

April 24, 2018 – AGENDA SESSION

President Wollert called the meeting to order at 7:48 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 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 – Present | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth – Present | Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk |
| ▪ Ms. Steward – Present | |
| ▪ President Wollert – Present | |

PRESENTATION – Proclamation – Boys & Girls Club of Mercer County – “Youth of the Year” – Emani Wilson

The Council President said that this is well deserved and then read the Proclamation.

Vice President Baxter congratulated Emani on being a great student and said that Council tries to acknowledge everyone that they can; but a lot of the time, they just do not get the information. Mr. Baxter thanked those who brought this to his attention so Ms. Wilson could be here tonight.

President Wollert said that Emani represents the best of Ewing’s youth. Our schools do a very good job of educating those who really look forward to getting that education. Ms. Wollert wished Ms. Wilson every success.

Ms. Wilson thanked her parents and those at the Boys & Girls Club.

DISCUSSION

- 1. BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,900,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

President Wollert asked for an explanation from the Administration. Administrator McManimon explained that we had already included \$100,000.00 in the budget. He asked Council if they had received the breakdown of the various items to which Council replied yes. Mr. McManimon went on to explain that they are looking to make various upgrades to the municipal building, a firehouse generator at Station 30 (formerly Pennington Road), the technology department, multiple improvements to the building, (undertaking a study), closing the courtyard and getting rid of the trailer, ESCC renovations, police department renovations (new carpet, painting, new lighting), money set aside for emergency road repairs beyond the capital budget (depending on mother nature), buying one police vehicle (unmarked), a new landscape truck for DPW, new ambulance for EMS, backstops for Armstrong Park, support of both Prospect Heights and West Trenton for some new items,

new lead meter for the Health Department, and the last big one is the ESCC Splashpad which will be put in place later this year to be available for next summer. President Wollert expressed that a number of expenditures are to update the firehouse because we have installed full time 24/7 coverage in town and they run out of that particular firehouse, so they needed to make some changes and do some repair work that had not been done previously. She also mentioned that part of the Capital Budget will be used for the Splash Pad at the ESCC. There are additional funds from Mercer at Play grant monies that will be received by the town for the particular purpose of putting the Splash Pad in, reducing the need for us to bond as much as we would have to otherwise to put that in place. The lead meter is a very necessary thing for our Health Department to have. She asked for any questions from Council. President Wollert reiterated that when the budget was adopted, \$100,000.00 was appropriated as a down payment toward the bond funding.

There were no questions from the Council or the public and President Wollert instructed the Clerk to move it to the Regular Agenda for action.

2. **A RESOLUTION GRANTING DAVID A. MULLER PERMISSION TO RECEIVE HIS SERVICE FIREARM (GLOCK 21, .45 CAL. SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOL SERIAL NUMBER RYA-947) UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE EWING TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY 1, 2018**

The Council President said that this is standard practice.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

This Item was approved for Action.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL MATTERS

1. **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL FOR RENEWAL OF 2017-2018 EWING MUNICIPAL LIQUOR HOLDER; BEAR TAVERN LIQUOR, LLC t/a/ BEAR TAVERN, LLC (LICENSE 1102-33-020-007)**

At the request of the Council President, the Clerk explained that this is a housing cleaning resolution. They had paid all their fees but needed to have a Special Ruling because their license had been inactive for two licensing periods. They received that in October. They are not open – it is the old Café Mulino; the new PJ's - but Council has to approve the license for when they do open.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

BILLS LIST

1. **A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$535,665.09 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #18R-15 in the Amount of \$10,358.64**

There are no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Wollert present the Consent Agenda for review.

1. **Approval of Agenda Session Minutes for December 12, 2017; Approval of Regular Session Minutes for December 12, 2017**
2. **A Resolution Authorizing the American Diabetes Association to Hold a Bike Ride on June 2, 2018**
3. **A Resolution Authorizing PEAC Health & Fitness to Hold a 5K Run**
4. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Municipal Clerk in the amount of \$35.40 to Mary Wilson of 729 Edgewood Avenue in Trenton, New Jersey 08618 for two years worth of dog license payments. The aforementioned homeowner applied for a dog license through our portal and the Clerk's office inadvertently gave her said licenses not realizing that she lived in Trenton.**

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

(None for this Meeting)

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

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND CHAPTER 215, ARTICLE X, SECTION 215-101 TITLED “GUARANTEES AND INSPECTIONS”

At the request of the Council President, the Attorney gave an overview of this Ordinance and its companion Ordinance, Discussion Item Number Two.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

Both Ordinances for Second Reading were approved for Action.

2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND CHAPTER 215, ARTICLE XI, SECTION 215-106 TITLED “ENFORCEMENT”

This was discussed with Item Number One.

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that the Student Art Show was held this past weekend at the Elks. It was very well attended. There was even some performance art and a select group from the Fisher Middle School orchestra entertained the crowd. There was also a chance for kids and adults to do some art – origami amongst other things. On June 18th, a mural that the High School Art Club worked on, will be unveiled here at the Municipal Building. It depicts scenes around Ewing. Also, some of the Student Art will be coming to the Municipal Building. The Ewing Drug & Alcohol Alliance will be holding an event on the opioid crisis this Friday at the Education Building at the College of New Jersey.

Vice President Baxter congratulated Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney on all the work she has done with the art project that is taking place in the Municipal Building. People are visiting just to see the art. Mr. Baxter said that the Recreation Advisory Board met last week; many topics were discussed. The Township Planner, Mr. Latini, discussed the new Ewing Open Space Plan. Board members had a number of questions, so Mr. Latini will be at the next meeting on May 15th. Legislation is being discussed to ban tackle football for children under the age of twelve due to the research on CTE. Soccer has already cut back on head balls at a certain age. There are also new requirements in order for municipalities to receive funds from the State to help subsidize low-income families attend summer camps. Ewing Little League had its opener two weeks ago. There were over two hundred children. Vice President Baxter mentioned that a few months ago, it was thought that Ewing would not have enough children to support a League and that we should merge with another town. Eight teams were fielded; three more could have been, if there were sponsors. Construction has begun at Moody Park for the two additional basketball courts as well as the parking lot and the walkway leading up to the Courts. The old tennis area is being repurposed. Because the lights are there, the Town’s fall sports teams can use this area for practice. April 26th is the softball opener at Armstrong Park and on April 30th there will be a ceremony celebrating the donation received for the new dog run at Banchoff Park. Hollowbrook’s reopening ribbon cutting is on May 31st. Vice President Baxter then mentioned that Town & Gown met. He was able to meet the new Director of Community Relations. The College has also appointed a new President who will take over on July 1. Commencement is May 17th. Community representatives were there and happy with what the Community Response Unit is doing. The new head of that Unit has been invited to the next meeting of the Ewing Brae Burn Association. Mr. Baxter mentioned that tomorrow is the last informational meeting for the Township’s reevaluation.

Councilwoman Steward said that Shred Day and Medicine Take Bake Day will be this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

There were no additional Commission and Committee Reports from Council.

NEW BUSINESS

(None for this Meeting)

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Donna Morgan (76 Main Boulevard) asked if anyone can sponsor a Little League team. Vice President Baxter responded – yes, and asked Ms. Morgan to provide the Clerk her contact information.

There were no additional statements and comments from members of the Public.

CLOSED SESSION

(None for this Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Wollert asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schroth so moved seconded by Ms. Steward. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Kathleen Wollert, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk