

TOWNSHIP OF ROBBINSVILLE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
May 12, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Robbinsville was called to order on May 12, 2016 at 7:02 p.m. at the Court Facility located in Robbinsville. Mr. Witt, Council President, presided over the meeting.

ROLL CALL

The call of the roll showed the following to be present: Council President Witt, Council Vice President Calcagno and Council Members McGowan and Ciaccio. Council Member Schubert was absent. Also present were: Chief Financial Officer Bauer, Township Engineer McGough, Public Works Director Colarocco, Chief of Police Nitti, Deputy Fire Chief Schaffener, Recreation Director Barker, Public Information Officer Nalbene, Attorney Roselli and Municipal Clerk Seigfried.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

The Municipal Clerk read the following statement: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as required under Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, specifying the time and place, with such notices being sent to the Times of Trenton and the Trentonian and being posted on the Municipal Building Public Notice Bulletin Board.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Township Council members present led the public in the salute to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – April 14, 2016

Ms. McGowan offered a motion to approve the above meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms.Ciaccio.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ciaccio, McGowan, Witt
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Calcagno
ABSENT: Schubert

There being three (3) ayes, no nays and one (1) abstention, the minutes were declared approved.

RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

There were no Executive Session minutes to release.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Calcagno said that the 10th anniversary of the Senior Center Open House will be this Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. will be. He also said it is well attended and showcases many activities. He said there are outstanding door prizes donated from the surrounding businesses.

Ms. McGowan said she wasn't able to attend last night's Economic Development meeting, but they discussed the upcoming Community Day and helping Recreation getting all the vendors there. She said they discussed the Route 130 Ordinance and the Sustainable New Jersey Green Fair. She also said she was invited to a Policy with Peers meeting through Research House which is a webinar regarding state physical health, state budget policy, and state and local economic growth. She will have that conference call next Monday along with Senator Diane Allen.

Ms. Ciaccio had nothing to report.

Mr. Witt confirmed with Mr. Barker that Dancing Under the Stars is this Friday, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., and the Community Festival is being combined with the Green Fair on June 11th, followed by the fishing derby on Father's Day. Mr. Witt also said that the Robbinsville Education

Golf Outing is on Tuesday May 17th. He said they have 131 golfers participating, and it's a great foundation for a good cause. He said the proceeds go toward supplies and anything else the schools need. Mr. Witt said the Farmer's Market will run Tuesdays from June 7th through the 2nd or 3rd week in the September. He said there are 20 vendors, and it will be bigger and better than before. He also said there are other interesting programs that will be part of it such as kale with a Cop, fun with firemen, meet the mayor and meet your council, which will be a nice experience to bring people together.

Mr. Nalbhone said it will be held behind the new municipal building and you enter through Union Street.

Mr. Witt said please come and support it.

REPORTS OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/MAYOR

Proclamation – Parents Who Host Lose the Most

Ms. Ciaccio explained the proclamation and it was read by Council President Witt.

Mr. Calcagno asked Mr. McGough if the Planning Board application for the property near Papa's Pizza will be required to do improvements at the intersection of Rt. 130 by the gas station.

Mr. McGough said no, because the traffic reports won't trigger that. He explained that there is a road in the master plan behind the plaza that the developer will be required to eventually construct that will lead out to Route 130.

Mr. Calcagno asked Mr. McGough about the timetable of the closing of both Richardson and Tindall Roads, because he knew there was going to be grading beyond the resurfacing.

Mr. McGough responded by saying that Tindall Road will start in August and they will resurface the whole road. He said Richardson Road will have a closure at the curve for two weeks with a detour, which he would like to start in late August, but, it's whenever DOT approves plans. Mr. McGough said they just submitted plans to DOT and he would like to have Council award it the first meeting in August.

Mr. Calcagno asked when the Pond and Hutchinson Road traffic light is going up. Mr. McGough said it was awarded by Council and it will start sometime in July or August, when school is out.

Ms. Ciaccio said a customer asked her when the Windswept development roads would be paved. Mr. McGough said he would put it on the list.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There being no one from the public wishing to speak, Ms. Ciaccio offered a motion to close the public participation portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. McGowan.

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the public participation portion of the meeting was declared closed.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION

Ordinance 2016-14

Ms. Ciaccio offered a motion to introduce on first reading and have published according to law, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROBBINSVILLE FOR 2016." The motion was seconded by Mr. Calcagno. The public hearing will be held on May 26, 2016.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Calcagno, Ciaccio, McGowan, Witt
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Schuberth

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2016-13

This being the time and place for a public hearing on “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF DEED OF EASEMENT FOR WATERLINES BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF ROBBINSVILLE AND AQUA, NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR A PORTION OF BLOCK 3.47, LOT 1.01,” Mr. Witt opened the meeting for comments from the public.

There being none, it was moved by Ms. Ciaccio and seconded by Ms. McGowan to close the public hearing.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Calcagno, Ciaccio, McGowan, Witt
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Schubert

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Calcagno and seconded by Ms. Ciaccio to adopt the Ordinance.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Calcagno, Ciaccio, McGowan, Witt
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Schubert

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the ordinance was declared adopted.

2016 ANNUAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET

This being the time and place for a public hearing on the 2016 Annual Municipal Budget, Mr. Witt opened the meeting for comments from the public.

There being no one from the public wishing to speak, Mr. Calcagno offered a motion to close the public participation portion of the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ciaccio.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Calcagno, Ciaccio, McGowan, Witt
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Schubert

The motion carried.

Resolution 2016-123 Resolution Amending 2016 Municipal Budget

Mr. Calcagno offered the above resolution and moved its adoption, as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ciaccio.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Calcagno, Ciaccio, McGowan, Witt
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Schubert

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the resolution was declared adopted, as amended.

Mr. Witt read the following letter:

To My Colleagues on the Council and to the Robbinsville Public,

I regret that I am not able to be present this evening to cast my vote in support of Mayor Fried’s 2016 Municipal Budget. Allow me to take a moment to issue a strong statement of support for this budget, and to thank the Mayor, Business Administrator Joy Tozzi, Chief Financial Officer Debbie Bauer, and all of the department heads that worked long and hard to produce it.

During my campaign for this Council seat, I heard a clear message from the residents I visited with. They were concerned about their tax bill, and they wanted to see the Mayor and Council continue working to keep Robbinsville an affordable place to live, work, and raise a family. During this period of great economic uncertainty, and looking at the behavior of governing bodies in neighboring communities with regard to fiscal policy, I understand and share their concerns.

I'm proud to have been presented with a budget that reduces Robbinsville's municipal tax bill for the second time in the past three years. After a more thorough review, I'm also satisfied that this budget provides the necessary funds to enhance the quality of municipal services, invests wisely in local economic development, and provides for a variety of quality of life activities spearheaded by our Recreation Department. Simply put, Robbinsville will be better off a year from now following the passage of this budget.

It takes a great deal of fiscal discipline, careful planning, and some tough decision-making to be able to produce budgets like this year after year. We are fortunate to have an administration that remains focused on the concerns of our taxpayers, with the skills to navigate through these challenging times. I strongly support the adoption of this FY 2016 municipal budget, and I'm confident that my colleagues will do so as well.

Respectfully,
Dan Schuberth
Robbinsville Township Councilman

Mr. Witt echoed what Mr. Schuberth said in his letter, he also said that year after year Robbinsville is one of only a few communities that was able to establish tax stability. Mr. Witt said that by continuing to keep our taxes flat, we continue to enhance and expand services that our residents can benefit from. He said it's a testament to our Department heads and everyone that is here that makes Robbinsville a very nice community to be a part of. Mr. Will finished by saying he appreciated all the hard work this administration has done.

