

ANDOVER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**PHIL BOYCE, MAYOR
DOLORES BLACKBURN, DEPUTY MAYOR
MICHAEL LENSAK
JANIS Mc GOVERN
TOM WALSH**

SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Andover Township Committee was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Deputy Mayor Blackburn, followed by a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Present: Ms. Mc Govern,
Mr. Walsh, Deputy Mayor Blackburn
Also, present Attorney Semrau, Deputy Clerk Francisco

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT Statement of compliance with Chapter 231, P. L. 1975 was made by Deputy Mayor Blackburn.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Ms. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the resolution to go into executive session to discuss

Personnel Matters:

1. ***Department of Public Works Matters***
2. ***Staffing for the Municipal Building***

Contract Negotiations:

1. ***Possible Shared Services Opportunities - Shared Municipal Court***

Attorney-Client Privilege:

1. ***Property Located at Block 73/Lot 6***
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1. ***Tax Appeal – Young Realty v. Andover Township***

, was carried unanimously.
(See Insert Attached to These Minutes)

The Committee went into executive session at 6:30 P.M. Mr. Walsh moved to adjourn executive session at 7:15 P.M., seconded by Ms. McGovern and the motion was carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Mr. Walsh moved to approve the regular meeting agenda, seconded by Ms. McGovern and carried unanimously.

***CONSENT AGENDA**

Deputy Mayor Blackburn asked that the consent agenda be amended as follows:

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS Deputy Mayor Blackburn asked that Resolution

#R2014-115 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE TO REPORT LAKE LENAPE WATER COMPANY TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND REQUESTING INTERVENTION and

#R2014-116 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TONI GRISAFFI TO THE POSITION OF CLERK 1 FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15, 2014 be added to the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Walsh moved the following consent items be approved, as amended, seconded by Ms. McGovern and carried unanimously.

***OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. ***APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT***
2. ***ACCEPTANCE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2014***

***RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **#R2014-107 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT TO APPLICANT "CELEBRATION FIREWORKS" ON THE PERONA FARMS PROPERTY FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014**
2. **#R2014-108 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AUTHORIZE THE ANNUAL SICK LEAVE BUYBACK OPTION TO POLICE CHIEF ACHILLE TAGLIATELA FOR 2014**
3. **#R2014-109 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AUTHORIZE THE ANNUAL SICK LEAVE BUYBACK OPTION TO POLICE SERGEANT ROD MOSNER FOR 2014**

4. #R2014-110 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AUTHORIZE THE ANNUAL SICK LEAVE BUYBACK OPTION TO POLICE LIEUTENANT ERIC DANIELSON FOR 2014
5. #R2014-111 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AUTHORIZE THE ANNUAL SICK LEAVE BUYBACK OPTION TO POLICE OFFICER JASON MILLS FOR 2014
6. #R2014-112 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AUTHORIZE THE ANNUAL SICK LEAVE BUYBACK OPTION TO MUNICIPAL CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR VITA THOMPSON FOR 2014
7. #R2014-113 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AUTHORIZE THE ANNUAL SICK LEAVE BUYBACK OPTION UPON RETIREMENT TO FINANCE ACCOUNT CLERK ADELE PIERAGOWSKI FOR 2014
8. #R2014-114 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM GAIL D. LINCOLN AS CLERK-TYPIST FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 WITH REGRETS

*OTHER BUSINESS: **SWEARING IN CEREMONY**
 POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS
 SERGEANT RODERICK MOSNER
 SERGEANT BRIAN KITHCART

Deputy Mayor Blackburn Swore in Sergeant Roderick Mosner and Sergeant Brian Kithcart. The Swearing in of the Police Sergeants was followed by a hearty round of applause.

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PUBLIC PORTION

James Woodstrum, 841 Limecrest Rd. asked questions regarding on the Article in the NJ Herald, the Andover Township is losing the participation of the Township of Fredon in our 911-system. What does Andover Borough pay and Hamburg Borough? Does anyone know? Mr. Walsh responded he believed Hamburg to be about \$90,000, without Police Dept. only Fire Department. He believed Andover Borough was \$8000.00 He asked the committee how Monmouth County is able to provide 911 services for a population of 630,000 for \$400,000 per year and Sussex County spends \$315,000 with a population of 145,000 according to the NJ Herald. Andover Township and Andover Borough and Hamburg have a combined population 13,803 and spend \$316,000 He wanted to know, how could that be? Deputy Mayor Dolores Blackburn stated we maybe comparing apples and oranges because we are not familiar with Monmouth 911 services. Councilman Walsh said they do not provide police dispatching services only fire. The committee is looking into it.

