

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

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

The Clerk read the resolution authorizing the Council to enter into Closed Session.

Having adopted Resolution #219-12, Mayor Hameeduddin made a motion to close the meeting to the public to discuss matters concerning Advisory Board Interviews; Legal Opinion – Telephonic Participation in Council Meetings; Legal Ramifications – Decertification of Local, 108. Seconded by C. Katz.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, C. Pruitt.

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Hameeduddin called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order at 8:17 p.m. and asked all present to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Katz, (arrived at 8:20 p.m.), C. Schwartz, Mayor Hameeuddin.

Absent: C. Parker, C. Pruitt.

Also Present: W. Rupp – Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka & Goldberg, PC.; W. Broughton, Township Manager, J. L. Evelina, RMC, Township Clerk; C. Loschiavo, Senior Clerk

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CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

- Township Employee 25-Year Anniversaries

Curtis Caviness – Health Department (**rescheduled for the October 30, 2012 meeting**).
Milene Quijano – Tax Office.
Laura Turnbull – Registrar.

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Mayor Hameeduddin (on behalf of the Township Council) and Township Manager, William Broughton presented Mrs. Turnbull and Mrs. Quijano with Certificates and 25-year watches and commended each of them on their dedications to their jobs.

- 100-Year Birthday

Lou Schwartz

Mayor Hameeduddin presented Lou Schwartz, a former councilmember, with a Certificate on behalf of the Township Council. He praised Mr. Schwartz on all that he has done for the Township and congratulated him on turning 100 years of age.

Gwen Acree, Gloria Wilson and Debbie D'Amico all spoke on behalf of Lou Schwartz, thanking him for his many contributions to the Township and congratulated him on turning 100 years old.

The members of Council also congratulated Mr. Schwartz on this momentous occasion.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ms. Evelina read the following Ordinances by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 4271 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE.

ORDINANCE NO. 4272 - CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF A LIBRARY ROOF DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$25,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

ORDINANCE NO. 4273 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$180,000 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.

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

No one came forward.

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

Dr. Alex Rashin, Teaneck – discussed Ordinance 4272 and the Capital Ordinance for the library; questioned the bond ordinance and how it is justified; in the future, would like the residents to be informed with a full explanation as to why a bond ordinance will be passed rather than money be taken from the budget.

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

DM. Gussen moved to pass Ordinances 4271, 4272, and 4273 on second and final reading and adopt. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise same according to law. Seconded by Councilmember Stern.

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Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments respecting these ordinances.

The Mayor asked the Manager for clarification regarding the Capital Ordinance and Bond Ordinance.

Mr. Broughton gave a detailed explanation regarding the drainage issue and went on to explain the procedures involving the Capital and Bond Ordinances.

DM. Gussen provided detailed clarification on said ordinances.

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. Katz, C. Schwartz, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, C. Pruitt.

Abstained: None.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that said ordinances were duly adopted.

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.

No one came forward.

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.

John Tumino, Tumino's Towing, Teaneck – spoke about the current towing rates, indicating that he has been trying to have the towing rates increased for quite a few years, to no avail; listed reasons for the necessity of an increase in rates; and requested that Council consider this request.

Dr. Alex Rashin, Teaneck – discussed his dissatisfaction of the generator decision; and discussed gas versus diesel cost effectiveness.

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 inquired about the towing prices.

Mr. Broughton addressed the Mayor's inquiry indicating that he has been in touch with the Police Department regarding the matter; Council, the Manager and the Attorney discussed this issue; Council concurred that there should be an increase in towing prices, and requested that the attorney review the matter so that a new ordinance may be generated.

DM. Gussen requested that the Clerk consult with other towns within Bergen County regarding their towing fees.

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C. Katz discussed the topic regarding the generator indicating the following: Teaneck has a tank on the back of the trucks for carrying diesel fuel; the Township has diesel fuel readily available in case of emergency where natural gas would be shut down; diesel fuel is less dangerous than natural gas; natural gas can substitute home heating fuel, if diesel fuel cannot be located; and based on these facts, thinks diesel fuel is the right move for the Township.

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 #1340 – Coalition of 100 Black Women Bergen/Passaic Chapter – Off-Premise Merchandise Draw Raffle - \$180.00.

RA #1341 – Yeshiva of North Jersey – Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle - \$20.00.

MINUTES

NONE (September 11, 2012 Closed & Open Minutes Scheduled for Approval on 10/16/12).

RESOLUTIONS

- 220-12. Appoint Members to Planning Board.
- 221-12. Appoint Member to Teterboro Airport Noise Abatement Action Committee.
- 222-12. Endorse BCCD Block Grant Application – Shelter Our Sisters.
- 223-12. Approve Corrective Action Plan Pursuant to LFN 92-15 – 2011 Annual Audit.
- 224-12. Accept FFY10 Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Subgrant – Federal Fiscal Year 2011.
- 225-12. Authorize Tax Refund to Care One at Teaneck – CFO – 2008-2011.
- 226-12. Refund 2011 and 2012 Tax Overpayments – CFO – Various.
- 227-12. Approve IOD Leave – P. Kearns, Jr. – Through September 30, 2012.
- 228-12. Reject Bids & Revise Specifications – Procurement of 2013 Chevy Suburban for TFD.
- 229-12. Authorize Submission of Grant Application – NJDOT – Resurfacing of W. Englewood Avenue, Section 5 Project.
- 230-12. Authorize 2012 BCCD Block Grant Agreement – Resurfacing of Ayers Court & Lozier Place.
- 231-12. Approve Developer's Agreement – Teaneck Torah of Bergen County (Subject to the Receipt of Required Documentation).
- N. Award Professional Services Contract – Harold Ritvo, Esq. – Planning Board & Board of Adjustment.

BILL LIST

Ms. Evelina read the amount of the Bill List into the record \$8,745,218.44.

DM. Gussen 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 Resolution N. Seconded by Councilmember Stern. Mayor Hameeduddin called on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

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Absent: C. Parker, C. Pruitt.

Abstained: DM. Gussen (Bill List Item #12-01967);
C. Katz (Resolution #226-12, Bill List);
C. Schwartz (Raffle #1341).

Mayor Hameeduddin declared said items were passed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

DM. Gussen moved that Ordinance #4274 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 ordinance, and on which said ordinance will be considered for final adoption.

Ms. Evelina read the Ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE #4274 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK RELATING TO BUSINESS HOURS OF BARBERSHOPS.

Seconded by C. Schwartz.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired as to whether any Councilmember wished to comment upon the motion to introduce Ordinance 4274.

No one came forward.

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

Roll Call

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, C. Pruitt.

Abstained: None.

DM. Gussen made a motion to table Ordinance #4275.

ORDINANCE #4275 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARY RANGES, CLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS AND DUTIES THEREOF FOR CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK. (Subject to Attorney Review)

Seconded by C. Schwartz.

Roll Call

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, C. Pruitt.

Abstained: None.

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Mayor Hameeduddin declared that Ordinance 4274 was duly introduced and passed on first reading.

OLD BUSINESS

C. Katz discussed Council security, his feeling that it is something that Council should begin to move forward with; and suggested that it should begin somewhere and fine-tuned.

Mayor Hameeduddin discussed the possibility of hiring retired police officers; and requested the Manager look into this possibility.

DM. Gussen stated that he is not comfortable moving forward with this without looking into alternate possibilities.

Council did not concur on moving forward with Council security.

Mayor Hameeduddin questioned when facebook would be integrated into the Township website.

Township Manager Broughton indicated that October 16th would be the day that Facebook would be incorporated into the Website.

Mayor Hameeduddin and Township Manager Broughton discussed the Twitter account. The Manager indicated that twittering would be of no cost; however, the Township would incur a fee should texting be implemented. The Mayor indicated the importance of acquiring more individuals to sign up for these features.

MISCELLANEOUS

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Liaison Appointments.

The Clerk indicated that an up-dated chart had been distributed to the Council.

Mayor Hameeduddin requested carrying Council Liaison Appointments over to the meeting of October 16, 2012.

2. Council Representative Appointments – Community Regional Development Committee.

[Ms. Evelina previously reported to Council via e-mail that C. Parker is interested in continuing her service as the Alternate Representative to this Committee]. Councilmember Stern agreed to also serve, and Ms. Evelina will prepare the respective resolution.

3. Advisory Board Chairpersons' Recommendations – 2013 Appointments.

Council concurred with the recommendations reflected on Ms. Evelina's chart. Ms. Evelina will move forward preparing the respective resolutions for an upcoming meeting.

4. Rent Control.

Ms. Evelina referred to the Rent Control Ordinance that she attached to Council's Agenda and informed Council that the current Rent Control Ordinance will expire in November of 2012. As such, the matter must be discussed, and an Ordinance must be introduced by Council at the October 16, 2012. Mayor Hameeduddin requested that this item be re-listed and for Ms. Evelina to make certain that the expiration date of the current Ordinance is, in fact, this coming November.

Ms. Evelina will re-list this matter for the October 16, 2012 meeting, as appropriate.

5. Best Practices.

Township Manager and Council briefly discussed this topic. C. Stern requested the score from last year, and the Manager indicated it was 46 out of 50, giving a brief synopsis of the findings. [Ms. Evelina will execute the respective Certification].

NEW BUSINESS

1. Nomination for Board of Adjustment.

C. Katz nominated former Councilmember Monica Honis for the Board of Adjustment. Seconded by Mayor Hameeduddin.

Council concurred.

Ms. Evelina will prepare a resolution for the upcoming Council meeting.

2. Nomination for Library Board.

C. Stern nominated Joy Charles. Seconded by C. Katz.

Council concurred.

DM. Gussen thanked all of the residents who applied for this position.

Ms. Evelina will prepare a resolution for the upcoming Council meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter, Dated September 12, 2012 from Congregation Netivot Shalom – Support of Historic Designation of Oak Tree at 811 Palisade Avenue.

Council discussed this communication, and the majority of Council was in favor of moving forward with the historic designation. Ms. Evelina will prepare for an upcoming meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

1. Thomas Jefferson Junior Soccer League.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired as to whether or not the Township is able to appropriate the funds for this league at this time.

Township Manager Broughton stated that he has been in touch with Glenna Crockett and Ken Hoffman, and they are presently working out any issues regarding this matter.

DM. Gussen questioned Mr. Rupp, as to whether or not there is a conflict of interest in that his daughter is involved in the Junior Soccer League, and Mr. Rupp confirmed that this would not be an issue through a detailed explanation.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

NONE.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Burial Ground Sign.

Mr. Broughton read the marker for the Burial Ground Sign into the record.

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C. Katz suggested a list of the names of the current Council and administration be listed on the sign, as well as, a possible change in the location of the sign; and inquired whether or not the sign can be made by the sign machine owned by the Township.

Mr. Broughton indicated that the sign would not look the same. Council requested the Manager look into this and report back with his findings.

2. State Street – Angle Parking.

Mr. Broughton indicated that State Street is going to be repaved in the near future utilizing block grant funds; if angle parking is implemented on the South side, there is a possibility of acquiring an additional seven parking spaces; spoke about the emergency management seminars; discussed Annual Volunteer Day, stating there will be a subcommittee established which will include C. Pruitt, C. Katz, Mr. Broughton, Ms. Evelina and Mr. Abbasi; discussed the website start times; informed the Board of Education send a note home to parents to encourage sign-up; and discussed additional recycling stations. Council requested the Manager look into whether or not there is an additional vendor regarding the recycling cans or if it is an exclusive vendor. Mr. Broughton informed that the attorney is working on a resolution which will afford the residents the opportunity to purchase additional yellow recycling cans and the new blue recycling cans for recycling paper. He also discussed the traffic light at Cedar Lane and Palisades Avenue; informed that he is sending a letter to the County for the light to be upgraded. He also sent a request for a crosswalk at Teaneck Road and Amsterdam which may not be a possibility but he is looking into an alternative. He discussed the Town-Wide Garage Sale which is scheduled for October and the resurfacing projects.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

W. Rupp briefly discussed tax appeals and a small claims case.

ADJOURNMENT

DM. Gussen moved to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Katz.

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, C. Pruitt.