

AGENDA SESSION 2-23-16

President Schroth called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and read the Open Public Meeting 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 4th day of January, 2016.

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

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Schroth announced that we have a matter for closed session and asked Attorney Cannon to elaborate on this. She read the resolution into the minutes to say that we were going into closed session for the purposes of discussing current contract negotiations, specifically the PBA and SOA contracts and to receive advice from the Labor Counsel. Minutes of the meeting will be made publicly available, if and when appropriate.

Ms. Wollert made a motion to enter into closed executive session, seconded by Ms. Steward. It was agreed by a unanimous voice vote. Council entered into closed executive session at 6:36 p.m.

1. A RESOLUTION EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC FROM A PUBLIC MEETING

At 7:10 p.m. Ms. Keyes-Maloney moved to close the closed session, seconded by Mr. Baxter. It was agreed by a unanimous voice vote. Ms. Steward made a motion to enter back into open session, seconded by Ms. Wollert. It was agreed by a unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION

1. A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REVISIONS OF A NEW CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING (THE “TOWNSHIP”) AND THE EWING TOWNSHIP POLICE SUPERIOR OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION (“SOA”)

President Schroth asked Counsel to give an explanation. Attorney Cannon explained that this is a culmination of many months of negotiations. Labor negotiator Rocky Peterson explained a number of changes in the new contract. There were no questions from Council. Mayor Steinmann stated that it has been eighteen months and wanted to

go on record in saying that at times they were very, very difficult, but it never got personal. He said they were gentlemen and he took his hat off to the attorneys who were also gentlemen. He said it wasn't tumultuous. Everyone got to a point where everyone is comfortable with it. He further stated that there were some hard feelings along the way, but the relationships that he had with the police department, before all this started, he will retain moving forward.

2. A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REVISIONS OF A NEW CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING (THE "TOWNSHIP") AND THE EWING TOWNSHIP PBA LOCAL NO. 111 ("PBA")

President Schroth again asked Rocky Peterson, Labor Negotiator, to give a brief explanation of the changes of this contract. Mr. Peterson said that this contract is very similar to the SOA contract, with slight differences. He explained same. There were no questions from Council. Mayor Steinmann also commented on this contract and said that he echoed what he said about the negotiations with SOA. At times it got very confrontational early on and then the PBA got a new attorney, Mr. Metz, and things went much better. He thanked all the officers that participated in this particular process and said it was a long arduous process, but in the end not everyone got what they wanted, but he feels it is a fair and equitable contract for everybody. He further said that the relationships between Administrator and Police will get back on a solid footing. President Schroth thanked the Mayor for his comments. There were no questions from the public.

3. A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING ADDITIONAL NJ TRANSIT ROUTE 607 BUS STOPS

President Schroth explained that this is adding a bus stop on Parkway Avenue near Marazzos. Administrator McManimon said that the residents requested this stop. There were no questions from Council or the public.

President Schroth asked the Clerk to move all items to the regular agenda for action.

BILLS LIST

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$9,969,705.29 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #16R-13 in the Amount of \$6,931.44

There were no questions from Council or the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council President reviewed the Consent Agenda.

- 1. Approval of Agenda Session Minutes for August 11, 2015; Approval of Regular Session Minutes for August 11, 2015**
- 2. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of a Bingo Sponsored by Ewing High School Project Graduation**
- 3. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of a Casino Night Sponsored by Roxey Ballet Company, Inc.**
- 4. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an On Premise Merchandise Raffle Sponsored by Roxey Ballet Company, Inc.**
- 5. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an On Premise Merchandise Raffle Sponsored by Roxey Ballet Company, Inc.**

There were no questions from Council or the public and the Consent Agenda was approved for action.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

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

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Ms. Keyes-Maloney said that she had her inaugural meeting with the Drug and Alcohol Alliance. She said they had a lovely presentation on how to treat people with addiction issues. She also said that had an update on the post prom event that the school puts on by four students. In addition, she also visited with the Environmental Commission who gave a lovely presentation on the Emerald Ash. This presentation was really focused on tree and shrub landscapers and educating them on what the exposure is and what we can expect with this pest that is about to descend.

Ms. Steward reminded everyone that they are welcome to the Green Team Meeting tomorrow evening and Ewing resident Mark Mirabella would be giving a presentation on “what it means to be an environmentalist” and it starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Ewing Senior and Community Center.

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Don Apai (2181 Pennington Road) said that he is a member of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission and at their last meeting they had a lengthy discussion about the parking at the Community Center. He further said that it was his understanding that when the plans came in originally, it was general consensus from members of the SAC committee and administration, that the parking was inadequate. However, they indicated that a member of the county government was very adamant about the green space and open grass area for historical purposes. He asked if it is officially a historical site. Administrator McManimon answered yes. He asked Council to take under advisement, that they are a victim of their own success, and that particularly the seniors are complaining that there is not enough parking. He said many people are forced to park very far away. He asked about possibly making more handicapped spots. Mayor Bert Steinmann stated that as much as he would like to accommodate the seniors, as they are the backbone of the township, their request is not practical. He said that we are under strict orders from Green Acres. Further, he stated that this design was the original design that Kahn had envisioned for this open space and we have to adhere to the Green Acres orders. He stated that making additional parking in the back will be taken into advisement however if we do that there will be a skate park, tennis courts and other recreational facilities. He said that he encouraged younger individuals to park in the back, but it is hard to enforce. There were no other questions from the public.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Schroth asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Keyes-Maloney so moved seconded by Ms. Steward. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

David Schroth, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk