

Minutes of May 12, 2015 - REGULAR SESSION

President Keyes-Maloney called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and Municipal Clerk Macellaro led the invocation and flag salute.

President Keyes-Maloney read the Open Public Meetings Statement:

The notice requirements provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in a notice which was transmitted to the Times of Trenton and the Trentonian, filed with the Clerk of the Township of Ewing and posted in the Ewing Township Municipal Complex, all on the 2nd day of January, 2015

THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL DURING THE "STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC" SEGMENT OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN IN ON THE SHEET PROVIDED IN THE FRONT OF THE ROOM. ALL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, WHEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL, PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME AND YOUR ADDRESS.

THE COUNCIL INVITES AND ENCOURAGES PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC IN ITS MEETINGS, HOWEVER A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY UTILIZE FIVE MINUTES OF TIME FOR REMARKS AND QUESTIONS, UNLESS OTHERWISE ENGAGED IN A DIALOGUE WITH A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, ANY FURTHER REMARKS OR QUESTIONS BEYOND THE TIME LIMIT MUST BE AUTHORIZED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.

ROLL CALL

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| ▪ Mr. Baxter | Jim McManimon, Administrator |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth | Joanna Mustafa, CFO |
| ▪ Ms. Steward | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Ms. Wollert | Kim Macellaro, Clerk |
| ▪ President Keyes-Maloney | |

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no questions from the public.

President Keyes-Maloney took a point of personal privilege to announce that she had a chance to sit down with the school board with regard to a joint meeting with the school board to discuss demographics within the community and how that affects school age populations. It is a great opportunity for the township to work with the school district on this. It was a good dialogue and it allows us to forecast what trends have an effect on our school facilities and our classrooms for instructional purposes as well as for extracurricular purposes. The school board continues to have demographic studies done. She further stated that we look forward to working closely with them in the future.

BILLS LIST

The Clerk presented the Bills List for approval (Resolution #15R-96)

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$3,820,904.98 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #15R-27 in the Amount of \$50,162.13

There were no questions on the bills list from members of the public or council. President Keyes-Maloney asked for a motion. Councilwoman Wollert made a motion on the bills list, seconded by Councilwoman Steward.

ROLL CALL	Ms. Steward	YES
	Ms. Wollert	YES
	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Schroth	YES
	President Keyes-Maloney	YES

All items listed under Item H, Consent Agenda, are considered routine by the Township Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately. There will be one motion for all items listed.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Clerk read the Consent Agenda: (Resolution #15R-97/)

1. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of May 13, 2014 (Agenda & Regular)
2. A Resolution Authorizing Palmer Lane Civic Association to Hold a Block Party/Road Closing on May 25th, 2015
3. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Township Construction Official, for Overpayment in the Amount of \$100.00 to Mark Trimble, 1569 South Olden Ave., Hamilton, NJ 08610 for a Street Opening Permit at 1770 Prospect St., Ewing, NJ 08638. Applicant Paid for a Street Opening Permit and it is not a Township Road; it is a County Road.
4. A Resolution Authorizing A Refund, as Recommended by the Township Construction Official, for Overpayment in the Amount of \$3,415.00 to Prospect Heights Volunteer Fire Co., 1660 Ninth St., Ewing, NJ 08638 for a Roof Permit at 1660 Ninth St., Ewing, NJ 08638. Applicant is a Non-profit Organization within Ewing Township and they are Requesting Money Back for their Roofing Permit.
5. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector in the Amount of \$1,481.81 for May 1, 2015 Tax Qtr., to Raleigh, Stephen & Nora, 9 Misty Morn Lane North, Ewing, NJ 08638, for Property Owner Raleigh, Stephen & Nora, for Block: 586 Lot: 5 also known as 9 Misty Morn Lane, for Overpayment.

There were no questions from the public or council.

President Keyes-Maloney asked for a motion. Councilman Schroth made a motion on the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Baxter.

ROLL CALL	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Schroth	YES
	Ms. Steward	YES
	Ms. Wollert	YES
	President Keyes-Maloney	YES

CY2015 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

1. The Clerk read (Resolution 15R-98) A RESOLUTION TO READ BUDGET BY TITLE AT PUBLIC HEARING

Councilman Baxter moved the resolution, seconded by Councilman Wollert. Attorney Cannon read the resolution. President Keyes-Maloney asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL	Ms. Wollert	YES
	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Schroth	YES
	Ms. Steward	YES
	President Keyes-Maloney	YES

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CY2015 BUDGET

President Keyes-Maloney announced the public hearing on the introduced budget. She asked for questions from Council. There were none. President Keyes-Maloney asked for a motion to open the public hearing, Councilman Schroth made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Baxter. It was agreed by a unanimous voice vote. President Keyes-Maloney asked for questions from the public on the budget as introduced. There were none. She asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Baxter made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Steward. It was agreed by a unanimous voice vote.

