

January 9, 2018 – AGENDA SESSION

President Wollert called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m 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 3rd Day of January 2018.

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 – Present | Jim McManimon, Administrator |
| ▪ Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Excused | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth – Present | Susan Bate, Deputy Municipal Clerk |
| ▪ Ms. Steward – Present | |
| ▪ President Wollert – Present | |

President Wollert stated for the record that Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney has an excused absence for this evening.

At the request of the Council President, the Deputy Clerk read the title for each Agenda Item.

DISCUSSION

- 1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EWING TOWNSHIP SALARY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING**

The Attorney explained that two municipal officials – the Administrator and the Municipal Clerk – are not part of any collective bargaining unit so their salaries are adjusted annually. Their benefits track with the contract of the IBEW Local 102.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. This Item was approved for Action.

- 2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND CHAPTER 91 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

President Wollert said that this is an effort to level the playing field for all liquor licensees. Council has the option of moving forward the opening time to sell packaged goods from twelve noon to either 10 a.m. or 9 a.m. 9 a.m. is the State statute.

At the request of Vice President Baxter, the Attorney explained the current State law.

Council discussed this and decided on 9 a.m. to align the Township Ordinance with State law.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public. This Item was approved for Action.

3. A RESOLUTION OF TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

President Wollert explained that this is the temporary budget for the first three months of the year.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. This Item was approved for Action.

4. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHECK AUTHORIZATION PRIOR TO BILLS LIST APPROVAL

The Council President briefly explained the Resolution at Vice President Baxter's request.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public. This Item was approved for Action.

5. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING 2018 SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT FOR HEALTH SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING AND THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON

The Council President stated that Council authorizes this each year. The Township receives health services provided by Hamilton Township and gets points from the State for being in a shared service.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. This Item was approved for Action.

6. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE HOLLOWBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER TO THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE MERCER COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS NUTRITION PROGRAM

President Wollert stated that this has been ongoing for a number of years and is just a standard lease agreement.

Vice President Baxter commented that he is glad that everyone has settled back in after the renovation.

The Administrator added that now the Town will get the income back. During the renovation, the program moved to the Pennington Road ballroom and the Town had to pay for its use.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public. This Item was approved for Action.

7. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE EWING (EDAA) MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019

President Wollert said that this is a standard renewal. The Township is provided grant money for the Municipal Drug and Alcohol Alliance.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. This Item was approved for Action.

Discussion Items Eight and Nine were read together.

8. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EWING-LAWRENCE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY, ANNE LITECKY AND THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICES FOR 17 BRANDON ROAD WEST

9. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EWING-LAWRENCE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY, KATHLEEN PETERSON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICES FOR 293 PENNINGTON-LAWRENCEVILLE ROAD

The Council President said that both are for the provision of sewer services by ELSA.

The Attorney briefly explained why the Ewing Council needs to approve this and mentioned how it is beneficial to the Town as these homeowners pay an enhanced rate.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. These Items were approved for Action.

10. A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FINAL DECREASE TO RICHARD T. BARRETT PAVING CO., INC. FOR FY' 2015 NJDOT TRUST FUND RESURFACING OF GREEN LANE (PHASE II)

The Council President said that for this project, the Township received money from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Trust Fund. The contractor put in this change order decrease as the project did not cost as much as the initial contract anticipated.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. This Item was approved for Action.

11. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE RELEASE FOR FY' 2015 NJDOT TRUST FUND RESURFACING OF GREEN LANE (PHASE II) EWING TOWNSHIP ENGINEERS REMINGTON & VERNICK AND AFFILIATES #1102-T-030 AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND NO. 2251398

President Wollert said that this is standard. The performance of the job was satisfactory so the bond monies will be released at this point in time.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. This Item was approved for Action.

12. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EWING TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER SURPLUS FIREARMS AND EQUIPMENT TO U.S. ARMORMENT, LLC IN EXCHANGE FOR CREDIT TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF WEAPONS, AMMUNITION OR ACCESSORIES

President Wollert said that she had a conversation with Chief Stemler about this. These munitions are beyond their useful life. The Police are permitted to send them to a licensed arms dealer. This is the same company that the Police use to purchase ammunition. The Police Department will receive about a \$2,300.00 credit.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. This Item was approved for Action.

BILLS LIST

- 1. A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #17R-14 in the Amount of \$931,891.26**
- 2. A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #17R-14 in the Amount of \$2,757.70**

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. Both Items were approved for Action.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Deputy Clerk presented the Consent Agenda for Review.

1. Approval of Agenda Session Minutes for August 8, 2017, September 12, 2017; Approval of Regular Session Minutes for August 8, 2017; September 12, 2017.
2. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Director of EMS for Overpayment in the Amount of \$11.77 for Overpayment of Transport Service on August 11, 2017 for Patient Nancy Craynock to Aetna, P.O. Box 14079, Lexington, Kentucky 40512-4079.

The Administrator responded to Vice President Baxter and explained that the Town only collects what the insurance company pays. Homeowners are not charged anything if the insurance company does not pay.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public. The Consent Agenda was approved for Action.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

(None for this Meeting)

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

(None for this Meeting)

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councilwoman Steward said that the Green Team will hold their annual retreat this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the ESCC. They will be planning for the upcoming year. Councilwoman Steward added that she is excited to be back as Council's representative to the Green Team. Councilwoman Steward responded to Councilman Schroth that, in 2019, the Green Team will apply for Sustainable New Jersey.

President Wollert said that because of a snowstorm, the Planning Board did not meet last week. Their Reorganization will be held in February.

Vice President Baxter said that the Recreation Advisory Board meeting is not until next week. The Ewing High basketball season started last Saturday with Ewing losing to Trenton by two points with eight seconds left in the game. The Winter Recreation Basketball League is ongoing. Games are held each Saturday at Antheil from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

There were no additional Commission and Committee Reports.

NEW BUSINESS

(None for this Meeting)

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Ron Prykanowski (16 Thurston Avenue) wished everyone a successful New Year. Mr. Prykanowski asked Council and the Administration to get together with Hopewell, Hamilton and Lawrence and do something – whether it is litigation, legislation or the formation of a regional water authority - about Trenton Water Works as it is becoming a detriment to the health and safety of Ewing residents. Mr. Prykanowski said that he is going to encourage the State legislators to act as well.

The Administrator informed everyone that the Mayors of Ewing, Hopewell, Hamilton and Lawrence along with the County Executive met with the Mayor of Trenton about ten days ago. The DEP has made it clear that they want Trenton Water to bring in an outside agency to run the filtration plant.

Council and the Administrator discussed this at length.

Anne Chmielewski (49 Sunset Avenue) echoed Mr. Prykanowski regarding the water situation and gave a lot of credit to those who work outside in the cold fixing pipes. However, Trenton Water is being run abysmally and something needs to be done and asked why can't the State take it over.

Ms. Chmielewski commented that she pays a lot of money for the water and it is not her responsibility to deal with this. Ms. Chmielewski mentioned the change to the federal tax code and asked if the Township had seen an influx in early tax payments and if it helped the Township in any way.

President Wollert replied that the Tax Collector said that \$2.2 million had been prepaid. It all goes towards next year's budget. It will not impact the tax rate.

Ms. Chmielewski suggested that these monies be put into an interest bearing account.

The Administrator responded to Ms. Chmielewski and discussed the upcoming property reassessment.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

CLOSED SESSION

(None for this Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Wollert asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Steward so moved seconded by Mr. Baxter. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Kathleen Wollert, President

Susan Bate, Deputy Municipal Clerk