

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution 331-10, setting the 2011 meeting dates, sending a copy to THE RECORD, THE SUBURBANITE, THE BERGEN NEWS/SUN BULLETIN, THE JEWISH STANDARD, and THE COUNTY SEAT, filing a copy in the Township Clerk's Office and posting it on the Municipal Building bulletin board, and the Mayor hereby directs that this statement be included in the minutes.

ROLL CALL

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

239-11. Authorize Council to enter Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Hameeduddin called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order at 8:00 p.m. and asked all those present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Hameeduddin asked all to pause for a *moment of silence* to honor John Abraham, as today was the anniversary of his death.

Present: C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin

Absent: C. Parker

Also Present: S. Turitz – Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka & Goldberg Esqs.; W. Broughton, Township Manager; J. Evelina, RMC, Township Clerk; I. Abbasi, Executive Assistant

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Mayor Hameeduddin welcomed FIOS customers and noted the council meetings will be displayed on Ch. 46.

PRESENTATIONS - Township Employee Commendations

Commended on Twenty-Five (25) Years of Service:

Laura S. Turnbull, Registrar's Office and Dorotea Reyes-Binder, Recreation Department

Commended on Ten (10) Years of Service:

Joyce M. Beyer, Health Department; John Campbell, Department of Public Works and Amy E. Sears, Recreation Department.

Commended on Five (5) Years of Service:

Lisa Skulnik, Recreation Department; Elsa Venticinque, Library; Margaret Franklin, Library; Mark A. Bocchino, Building Department and Gloria Andrade, Social Services

Mayor Hameeduddin congratulated all present for their years of dedicated service.

C. Stern spoke of a combined 105 years of service amongst them all.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ms. Evelina read the Ordinances by title only.

ORDINANCE #4244 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments respecting this ordinance prior to opening the public hearing.

No one came forward.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public hearing on the above ordinance was now open. Any members of the public wishing to be heard on said ordinance or to ask questions concerning said ordinance may come forward and state their name and for the record. Comments or questions shall be limited to five minutes per person.

No one came forward.

There being no further persons wishing to speak concerning said ordinance, the Mayor Hameeduddin to declared that the public hearing on this ordinance was now closed.

Councilmember Stern moved to pass Ordinance 4244 on second and final reading and adopt. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise same according to law.

Seconded by Councilmember Katz.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments respecting this ordinance.

No one came forward.

There being no further comments, Mayor Hameeduddin called on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call:

In Favor: C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that said ordinance was duly adopted.

Township Clerk read in Resolution #263-11.

Mayor Hameeduddin moved up Communications and welcomed Julie Minor, Director of Operations for The Jewish Family. Ms. Minor is seeking an endorsing resolution for an \$87,753 Community Development Block Grant for the improvements to the physical plant located 1485 Teaneck Road.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR GOOD AND WELFARE OR PUBLIC INPUT ON ANY MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments prior to opening the meeting to any comments from the public.

None.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that any members of the public wishing to be heard at this time shall come forward and state their names for the record. Comments shall be limited to five minutes per person.

C. Toffler, Teaneck – Discussed a previous request as to whether or not the Township Attorney is required to oversee professional service contracts.

Ruth Brower, Teaneck- Discussed the red maple tree destruction on her property and read a quote from the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation Mission Statement.

Dee Ann Ipp, Teaneck- Passed out a section of the Township Code to Council members. Spoke on a previous speaker Red Maple tree concern and noted her similar concern with the Historic Burial ground.

Alan Sohn, Teaneck- Discussed the costs associated with the sign machine and over time for the Department of Public Works.

Chuck Powers – spoke on OPRA requests, thumb nail discs, and the fundamentals of the Township and how he is astonished as to what he is finding.

There being no further persons wishing to speak at this time (or the time limit of one hour having expired), Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public comment portion of the meeting was now closed.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council or the Manager wished to respond to the public comments or whether a member of the Council wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda and have a separate discussion thereon.

Mayor Hameeduddin advised that the dock was removed and spoke on an earlier speaker's, advising the Township will be maintaining the Historic Burial Grounds. Mayor Hameeduddin addressed an earlier speech on build vs. buy and noted his belief in the cost effective decision the Township Manager has made with respect to the signage. C. Toffler inquired on the material costs associated with the sign machine. Township Manager advised the Township always had a sign shop; this would be simply modify the signage and would be cost effective. C. Toffler spoke in favor of the removal of the red maple tree. C. Katz concurred.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed below are considered to be routine in nature by Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

RAFFLES

All subject to approval and conditions applicable with the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and pursuant to State Statute.

None.

MINUTES

September 13, 2011 – Closed Session Meeting (C. Katz, Absent) – Approved for Content Only.
October 11, 2011 – Closed Session Meeting (Mayor Hameeduddin, Absent) – Approved for Content Only.

RESOLUTIONS (Resolution #245-11 – vote taken prior to Closed Session)

- 246-11. Appoint Member to Advisory Board on Community Relations.
- 247-11. Amend 2011 Municipal Budget – COPS in Shops 2011.
- 248-11. Ratify Payments – Chief Financial Officer – September, 2011.
- 264-11. Oppose S1351.