President Keyes-Maloney asked for a motion to table the budget as introduced in order to amend the budget in light of modifications required by DCA. Councilman Schroth made a motion, seconded by Councilman Baxter.

ROLL CALL	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Schroth	YES
	Ms. Steward	YES
	Ms. Wollert	YES
	President Keyes-Maloney	YES

3. The Clerk read (Resolution #15R-99) A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE INTRODUCED CY2015 BUDGET

President Keyes-Maloney read the beginning part of the resolution and CFO Mustafa explained the amendments as follows: the reclassification of the energy receipts tax and the CMPTRA which is basically our state aid, but the way it is being divided up between the two sources has changed; there are some grants that we have since received that we want to be able to include in this budget, there are appropriations for Police Department, EMS and Fire; a deficit in sewer operations last year, which caused this year's increase and our capital project for Green Acres.

President Keyes-Maloney asked if there were any questions from Council. Councilwoman Steward clarified a typo in the amended resolution. Councilwoman Wollert made a motion on the resolution to amend the CY2015 budget, seconded by Councilman Schroth.

ROLL CALL	Mr. Schroth	YES
	Ms. Wollert	YES
	Ms. Steward	YES
	Ms. Wollert	YES
	President Keyes-Maloney	YES

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

1. The Clerk read (Ordinance #15-14) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, ADDING ADDITIONAL BUS STOPS ALONG MUNICIPAL COUNTY ROADWAYS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 39:4-8(e)

President Keyes-Maloney stated that at the agenda session we discussed a modification requested by the County. This is a matter of housekeeping. She asked

for a motion to introduce the Ordinance. Councilwoman Steward moved the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Schroth

ROLL CALL	Mr. Schroth	YES
	Ms. Steward	YES
	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Ms. Wollert	YES
	President Keyes-Maloney	YES

ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

(None for this meeting)

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Clerk read (**Resolution #15R-100**) A RESOLUTION OF EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION

President Keyes-Maloney stated that this allows us to continue operations for an additional month in light of the slight delay we had from DCA with receiving back our budget and to allow us the time to make the changes, to amend the budget.

Councilman Baxter then moved the Resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Wollert.

ROLL CALL	Ms. Wollert	YES
	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Schroth	YES
	Ms. Steward	YES
	President Keyes-Maloney	YES

2. The Clerk read (**Resolution #15R-101**) A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE AN INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUCH PROPERTIES QUALIFY AS AN “AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT” OR “AREA IN NEED OF REHABILITATION” UNDER THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.*)

President Keyes-Maloney stated that this allows us to refer this matter to the Planning Board to determine whether the “channel 52” parcel should be subsumed under the existing redevelopment law which will allow us some additional control over what happens with that particular parcel. There were no questions from Council.

Ron Prykanowski (16 Thurston Avenue) said that this property (Old channel 52) is already under development. Why would it now be designated or looked at as an area of redevelopment? Administrator McManimon said that it has been demolished but we are waiting for the approval process, they have conceptual drawings. President Keyes-Maloney stated that it hasn’t come before Planning Board yet and there has been lots of chatter but nothing concrete. There was some more discussion and Councilman Schroth made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilman Baxter.

ROLL CALL	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Schroth	YES
	Ms. Steward	YES
	Ms. Wollert	YES
	President Keyes-Maloney	YES

3. The Clerk read (**Resolution #15R-102**) **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) FORD F350 PICK UP TRUCKS FOR USE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FROM CHAS S. WINNER D/B/A/ WINNER FORD AS PER STATE CONTRACT T2101**

President Keyes-Maloney stated that again we had a conversation at the agenda session and this will allow us to purchase three Ford pickups under the State Contract. This was part of the modifications we made to the last round of capital budget. Councilman Schroth asked if these vehicles replace vehicles that are out of service, or this is in addition and a totally new purchase. Administrator McManimon responded. There were no other questions from Council or the public.

Councilman Baxter then moved the Resolution seconded by Councilwoman Wollert.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Wollert	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
President Keyes-Maloney	YES

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business President Keyes-Maloney called for a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Wollert so moved seconded by Councilman Baxter. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Jennifer Keyes-Maloney, President

Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk