

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF  
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2012

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution #28-12, setting the 2012 meeting dates, sending a copy to THE RECORD and THE JEWISH STANDARD, 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

Resolution 128-12 – Authorize Council to enter Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Deputy Mayor Gussen 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.

Present: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, (arrived at 8:10 p.m.).

Absent: C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

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

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DM. Gussen made a motion to have the Youth Advisory Board Certificate distribution and the Youth Forum Presentation at this time.

Council concurred.

CERTIFICATES

1. 2012 YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD.
  - a. Seniors.

DM. Gussen commended C. Parker for years of tireless dedication to the Youth Advisory Board.

C. Parker stated that although this is a sad time of year in that the seniors will be leaving the Youth Advisory Board, she is so proud of their commitment to this Board and dedication to the Township.

Alyssa Hamilton  
Oghoghosa Igbineweka  
Leora Margelovich  
Dennis Pearson

Uzair Syed  
Eric Tepper  
Michael Pleasants  
Patrick Edmonds  
Ashley Edwards  
Camille Parker

Two special awards were distributed to the adult advisors:

- b. Keisha McLean – 5 years dedicated service.
- c. Tara Edmonds – 5 years dedicated service.

Keisha and Tara spoke about working with the students wishing them luck in their future endeavors.

C. Parker also acknowledged David Hyatt, the Youth Advisory Board's newest adult advisor.

Councilmembers congratulated all of the students for their dedication to this board.

## PRESENTATION

### 2012 Youth Forum – Youth Advisory Board

Zona Jones spoke on behalf of the Teaneck Youth Advisory Board's recent trip to Washington, DC; discussed the trip in its entirety giving a full description of their destinations and experiences. They thanked Council and the Manager for affording them this opportunity.

Issac Rappaport discussed the Youth Forum which was held at Teaneck High School; this year's theme was YAB SWAG; gave a full description of the function of the Youth Forum; thanked Council, the Mayor the Manager and all students who were in attendance.

Victoria Wilkerson presented spoke of ideas the students developed in order to bring awareness to all students with regard to the Youth Forum.

Khalia Leggett indicated that while the students are basically new drivers, there are many roads that are in need of repair in an effort to avoid accidents; listed additional problems with stop lights, speed limits, etc.; was pleased with the new trash bins within the Township, as they make the town more pleasing to the eye.

Taylor Strickland stated that there should be better communication between the Township Police and the students; expressed her concerns with the red sticker program.

Marizo Islam provided information regarding a YAB survey conducted by the members within the Township.

Joey Goffstein stated that the Youth Forum is a very worthwhile event in that it affords the youth the opportunity to bring any issues within the Township to the attention of Council, which would inevitably improve Teaneck; feels the Forum should have more frequent and longer sessions.

C. Katz thanked the students and C. Parker for all of their work throughout the year.

C. Parker requested a report with all of their recommendations be submitted by the students which would enable Council and the Manager the opportunity to address the concerns at hand.

C. Stern thanked the students and concurred with C. Parker's suggestion.

DM. Gussen suggested that the report include any additional concerns that might not have been spoken about during this meeting.

- 1. Susanna T. Hueston – Vantage Health Systems.

DM. Gussen presented Ms. Hueston with a Certificate of Appreciation for twenty-seven years of dedicated service with Vantage Health Systems.

C. Katz indicated that Council is very appreciative all of Ms. Hueston's dedicated service.

Ms. Hueston gave a brief synopsis of the function of Vantage Health Systems.

C. Honis thanked Ms. Hueston on behalf of the Forum.

2. Clean and Green.

DM. Gussen thanked C. Honis for her efforts in the Clean and Green Program.

C. Honis spoke about the purpose of this program; invited Mrs. Kaplan, principal of Whittier School, to join her in the presentation; thanked Mrs. Kaplan for participating in this program each year.

C. Honis presented the following students with Certificates for their participation in Clean and Green:

Gloria Villarreal  
Leslie Morales  
Giselle Hernandez  
Nneoma Kelechukwu  
Fareehal Ali

Council recessed at 8:33 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

#### PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

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

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

DM. Gussen acknowledged Councilmember Elect Henry Pruitt and Councilmember Mark Schwartz, who were in attendance.

Deputy Mayor Gussen 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.

Ruth Brauer, Teaneck resident – spoke on behalf of the situation she is experiencing with a Township tree.

Henry Pruitt, Teaneck resident – thanked the children of the Youth Advisory Board; was happy he was afforded the opportunity to attend the Washington Trip.

Alex Rashin, Teaneck resident – shared an anonymous letter which was sent to him regarding dissatisfaction with certain Councilmembers; feels attacks and slander should cease immediately; questioned certain items on the bill list; questioned the price of the generator.

Chuck Powers, Teaneck resident – discussed his OPRA requests and the cost; spoke on behalf of C. Toffler and personal attacks during Council Meetings; also discussed negative campaigning.

Art Vatsky, Teaneck resident – addressed the weather situations regarding Cedar Lane and the garage; feels the trucks not being repaired in a garage cause a safety hazard; would like to see a bus shelter placed on Cedar Lane for the safety of the residents.

Naomi Cramer, Teaneck resident – questioned bus shelter and asked for confirmation as to whether or not the Township is allotted a certain amount of bus shelters each year; would like to know how the decision of location regarding bus shelters is made.

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

Deputy Mayor Gussen 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.

DM. Gussen thanked Ms. Brauer for sharing the arborist report, indicating that he has great hope that the situation will be resolved shortly.

