

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF  
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012

DEPUTY MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution #28-12, setting the 2012 meeting dates; and Resolution #150-12, ratifying Resolution #28-12, 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

C. Katz made a motion to approve Resolution #156-12, Authorizing Council to enter Closed Session to discuss matters concerning personnel and matters falling within attorney-client privilege. Seconded by C. Stern and carried by the following vote:

In Favor: C. Katz, C. Schwartz, C. Stern, DM. Gussen.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, C. Pruitt, Mayor Hameeduddin.

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 p.m. and asked all present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

DM. Gussen provided information pertaining to the following for the public: (1) Town-wide Garage Sale; (2) date and time of the next Council Meeting; and (3) the matters discussed in Closed Session, specifically, board interviews and legal matters.

Present: C. Katz, C. Schwartz, C. Stern, DM. Gussen

Absent: C. Parker, C. Pruitt, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Also Present: S. Turitz, - Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka & Goldberg, PC.; W. Broughton, Township Manager; J.L. Evelina, RMC, Township Clerk; Issa Abbasi, Executive Assistant; J. Jackson, Senior Clerk.

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DM. Gussen made a motion to add Resolution #174-12 to the Consent Agenda, amending the 2012 Council Meeting Schedule to add the July 30, 2012 Special Meeting at 8 p.m. for the purpose of formally appointing members to the Board of Adjustment. Seconded by C. Stern and carried by the following vote:

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In Favor: C. Katz, C. Schwartz, C. Stern, DM. Gussen

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, C. Pruitt, Mayor Hameeduddin

Mr. Turitz advised Council to announce the nominations of the prospective appointees into the record, and DM. Gussen provided the following names, membership types and lengths of terms into the record: Warren Hodges as a Regular Member, for a four-year term, term to expire on June 30, 2016; Edward Mulligan, as Alternate #2 Member, for a two-year term, term to expire on June 30, 2014; and Farouk Sheikh, as Alternate #4 Member, for a two-year term, term to expire on June 30, 2014.

### PRESENTATIONS

1. Certificate of Recognition – Glenna Crockett Entered into Women’s Bowling Hall of Fame.

DM. Gussen presented Ms. Crockett with a Certificate on behalf of the Township Council. Senator Loretta Weinberg also presented Ms. Crockett with a Certificate on behalf of the District 37 Legislator. DM. Gussen read a short biography into the record with respect to Ms. Crockett’s accomplishments. Council and the Manager offered words of commendation to Ms. Crockett.

2. 2012 Matthew Feldman Award – Angela Wilkerson.

The Advisory Board on Community Relations Chairperson provided the history surrounding the Matthew Feldman Award, and introduced the 2012 Matthew Feldman Award Recipient of the Year. The Board read a short biography with respect to Mrs. Wilkerson into the record. Senator Loretta Weinberg read a letter into the record addressed to Mrs. Wilkerson from the New Jersey Governor. DM. Gussen presented Mrs. Wilkerson with a clock and the plaque which will hang in the Council Chambers, reflecting her information. The Council commended Mrs. Wilkerson. Also, a resident appeared to offer formal appreciation for her efforts in securing funding for his son’s bed.

The Council recessed for refreshments in honor of Mrs. Wilkerson.

### 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.

No member of Council commented.

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.

Resident of Norfolk Court (No name on record) – expressed concern with respect to the property located at 635 Norfolk Court

Joyce Sklar – Norfolk Court - expressed concern with respect to the property located at 635 Norfolk Court

Gwen Acree – requested that Council present a Proclamation to Lou Schwartz for his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on October 4, 2012; and spoke in opposition of yard signs on public property.

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Ed Wolf – spoke about a notice of violation he received with respect to his sidewalk and his contractor’s feedback regarding the difficulty in obtaining a permit from the Township’s Building Department.

Dr. Alexander Rashin – spoke about bond ordinances; suggested a more organized approach when awarding and/or choosing contractors; referenced the cupola and municipal building improvement projects; and suggested that there exists an organizational issue in the Engineering Department based upon the records produced in response to his recent OPRA Request.

Charles Powers – questioned whether or not Council approves the content of each set of minutes during the approval process; spoke about the time period and honorarium of legal counsel.

Janice Preschel – expressed gratitude to the Township Clerk’s Office and Administration for their support during her recent initiative to secure a vehicle through a contest for the Food Pantry.

Laura Zucker – spoke about the Teaneck Historical Burial Ground and urged Council to install a marker for the grounds.

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.

DM. Gussen requested a legal recommendation from the Township Attorney with respect to the existing issues at 635 Norfolk Street.

Mr. Turitz advised that a summons was issued to the property owner of the aforementioned, and the matter is currently with the Municipal Prosecutor.

In response to Ms. Acree, DM. Gussen advised that the Council had planned on presenting Mr. Schwartz with a Proclamation. He spoke about limited policing resources in response to the illegal installation of yard signs on public property, and DM. Gussen asked Mr. Manager to remedy the matter.