Resolution 2016-146 2016 Budget Adoption Resolution

Mr. Calcagno offered the above resolution and moved its adoption as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ciaccio.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Calcagno, Ciaccio, McGowan, Witt
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Schuberth

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the resolution was declared adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following resolutions were approved as the consent agenda:

- Resolution 2016-124 Consenting to Appointment on Library Advisory Committee
- Resolution 2016- 125 Zoning Board Appointment
- Resolution 2016- 126 Amending Resolution 2014-269 – EMS Dispatch Services
- Resolution 2016-127 Authorizing Special Event Permit – Sharon School PTA
- Resolution 2016- 128 Authorizing Special Event Permit – BAPS Walkathon
- Resolution 2016-129 Authorizing Fireworks Display Permit – Community Day
- Resolution 2016- 130 Amending Green Team Advisory Committee to Add Additional Member
- Resolution 2016- 131 Refund of Tax Overpayments
- Resolution 2016- 132 Refund of Sewer Fees
- Resolution 2016-133 Release Performance Guarantees – CCL Label
- Resolution 2016- 134 Release Performance Guarantees – CCL Label
- Resolution 2016-135 Release Soil Disturbance Bonds – Princeton Research Lands
- Resolution 2016-136 Release Inspection Fees – Princeton Research Lands
- Resolution 2016-137 Release Plan Review Escrow Fees - Various projects
- Resolution 2016-138 Amending Depositories/Signatories Resolution
- Resolution 2016-139 Approving Grant Application for Richardson Road, Phase II
- Resolution 2016-140 Award of Bid – Traffic Signal at Pond Road
- Resolution 2016-141 Amending Resolution 2016-25, Prof. Services Agreements for Engineering Services
- Resolution 2016-143 Shared Services – Hamilton Fire District #7 and #9
- Resolution 2016-144 Authorizing Application for FY2015 Firefighters Grant
- Resolution 2016-145 Chapter 159 - FY2015 Firefighters Grant

Ms. Ciaccio offered the above items and moved their adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. Calcagno.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Calcagno, Ciaccio, McGowan, Witt
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Schuberth

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the resolutions were declared adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2016-142 Accepting Donation of Treadmill

Ms. Ciaccio offered the above resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. Calcagno.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Calcagno, Ciaccio, Witt
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: McGowan
ABSENT: Schuberth

There being three (3) ayes, one (1) abstention, and no nays, the resolution was declared adopted.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Current	5-01, 6-01	\$ 4,448,571.43
Sewer	5-07, 6-07	\$8,466.30
Sewer Capital	C-08	\$0.00
Capital	C-04	\$65,253.50
Grant	G-02	\$152,133.97
Plan Review	6-20	\$8,067.00
Inspections	6-21	\$0.00
Performance	6-22	\$0.00
Maintenance	6-23	\$0.00
Other Trust	T-12	\$24,223.55
Revolving Loan	T-14	\$0.00
Animal Control	T-15	\$351.40
Payroll	T-16	\$0.00
Recreation Trust	T-18	<u>\$3,370.65</u>
Total all funds		\$ 4,710,437.80

Mr. Calcagno offered a motion that all bills found in order and correct be approved for payment. The motion was seconded by Ms. McGowan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Calcagno, Ciaccio, McGowan, Witt
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Schuberth

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the bills were declared approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items.

SECOND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There being no one from the public wishing to speak, Ms. McGowan offered a motion to close the public participation portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ciaccio.

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the public participation portion of the meeting was declared closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/RECESS

Ms. Seigfried read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Robbinsville Council, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussions of and action hereinafter specified as:
 - a. Litigation – Lee v. the Township of Robbinsville
2. It is anticipated at this time the above stated subject matter will be made public when it is determined that the need for confidentiality no longer exists.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Ms. McGowan offered a motion to adopt the above resolution and recess the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Calcagno.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Calcagno, Ciaccio, McGowan, Witt
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Schubert

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the resolution was declared adopted and the Township Council recessed the meeting and entered into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2016-145 Authorizing Settlement Agreement – Lee V. Township of Robbinsville

Ms. Ciaccio offered the above resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. Calcagno.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Calcagno, Ciaccio, McGowan , Witt
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Schubert

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the resolution was declared adopted.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Current	6-01	\$ 62,164.57
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Ms. Ciaccio offered a motion that all bills found in order and correct be approved for payment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Calcagno.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Calcagno, Ciaccio, McGowan, Witt
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Schubert

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the bills were declared approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Ron Witt, Council President

Michele Seigfried, Municipal Clerk