Mr. Broughton gave an explanation regarding the bus shelters indicating that the Township is not allotted shelters each year; stated that the Township has been allotted five shelters; explained how the placement decision is made.

### 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.

RA #1323 – Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1429 – Instant Raffle - \$750.00.

RA #1324 – Teaneck Lodge #961 Loyal Order of Moose – Instant Raffle - \$750.00.

RA #1325 – The Jessie Banks Foundation – Off Premise Merchandise Raffle - \$60.00.

### MINUTES

None.

### RESOLUTIONS

- 129-12. Authorize Settlement Agreement – Docket No. BER-L-6119-10.
- 130-12. Appoint Members to Environmental Advisory Board Respecting Votee Park.
- 131-12. Appoint Member to Shade Tree Advisory Board.
- 132-12. Appoint Member to Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Advisory Board.
- 133-12. Authorize Sale of Surplus Property for Public Use – Online Auction.
- 134-12. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order – Altec Industries, Inc. – DPW Vehicle & Equipment.
- 135-12. Award Contract – AJM Contractors, Inc. – Resurfacing of West Englewood Avenue.
- 136-12. Ratify Payments – CFO – April, 2012.
- 137-12. Refund 2009, 2010 and 2011 Taxes Pursuant to State Tax Decisions – CFO – Various.
- 138-12. Refund 2011 Tax Overpayments – Tax Collector – Various.
- 139-12. Authorize Submission of Application – Local Government Energy Audit Program – BPU.
- 140-12. Authorize Township to Enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement.
- 141-12. Appoint Member to Hackensack River Greenway Advisory Board.

142-12. Endorse Property Tax Relief Plan – Senator Sweeney.

BILL LIST

Ms. Evelina read the amount of the Bill List into the record \$4,667,228.80.

Councilmember C. Stern moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Raffles, Minutes, Resolutions and the Bill List and to dispense with the reading of same inasmuch as it has been posted on the bulletin board all day, except.

Seconded by Councilmember Honis.

DM. Gussen called on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Toffler; Mayor Hameeduddin.

Abstained: DM. Gussen (Bill List Item Check No. 166969; C. Katz (Raffle – 1324; Resolutions 135-12, 137-12, 138-12; Bill List).

Recused: None.

Deputy Mayor Gussen declared said items were passed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilmember Stern moved that the Ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required legal notice of the introduction thereof, together with a notice of the place, time, and date on which a public hearing will be held on said ordinances, and on which said ordinances will be considered for final adoption.

Ms. Evelina read the Ordinances by title only.

ORDINANCE #4259 - AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS OR DESIGNEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL LAND USE LAW.

ORDINANCE #4260 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE.

ORDINANCE #4261 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE.

ORDINANCE #4262 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF EMERGENCY GENERATORS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$400,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Seconded by Councilmember Honis.

Deputy Mayor Gussen inquired as to whether any Councilmember wished to comment upon the motion to introduce.

No one came forward.

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

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Abstained: None.

Recused: None.

Deputy Mayor Gussen declared that said ordinances were duly introduced and passed on first reading.

OLD BUSINESS

C. Katz questioned the status of additional public trash cans.

Mr. Broughton informed all that he is in the process of obtaining the cans and gave an will then identify the locations for these cans.

C. Kats indicated that he has been getting requests to obtain additional yellow recycling cans.

Mr. Broughton stated that he is in favor of this and will do the necessary research.

DM. Gussen suggested looking into purchasing bins for newspapers in an effort to avoid having the residents tie them together.

Mr. Broughton informed the Council that he recently had this discussion with the Director of Public Works and they are presently moving forward with this plan.

C. Katz stated that he received a request for one of the new street signs to be placed on Rutland and Jefferson; congratulated Mr. Broughton on the installation of the magnetometer; stated there are plaques missing from the handicapped accessible playground as well as the renovation for the new Police Headquarters.

C. Parker stated that the Board of Education is questioning the update of the videoing of their meetings.

Mr. Broughton indicated that Ron Goodman and Vince Dugan are presently working on this matter.

C. Parker informed all present that there will soon be a Board of Education vacancy; the information is located on their website.

C. Honis questioned the status of the signage for the Historical Burial Ground.

Mr. Broughton will look into this matter.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. Historic Preservation Commission – Designation of Red Oak Tree, Located at 339 Cedar Lane (Block 2609, Lot 25).

DM. Gussen requested obtaining a letter from the property owner indicating whether or not they plan on endorsing the designation.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

C. Parker requested the Clerk send out a Press Release for the upcoming year's Youth Advisory Board.

## COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. Sign Change Request by CLMG (C. Stern).

C. Stern requested a signage change on Beverly Road, where the farmer's market takes place; the sign presently states "No Parking from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m."; would like the change to read "No Parking from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m." during such time that the farmer's market is in session; requested Council pass an Ordinance regarding this matter.

Council concurred.

2. Fair Employment Wage (C. Stern).

This item was inadvertently placed on this agenda.

## TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

Councilmember Katz left the dais.

Mr. Broughton spoke of a request made to him by a Teaneck merchant requesting a "15 Minute Parking" sign be placed on West Englewood Avenue in an effort to assist customers; requested Council pass an Ordinance to do so.

Councilmember Katz returned to the dais.

Council concurred.

## TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Discussed in Closed Session.

## ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Stern moved to adjourn at 9:34 p.m.

Seconded by DM. Gussen.

## Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Abstained: None.

Recused: None.