

July 10th, 2012 - REGULAR SESSION

President Wollert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and 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 11th day of May, 2012.

ROLL CALL

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| ▪ Mr. Baxter – Present | Jim McManimon, Administrator |
| ▪ Ms. Hyser - Present | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Mr. Murphy – Present | Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk |
| ▪ Mr. Summiel - Present | |
| ▪ President Wollert – Present | |

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No comments

CONSENT AGENDA

The Clerk presented the Consent Agenda for approval: (Resolution #12R-128)

1. Authorization for the Chief Financial Officer to pay Township bills in the amount of \$2,197,615.33
2. A Resolution approving the meeting minutes of June 25th, 2012 (Agenda) & June 26th, 2012 (Regular)
3. A Resolution approving Erica J. Hill as a Fire Police Officer/Business Member of the West Trenton Volunteer Fire Company
4. A Resolution authorizing a Block Party/Road Closing for Conway Ave & Grafton Avenue Civic Group on August 4th, 2012
5. A Resolution authorizing The Catholic Church of St. Hedwig to hold a Walking Pilgrimage on August 11th, 2012

Mr. Baxter then moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Hyser, but abstained from item #2, the minutes of June 25th and the 26th due to the fact that she was not present.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Hyser	YES (but abstained from the minutes)
Mr. Murphy	YES
Mr. Summiel	YES
President Wollert	YES

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

1. The Clerk read (Ordinance #12-15) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER TO AMEND CHAPTER 284, ARTICLE II, LANDLORD RESPONSIBILITY (2012)

Ms. Hyser moved the Ordinance for first reading, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Councilwoman Hyser asked the township attorney if Ewing has the ability to license landlords. Attorney Cannon commented that it is authorized by the State. Councilwoman Hyser asked then if we also have the ability to revoke or suspend a license to which Attorney Cannon responded that not for reasons like this. Councilwoman Hyser stated that while she appreciates the intent of the Ordinance, it really doesn't hit the landlord in the pocket. She stated that when landlords are asked to post a bond, they can just get it from their tenants, through their security deposit, but she wonders if it would be a more effective avenue to revoke or suspend their license. Attorney Cannon responded that she thinks it would be more effective, but that this Ordinance is not written that way. She said that she will look into crafting such an ordinance. Administrator McManimon stated that he would work with Construction and the Police Department in enforcing this Ordinance. President Wollert stated that it seems to her, to make it effective at all, somebody has to be responsible for tracking that the Landlord's have registered their properties and the Certificate of Occupancies are properly done. Administrator McManimon stated that the Construction Department has a tracking system now of violations, landlord registration, etc. Administrator McManimon stated that he would put something together for Council but would not be at the next meeting to present it. He stated that he would give it to Joanna Mustafa, CFO and Attorney Cannon. Councilman Summiel reiterated that this is just a revision or an amendment that is already on the books and the significance of this Ordinance is moving the jurisdiction from the Administration to Council and whether or not a conviction occurred. The only concern he has is whether or not we get convictions, to the amount of at least two, and whether they will have any affect. President Wollert agreed.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Murphy	YES	
Ms. Hyser	YES	
Mr. Baxter		YES
Mr. Summiel	YES	
President Wollert	YES	

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

(None for this meeting)

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Clerk read (Resolution #12R-129) A RESOLUTION PROVIDING COMMITMENT TO FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPENDING PLAN.

Ms. Hyser moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Baxter. Seeing no questions from Council or the public, President Wollert asked for roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Baxter	YES	
Ms. Hyser	YES	
Mr. Murphy	YES	
Mr. Summiel		NO
President Wollert	YES	

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business President Wollert called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Baxter so moved, seconded by Ms. Hyser. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Kathleen Wollert, President

Kim Macellaro, Clerk