- 249-11. Endorse BCCDB Grant – AAH of Bergen County, Inc.
- 250-11. Endorse BCCDB Grant – Jewish Family Service.
- 251-11. Refund 2009 and 2010 Tax Payments Pursuant to State Tax Court Decisions – Chief Financial Officer - Various.
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- 253-11. Refund 2011 Tax Payments Pursuant to State Tax Court Decision – Chief Financial Officer – Block 5201, Lot 2.
- 254-11. Authorize Grant Agreement with County of Bergen – Bergen County Open Space Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Milton Votee Park Roller Hockey Rink Project.
- 255-11. Authorize Grant Agreement with County of Bergen – Bergen County Open Space Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Ammann Park Tennis Court Resurfacing Project.
- 256-11. Authorize Grant Agreement with County of Bergen – Bergen County Open Space Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park New Playground Equipment Installation.
- 257-11. Authorize Grant Agreement with County of Bergen – 2011 Community Development Block Grant Funds – State Street Improvement Project.
- 258-11. Amend Shared Police Services Agreement with Bogota to Include Additional Municipality.
- 259-11. Award Contract – CMS Construction, Inc. – Greenbelt Walkway Improvement.
- 260-11. Authorize Execution of TWA Application – Block 2011, Lot 13.
- 261-11. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order to Rapid Pump Meter Service Company, Inc. – New Cutting Cartridge – Township Pumping Facility.
- 262-11. Authorize Settlement of Municipal Lien – Block 2302, Lot 17.
- 263-11. Cancel Outstanding Checks & Direct Deposits and Record as a Miscellaneous Revenue - 2011 Budget.

BILL LIST

Ms. Evelina read the amount of the Bill List into the record. (\$11,980,753.23)

Councilmember DM. Gussen moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Minutes, Resolutions , and Bill List, and to dispense with the reading of same inasmuch as it has been posted on the bulletin board all day, except Resolution #262-11. Seconded by Councilmember Yitz.

C. Toffler pulled Resolution’s #264-11, #262-11 and #263-11 for discussion.

Mayor Hameeduddin called on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin

Absent: C. Parker

Abstained: DM Gussen (Bill List Item 164102); C. Katz (Bill List, Resolution #251-11, #252-11, #253-11); Mayor Hameeduddin (Minutes of October 11, 2011)

Deputy Mayor Gussen moved Resolution #262-11, seconded by Mayor Hameeduddin.

Mayor Hameeduddin called on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call:

In Favor: C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker

Deputy Mayor Gussen moved Resolution #263-11, seconded by Councilmember Honis.

Mayor Hameeduddin called on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call:

In Favor: C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin

Opposed: None.

Abstained: C. Toffler

Absent: C. Parker

Deputy Mayor Gussen moved Resolution #264-11, seconded by Mayor Hameeduddin.

Mayor Hameeduddin called on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call:

In Favor: C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, Mayor Hameeduddin

Opposed: C. Katz, C. Toffler

Abstained: None.

Absent: C. Parker

Mayor Hameeduddin declared whether said items were passed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2012 Council Meeting Schedule – Clerk’s Request for Council’s Input.

All in favor; Clerk to prepare resolution for the November 29, 2012 Council meeting.

2. Establishment of Township Receptionist Position – Clerk’s Request for Status.

The members of the Subcommittee who were present agreed to contact each other and Councilwoman Parker in an effort to schedule a meeting for further discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CD Representative – Clerk’s Request for Council Representatives.

Township Clerk provided Council with a sample resolution of the language for the Three-Year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen.

Mayor Hameeduddin suggested this discussion be held until the return of C. Parker.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

C. Toffler reported on recent activities/meetings held by the Board of Education in regards to their new curriculum; further congratulated the High School football team on their recent win.

C. Honis briefly touched on the Hackensack River Greenway Advisory Board, the Hurricane Irene devastation and how things are looking up. C. Honis further noted of a down tree and put the Township Manager on notice that a tree had fallen and the Department of Public Works is sought for its removal.

DM Gussen reported on the on-going discussion with the field permit application and that the Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreation Advisory Board had drafted some information for the website.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. Economic Development Advisory Board (C. Toffler).
Mayor Hameeduddin gave his opinion; C. Toffler discussed her thoughts in implementing this board; C. Toffler discussed valet parking on Cedar Lane;
2. Affirmative Action Advisory Board – Update (C. Toffler).

C. Toffler advised that at least one (1) past member is interested in continuing on the Board. Discussion will continue on its establishment and the leadership of.

- a. Press Release Completed – Applications Being Accepted.
Not discussed
- b. Original Documentation since Inception.
Not discussed

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Social Services Advisory Board (SSAB).

In C. Parker's absence, Township Manager advised of the Board's request for an additional \$15,000.00 to assist with the two (2) funds, one assisting food and medical needs and the other being the Hyatt Fund primarily dealing with the emergency housing and utility needs.

2. Ward Plaza – Parking.

Township Manager noted working with the residents of Ward Plaza for about a year now going over the parking. Further noted twenty-three (23) surveys have been received. Discussion took place on meters and the establishment of 'resident only on-street parking'. Mayor did speak to the residents and had asked the Township Manager for a cost break-down. Manager Broughton advised \$50.00 per decal, \$10.00 per overnight stay. Mayor requested the fees for the total number. Township Manager recommends no parking on north side 2-7AM and a pilot program for the south side.

3. I have provisionally promoted Mr. Travon Romeo to the position of Assistant Supervisor with the Department of Public Works, effective October 1, 2011.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

DM. Gussen moved to adjourn at 9:51 p.m. Seconded by Mayor Hameeduddin.

Roll Call.

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Absent: C. Parker