker, DiMare.

PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE THE 2018 CITIZENS OF THE YEAR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY

Dr. Jeffrey and Mrs. Jane Anderson

WHEREAS, it is the annual custom for the Mayor of the Township of Tewksbury to proclaim the virtues of an outstanding citizen and to award the title Citizen of the Year through Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, this award is in recognition of the many contributions made by individuals and groups over the years for the benefit of all Township residents; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey and Jane Anderson have served on the Tewksbury First Aid and Rescue Squad for over twenty years and in various positions of leadership; and

WHEREAS, these recipients, Jeffrey and Jane Anderson are trustees of the Tewksbury Township Public Library for approximately twenty years; and

WHEREAS, these recipients, Jeffrey and Jane Anderson were instrumental in creating and organizing the Tewksbury Harvest Festival which is an annual event celebrating an American tradition of family

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and community, and financially benefits both the Tewksbury First Aid Rescue Squad and Tewksbury Township Library; and

WHEREAS , Jeffrey and Jane Anderson organized and ran the bi-annual blood drive for the New Jersey Blood Service for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey and Jane Anderson were committed to volunteering in the community during their careers in education and have continued this dedication in their retirement; and

WHEREAS, the services Jeffrey and Jane Anderson rendered to the Township of Tewksbury have benefited the citizenry of our Township for years past and into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as Mayor of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, I do hereby proclaim the 2018 Tewksbury Citizens of the Year to be Dr. Jeffrey and Mrs. Jane Anderson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this proclamation shall be presented in its entirety in the minutes of the Tewksbury Township Committee so that all may recognize the contributions that Dr. Jeffrey and Mrs. Jane Anderson have made to the quality of life in the Township of Tewksbury and so that we may honor their contributions now and into the future.

William Voyce
Mayor

4. Public Participation

Ms. Dillon was present to discuss her concerns about the storm water management plan. She wanted to clarify what happened at the meeting that was held on February 14, 2019 with the Hunterdon County Engineer. The engineer outlined very clearly what you could or could not do in changing the water direction, which is forbidden. The engineer also stated that the culvert of the bridge will remain the same. The DPW likes it at times because it slows the water down and allows it to trickle down south. It is designed to back up onto unfortunately onto Ms. Dillon's property especially on hard rainy days. Mr. Matthews was very forth right in saying that nothing has been changed and everything that is in place that has been place and there is nothing that the county can do as related to NJ DEP regulations. Ms. Dillon stated that the township can do things to instead for storm water management, even though the County cannot do anything.

Mayor Voyce stated that Mr. Matthews made very clear that storm water cannot be redirected down sewers if it is not already going that way.

Ms. Dillon believes that the culvert of the bridge is not functioning properly, because bridges and culverts are not designed to back up. It is designed for water to pass through. She also questioned that the intersection changed at county 517/ county 523 Lamington road most of the water from that intersection goes to the south.

Mr. Melick says that even the road slopes to the north some of the drains, at least the new drains were built to go to the south and down Lamington Road. Hunterdon County has the drawing for the drainage systems.

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Ms. Dillon mentioned to the Land Use Board about the 2005 Storm water management plan which spells out all the goals that Tewksbury Township should be doing, which she believes most goals are not being met.

Ms. Desiderio informed us that the 2005 storm water plan has been updated since 2005.

Mr. Melick stated that the DEP is happy with the way it worked. The problem is that the culvert has silted over the years and now it backs up by the bridge.

Mayor Voyce explained that the County controls all the bridges and culverts in Tewksbury Township.

Ms. Desiderio explained that in 19 years of being on the Land Use Board, the Land Use Board never passed anything without their due diligence of drywells. The Land Use Board does their due diligence to watch impervious coverage.

Ms. Dillon questioned the driveway to the Oldwick Park, the 2006 drawing shows 2 drywells that are not working.

Mayor Voyce explained that there are two drywells there which are indeed there and the DPW cleaned the catch basin.

Ms. Desiderio suggested to the township committee that the public comment needs to be limited on the time and if a person believes they need more time they can request to be on the agenda.

Ms. Dillon is volunteering help with survey grants, along with the Environmental Commission, which is working with Ms. Dillon.

Ms. Dillon believes that everyone needs to understand storm water, which she supplied a survey for the Tewksbury Township committee and the village of Oldwick to respond.

The township committee informed Ms. Dillon for the future to supply them ahead of the meeting any information that she wishes them to look over before the meeting instead of at that time.

Ms. Dillon stresses that she really wants to make sure that the township committee understands storm water and that the township is making progress towards managing storm water.

5. Consent Agenda

Ms. Desiderio requested that Executive Session minutes of 3/12/19 be removed from consent agenda and voted on separately.

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

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

Resolution No: 50-2019 Adoption Date: March 26, 2019

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A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT FOR TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Tewksbury has a need to extend professional services of the professionals set forth below in Paragraph No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of each contract is noted below; and

WHEREAS, each Township professional set forth below in Paragraph No. 1 has submitted a proposal indicating each will provide the professional services described below in Paragraph No. 1 for the amount set forth in each professional's proposal; and

WHEREAS, each Township professional set forth below in Paragraph No. 1 has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that each Township professional has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Tewksbury in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit each Township professional from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to extend a contract with the following as described below.