Jackie Espinoza from Power Company told the committee that they had sent a donation to the town for Andover Township Day. She advised residents to be aware of the "Green Dot" scam. Nationwide, scams are becoming more savvy. An alert has been released. Ms. Blackburn thanked Ms. Espinoza for the donation.

James Woodstrum returned to the floor and spoke about the phone bill "gaming fee", he recently had on his bill. He explained that if you did not decline to use the gaming service offered by Century Link, they automatically charge for the service.

Diane Gillespie requested the Township Committee investigate why the internet is so slow in this area. Businesses owners told her that it is deterring business from coming to Sussex County. Jim Holmes suggested it was because Verizon Fios was not available here.

The public portion of the meeting was closed and would be revisited later in the meeting.

***RESOLUTIONS:**

#R2014-117A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT

Mr. Walsh motioned to approve the above resolution, Deputy Mayor briefly described the agreement, Mr. Lensak seconded the motion via speakerphone. The motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote. Ms. McGovern abstained.

PUBLIC PORTION (CONTINUED)

Rick Melfi recognized Jim Holmes and Gigi Regolizio for their efforts in putting together Andover Township Day.

There was a round of applause.

He stated he would like to see Andover Township Day become an Annual Event. Mr. Holmes stated that the Town has set aside September 12, 2015 for next year's event.

Mr. Holmes also thanked the Fire Dept. In addition, the DPW for their efforts. He suggested he would like to see more rides next year.

Gigi Regolizio said more man power is needed along with subcommittees, suggested a bus for parking issues.

Carla Kostelnik announced that the Lake Iliff access road brush cleanup is scheduled for next weekend and requested that it be placed on the Township's sign. Please bring handsaws and clippers.

NEW BUSINESS: Committeeman Walsh requested the committee to add Pay to play topic: cooling off period for next meeting. Attorney Semrau to prepare a draft ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS- No other business was discussed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MS. MCGOVERN announced that the Senior Information is officially now on the Township Website. Friday Nov. 14, 2014, seniors have a trip to Hunterdon Hill Playhouse, which includes lunch and a musical cost is \$85.00. Next senior meeting is scheduled for Monday Oct. 6 at the Senior Center in Andover Borough.

Open Space Committee had a table at Andover Township Day for signup and volunteers. Lake Iliff Access Road Cleanup to be put on Township Sign.

She recently attended County League of Municipalities meeting where Gus Modla was the guest speaker. He spoke regarding Sussex County Technical School student population and the various programs they offer.

She attended the Andover School Board meeting, and reported that they have two questions on the ballot regarding school funding for staffing and a onetime expense of \$58,000 security question.

MS. BLACKBURN. The Land use Board had not met nor did Sustainable Andover since the last meeting therefore Ms. Blackburn had nothing new to report.

MR. WALSH Had nothing additional to report

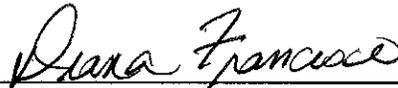
REPORT FROM THE CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR. Deputy Clerk Francisco, deferred reports until next meeting when Clerk/Administrator Thompson will be present.

REPORT FROM THE MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY: Township Attorney Fred Semrau said he might need to bring a resolution to the next meeting regarding the Young's tax Appeal. He needs to make sure there is funding available to proceed if necessary.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS: October 27, November 10 & 24, 2014
6:30 PM Executive Session
7:30PM Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT No further business appearing before the Committee at this time, Mr. Walsh moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 P.M., seconded by Ms. McGovern and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Diana Francisco, R.M.C.
Deputy Clerk

Dolores Blackburn, Deputy Mayor

TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Andover on the 22nd day of September 2014, that:

1. **Before the commencement of this Regular Meeting, the Township Council shall meet in Executive Session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss matters as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-26, sub-section(s):**

- (x) a. (1) Confidential or excluded matters, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court.
- () a. (2) A matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
- () a. (3) Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
- (x) a. (4) A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations.
- (x) a. (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if disclosed.
- () a. (6) Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, if disclosure could impair such protection. Investigation of violations of the law.
- (x) a. (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than in subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.

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- () a. (8) Personnel matters.
 - 1. ***Department of Public Works Matters***
 - 2. ***Staffing for the Municipal Building***
- () b. (9) Deliberations after a public hearing that may result in penalties.
 - 1. The time when the matter(s) discussed pursuant to Paragraph 1 hereof can be disclosed to the public is as soon as practicable after final resolution of the aforesaid matter(s).

Adopted: September 22, 2014

Moved: Walsh Seconded McGovern
Voted Aye: Mc Govern, Walsh, Blackburn,
Voted Nay: None
Abstained: None