Mr. Broughton encouraged residents to contact his office to report illegal signs to ensure the proper removal of same.

DM. Gussen advised Mr. Wolf that there is a list of approved contractors on the Township website and advised that these approved contractors have the respective permits needed for sidewalk repair.

Mr. Broughton explained the process by which residents receive notices of violation with respect to sidewalk repair and mentioned that extensions will be issued, if needed.

C. Stern asked Mr. Broughton to explain the process by which one could make application for an extension, and Mr. Broughton advised the public to contact the Engineering Department should an extension of time be needed.

DM Gussen advised the public that Good and Welfare is for residents to voice concerns and or comments to Council, it however was not meant for a back and forth dialogue. DM Gussen noted all Council’s email addresses and cell phone numbers are available on the website.

C. Katz addressed the Burial Ground comment earlier mentioned and asked Council and the Manager to come up with some proofs for Council to review.

Manager Broughton clarified an earlier comment regarding the Road Resurfacing Project and noted the locations.

DM 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.

## 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#1328 – Yeshiva of North Jersey – Off Premise Raffle Awarding Merchandise - \$80.00.
- RA#1329 – Yeshiva of North Jersey – Off Premise Raffle Awarding Merchandise - \$80.00.
- RA#1330 – Yeshiva of North Jersey – Off Premise Raffle Awarding Merchandise - \$100.00
- RA#1331 – Yeshiva of North Jersey – Off Premise Raffle Awarding Merchandise - \$200.00.
- RA#1332 – Yeshiva of North Jersey – Off Premise Raffle Awarding Merchandise - \$300.00.
- RA#1333 – Yeshiva of North Jersey – Off Premise Raffle Awarding Merchandise - \$100.00.
- RA#1334 – Yeshiva of North Jersey – Off Premise Raffle Awarding Merchandise - \$100.00.

### MINUTES

July 1, 2012 Reorganization Meeting.

### RESOLUTIONS

- 157-12. Authorize Auction of Township Land - Block 5604.01, Lot 23.
- 158-12. Authorize Public Sale of Township Vehicles – Copart.com – Online Auction.
- 159-12. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order – Northeastern Arborist Supply – Bandit Chipper.
- 160-12. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order – M. Ingannamorte & Son – Sanitary Sewer Pipes.
- 161-12. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order – Kompan, Inc. – Playground Equipment.
- 162-12. Endorse the Sustainable Grant “Community Gardens Renovation”, Funded by PSEG.
- 163-12. Refund 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 Taxes – CFO – Various.
- 164-12. Refund 2011 and 2012 Tax Overpayments – CFO – Various.
- 165-12. Approve IOD Leave – P. Kearns.
- 166-12. Ratify Payments – CFO – June, 2012.
- 167-12. Authorize Execution of Site Access Agreement with Exxon Mobil Corporation.
- 168-12. Award Contract – Gemrose Utility, LLC – Drainage Improvements.
- 169-12. Approve Administratively Minutes Prepared by the Clerk – 1/1/10 – 6/30/12.
- 170-12. Award Contract – Stanziale Construction, LLC – 2011 Road Resurfacing Program.
- 171-12. Authorize Submission of Binding Referendum Question – 2012 General Election.
- 172-12. Authorize Shared Services Agreement with Board of Education.
- 173-12. Authorize Grant Agreement – Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Trust Fund.

DM Gussen noted the addition of Resolution 174-12 (to amend the 2012 Council Meeting Schedule to add a Special Meeting on July 30, 2012 at 8:00 PM).

### BILL LIST

Ms. Evelina read the amount of the Bill List into the record (\$8,887,447.75).

Councilmember Katz 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.

Seconded by Councilmember Stern.

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

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Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Stern, DM. Gussen

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, C. Pruitt, Mayor Hameeduddin

Abstained: C. Katz (Resolution 163-12, Resolution 164-12 and Check No. 12-00631); C. Schwartz (Raffle #1328-#1334)

DM Gussen declared said items were passed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

DM. Gussen 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.

**Manager Broughton pulled Ordinance No. 4264.**

ORDINANCE NO. 4263 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT WITHIN A PORTION OF BLOCK 2011, LOT 13, AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, LOCATED AT 264 OGDEN AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4264** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2-67 OF ARTICLE XI OF CHAPTER 2 AND SECTION 2-77 OF ARTICLE XIII OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK ESTABLISHING A RESIDENCY PREFERENCE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS

ORDINANCE NO. 4265 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RESURFACING OF GLENWOOD AVENUE, SECTION 2, FROM EAST OAKDENE AVENUE TO LINDBERGH BOULEVARD AS A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AND APPROPRIATING \$146,500.00 TO BE ENTIRELY FUNDED BY A GRANT UNDER THE NEW JERSEY TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND AUTHORITY ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012.

ORDINANCE NO. 4266 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE.

ORDINANCE NO. 4267 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2012 ROAD AND MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK AND CURB IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,987,000 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 4268 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE.

Seconded by Councilmember Schwartz.

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

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

Agenda: 8/14/12

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Schwartz, C. Stern, DM. Gussen

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, C. Pruitt and Mayor Hameeduddin

Abstained: C. Katz (Ordinance 4266)

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

NONE.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

NONE.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Seating Order.

DM Gussen put this item on hold until Council had a full panel.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. July 11, 2012 E-Mail Received from PPRAB.

Manager Broughton commented on the email received from the Parks, Playground, Recreation Advisory Board and briefly noted the sign-ups for classes held at the Recreation Center and the lack of attendance. Manager Broughton noted, at this time, he was not in favor of a charging a fee for the classes.

DM Gussen noted his inability to attend a part of the Parks, Playground, Recreation Advisory Board meeting and noted the ongoing problem of over enrollment and under attendance and his recommendation to the Parks, Playground, Recreation Advisory Board is to modify the enrollment process.

Manager Broughton noted a discussion he had with some members of the Senior Citizen Advisory Board and noted their willingness to put together a group of volunteers to help in monitoring the enrollment process.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

None.

#### COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. "Dog Park" – C. Katz

C. Katz merged his #1 and #2 listed items and posed a trial recommendation to use the Phelps Park pool area for the dog park; further noted the present water source, a dog-friendly environment and noted the area was fenced in.

DM Gussen suggested the Manager and Department of Public Works identify the site and review its potential to be used as a dog-park.

2. “*Phelps Pool*” – C. Katz

See Council-Listed Item #1

3. “*Auxiliary Police*” – C. Katz

C. Katz requested authorization from the Manager to increase the Auxiliary Police staff to fifteen (15). Manager Broughton noted he would consult with the Police Chief Wilson.

4. “*New Cell Tower Location*” – C. Katz

C. Katz noted very little negative feedback with the current cell tower. C. Katz recommended to the Manager to foster one (1) or two (2) additional locations. Manager Broughton read locations noted in a memo to Council, dated April 2006 from former Municipal Manager Helene V. Fall.

5. “*Zoning Subcommittee*” – C. Katz

C. Katz wanted to officially put on the record that the Zoning Subcommittee will begin scheduling meetings to assist the Building Department.

6. “*Burial Ground Subcommittee*” – C. Katz

C. Katz discussed this item previously during the meeting.

7. “*Paving of Glenwood Avenue*” – C. Katz (on behalf of Mayor Hameeduddin)

C. Katz requested an update on the paving of Glenwood Avenue from the Manager. Manager Broughton advised the bidding documents and plans will be sent to the State by the end of the month. Approximate State review time is about four (4) weeks. Manager Broughton further provided a scheduled timeline on the process.

8. “*Teaneck Park Conservancy*” – C. Schwartz

C. Schwartz recommended implementing an Auxiliary Department of Public Works team to assist in the parks. C. Katz suggested an “adopt a park”. DM Gussen requested the Manager to reach out to the Department of Public Works to identify appropriate tasks associated with implementing this recommendation.

9. “*Property Tax Late Charge*” – C. Schwartz

C. Schwartz inquired whether or not there would be a tax payment waiver of interests or penalties for residents who may have taxes due on a Friday, when the building is closed. Manager Broughton advised that he has spoken to the Tax Collector on this matter and advised that the ‘Friday’ is treated similar to a ‘holiday’, in which there would be no penalty should a resident have to wait until a Monday to pay their taxes.

10. “*PSE&G Power Outages*” – C. Schwartz

C. Schwartz advised that PSEG has already begun the project. DM Gussen advised of the initial phase of the project being the upgrade to the Rodda Center first; noted a 18-36 month span for electrical input. Manager Broughton noted the several infrastructure projects/locations that PSE&G is currently working on.

11. “*Website Review Stats and Social Media*” – M. Hameeduddin

DM Gussen advised this item would be held until M. Hameeduddin is present.

12. “*Mercedes/Somerset Storm Drain Review*” – M. Hameeduddin

DM Gussen advised this item would be held until M. Hameeduddin is present.

13. “*Emergency Management Communication*” – M. Hameeduddin

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DM Gussen advised this item would be held until M. Hameeduddin is present.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

1. I have appointed Cheryl Prinjinski to the position of temporary part-time Finance Clerk in the Finance Department, effective July 11, 2012.
2. I have appointed Joyce Beyer of the Health Department as Temporary Acting Health Officer, effective July 12, 2012.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Katz moved to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. Seconded by C. Schwartz.

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Katz, C. Schwartz, C. Stern, DM. Gussen

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, C. Pruitt Mayor Hameeduddin

Abstained: None.