Francis P. Linnus	Township Attorney	Effective 04/01/2019 Through 12/31/2019
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William J. Voyce
Mayor

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

Resolution No: 51-2019 Adoption Date: March 26, 2019

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2019

WHEREAS, the total appropriations for the 2018 Budget, less appropriations made for the capital improvement fund and debt service are as follows:

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GENERAL	\$7,359,669.00
HUNTERS GLEN SEWER	\$46,200.00
OLDWICK SEWER	\$129,100.00

WHEREAS, 26.25 percent of the total appropriations in the 2018 Budget less appropriations for the capital improvement fund and debt service in the 2019 temporary budget is as follows:

GENERAL	\$1,931,913.00
HUNTERS GLEN SEWER	\$12,127.00
OLDWICK SEWER	\$ 33,888.00

William J. Voyce
Mayor

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

Resolution No: 52-2019 Adoption Date: March 26, 2019

A RESOLUTION REGARDING NOTICE OF TORT CLAIM

WHEREAS, information has been provided regarding the filing of claims against the Township in the form of Notice of Tort Claim: and

WHEREAS the Township Committee and Township Administrator have reviewed this information in consultation with the Township Insurance Agent and Township Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby adopts the attached Notice of Tort Claim for the filing of claims against the Township of Tewksbury.

William J. Voyce
Mayor

MISCELLANEOUS

- Claims submitted by the CFO
- Correspondence List –

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- a) From State of New Jersey DEP – Hunterdon County Wastewater Management Plan
- b) From Township of Tewksbury Land Use Board Notice of Hearing on Application for Development
- c) Notice to Public Service Electric and Gas Company Electric and Gas Customers
- d) From Readington Township – Adopted ordinance 04-2019
- e) From E& LP – Highlands applicability determination application B 31, L 12.01
- f) From State of New Jersey Highlands Water Protection – Exemption#4 Determination Blocks 44, Lots 2,3,4,&5
- g) From Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District – letter of recertification B 1.03, L 15

Items removed from Consent Agenda

Executive session of 3-26-19 minutes 1st and 2nd session. Mayor Voyce made a motion to approve, seconded by Melick. Ayes: Melick, Voyce. Nays: None. Abstain: Desiderio. Absent: Becker, DiMare.

Ordinance Introduction

Mr. Melick made a motion to introduce Ordinance #03-2019, seconded by Ms. Desiderio. The motion was approved. Ayes: Desiderio, Melick, Voyce. Nays: None. Absent: Becker, DiMare.

The public hearing will be held on 4/9/2019 at 7:30pm in Mountainville Meeting Hall.

ORDINANCE # 03-2019

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION

Mr. Melick made a motion to introduce Ordinance #04-2019, seconded by Ms. Desiderio. The motion was approved. Ayes: Desiderio, Melick, Voyce. Nays: None. Absent: Becker, DiMare.

The public hearing will be held on 4/9/2019 at 7:30pm in Mountainville Meeting Hall.

ORDINANCE # 04-2019

ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPRRIATIONS OF \$1,858,765 FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS

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5. Reports

Township Committee Sub Committees & Township Committee Comments

Mr. Melick noted the following items:

Finance

- Plan to introduce the budget at next Township Committee meeting on April 9, 2019.

Mayor Voyce noted the following items:

COAH

- COAH meeting that was scheduled for March 21, 2019 was productive and there will be a few ordinances coming out in the future.

Township Administrator

Tewksbury Township will be introduce the budget on April 9, 2019, finalized the capital ordinance.

Webpage has the bid specs posted for the ground maintenance, also the tax maps. Currently in the process of creating a revaluation page for the revaluation process including a frequently asked question section.

6. Executive Session

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:12 and 13, the public shall be excluded from the Executive Session of the Township Committee which is being held for the discussion of the following subject matters: 1. Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation; 2. Personnel matters; 3. This Executive Session shall continue for an indefinite period of time and upon termination of the Executive Session, the Township Committee may choose to resume the public portion of the meeting. The discussion, which shall be conducted in closed session, shall be disclosed upon termination of litigation or contractual matter, upon resolution of the personnel matter with consent of said person or persons and as provided by N.J.S.A. 4-12 but in no case later than two (2) years from this date. These minutes shall be available as soon as the matter is resolved or not later than two years hence.

- Personnel

Ms. Desiderio made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Mr. Melick. Ayes: Desiderio, Melick, Voyce. Nays: None. Absent: Becker, DiMare

7. Reconvened

The meeting reconvened at 8:32 PM.

Tewksbury Township authorized limited public comment to 5 minutes per speaker, any information that the public wishes to submit, needs to be included into the township committee meeting packet before the Friday before a meeting.

Storm water cannot change the direction of storm water as is tis right now, cannot the change of the sewer as it runs, we cannot change the culvert it is not our purview. The County is adamant about their ability to do anything which is none.

The next meeting will be April 9, 2019

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8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Motion made by Mr. Melick, seconded by Ms. Desiderio. Ayes: Desiderio, Melick, Voyce. Nays: None. Absent: Becker, DiMare.

Jennifer Ader
Acting Municipal Clerk