

January 26, 2016 - REGULAR SESSION

President Schroth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Clerk led everyone in prayer and the flag salute.

Almighty God who holds the fate of Man and Nation, we most humbly beseech thee to bless these deliberations, and these thy servants, that they may act with wisdom and understanding for the good of our community and thy greater glory. Amen.

President Schroth 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 4th day of January, 2016.

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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

- Mr. Baxter – absent
 - Ms. Keyes-Maloney – absent
 - Ms. Steward – present
 - Ms. Wollert – present
 - President Schroth - present
- Jim McManimon, Administrator
 Maeve Cannon, Attorney
 Kim Macellaro, Clerk

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

There were no statements or comments from members of the public.

BILLS LIST

1. The Clerk Read (Resolution #16R-25) A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$1,924,269.76 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #16R-13 in the Amount of \$239,172.39

There were no questions from Council or the public and President Schroth asked for a motion to approve the bills list. Ms. Steward then moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Wollert.

ROLL CALL

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| Ms. Wollert | YES |
| Ms. Steward | YES |
| President Schroth | YES |

CONSENT AGENDA

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.

The Clerk read the Consent Agenda: **(Resolution #16R-26)**

- 1. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle Sponsored by Credit Union of New Jersey Foundation, Inc.

There were no questions from Council or the public.

Ms. Wollert then moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Steward

ROLL CALL

Ms. Steward YES
Ms. Wollert YES
President Schroth YES

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

- 1. The clerk read **(Ordinance #16-03)** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RIGHT OF WAY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT AGREEMENT, AMENDING AN EXISTING DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND ACCEPTING A DRAINAGE AND RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT

President Schroth said that as we discussed during the Agenda Session, this is an Ordinance clarifying responsibilities of certain entities that have an easement surrounding these drains. There were no questions from Council or the public.

Ms. Steward made a motion to introduce the Ordinance for first reading, seconded by Ms. Wollert.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Wollert YES
Ms. Steward YES
President Schroth YES

- 2. The Clerk read **(Ordinance #16-04)** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO PROVIDE FOR A STREET OPENING MORATORIUM AND TO OTHERWISE REGULATE AND RESTRICT STREET OPENINGS IN THE TOWNSHIP

President Schroth explained that as discussed during the Agenda Session, this is an Ordinance that was brought to create more structure to the handling of public entities when they work on the pipes and roadways. Attorney Cannon clarified that it is not just public entities but private as well. There were no questions from Council or the public.

Ms. Wollert made a motion to introduce the Ordinance for first reading, seconded by Ms. Steward.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Steward YES
Ms. Wollert YES
President Schroth YES

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

1. The Clerk read **(Ordinance #16-01) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, REGULATING PRIVATE STORM DRAIN INLETS**

Attorney Cannon explained that this is an extension of an existing Ordinance that already required the township for public storm drain inlets to meet certain DEP standards and requirements. She further explained that this now extends the DEP requirements to private storm drains.

Ms. Wollert made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Ms. Steward. It was agreed by a unanimous voice vote. There being no comment, Ms. Steward made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Ms. Wollert. It was agreed by a unanimous voice vote.

President Schroth asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Ms. Wollert made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Ms. Steward.

ROLL CALL

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| Ms. Steward | YES |
| Ms. Wollert | YES |
| President Schroth | YES |

2. The Clerk read **(Ordinance #16-02) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO PROVIDE FOR TWO HOUR PARKING ON THE PRIVATE STREETS AND PARKING AREAS WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY CAMPUS TOWN DEVELOPMENT**

President Schroth explained that this is an Ordinance brought at the urging of The College of New Jersey to address parking on their Campus Town and establish certain parking limits and times. He asked for a motion to open the public hearing.

Ms. Steward made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Ms. Wollert. It was agreed by a unanimous voice vote. Stacy Shuster, Associate Vice President for College Relations at the College of New Jersey (110 Wyndham Place, Robbinsville, NJ) said that she came in case there were questions from the public because there were questions raised at the first reading. The concerns were whether or not this would be targeting patrons. It was actually to make sure that students, faculty and staff are not using that parking lot, when parking lots on the campus are overflowing. This is to make sure that there are spots for patrons at the urging of the retailers. Attorney Cannon said that regarding the number of spots that are going to be impacted, the employees of the vendors will place placards in their vehicles. Ms. Shuster said that this will be monitored regularly to see if the two hours is enough, especially with the restaurants starting to open up. There were no other questions. Ms. Steward made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Ms. Wollert. It was agreed by a unanimous voice vote.

President Schroth asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Ms. Steward made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Ms. Wollert.

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| Ms. Wollert | YES |
| Ms. Steward | YES |
| President Schroth | YES |

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Clerk read **(Resolution #16R-27) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CY2015 RESERVE BUDGET TRANSFERS**

President Schroth stated that this is a routine resolution authorizing the transfer of budget items for the payment of bills in the early part of this year. There were no questions from Council or the public.

Ms. Wollert then moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Steward

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| Ms. Steward | YES |
| Ms. Wollert | YES |
| President Schroth | YES |

- 2. The Clerk read (Resolution #16R-28) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX ASSESSOR TO ACT AS AGENT FOR TOWNSHIP OF EWING FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILING AND SETTling TAX APPEALS ON BEHALF OF THE TAXING DISTRICT FOR THE TAX YEAR 2016**

President Schroth stated that as discussed during the agenda session this is a routine resolution authorizing the tax assessor to act as an agent resolve small tax disputes and our tax attorney to handle them. There were no questions from Council or the public.

Ms. Wollert then moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Steward

ROLL CALL

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| Ms. Steward | YES |
| Ms. Wollert | YES |
| President Schroth | YES |

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business President Schroth called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Steward so moved seconded by Ms. Wollert. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

David P. Schroth, President

Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk