

Approved: 3/5/13

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution 283-12, setting the 2013 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

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

Absent: Mayor Hameeduddin.

Also Present: W. Broughton, Township Manager; J.L. Evelina, RMC, Township Clerk;
S. Turitz, Esq. – Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka & Goldberg, PC.

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

The Clerk read Resolution A/1-2013 authorizing the Council to enter into Closed Session into the record.

Having adopted Resolution A/1-2013, DM Gussen made a motion to close the meeting to the public to discuss matters concerning Advisory Board interviews; Township Manager's Evaluation; Township Clerk's Evaluation; Advisory Board Applicant interviewed on 11/29/12; Labor Counsel – 2013; Legal Issues – Resolutions/Ordinances on Open Session Agenda; Legal Issues & Negotiation Updates; Illegal Use of Social Media; Legal Report of Personnel Issue RE: Former Employee, K.R.; Legal Liability RE: Crossing Guards; Back-Up Judge and Back-Up Prosecutor. Seconded by C. Stern and carried by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker (at time of vote), Mayor Hameeduddin.

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DM Gussen called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order at 8:13 p.m. and asked all present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: C. Parker (arrived at 8:12pm), C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Pruitt, C. Katz, C. Schwartz

Absent: 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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in the Township Clerk's Office and posting it on the Municipal Building bulletin board, and the Deputy Mayor hereby directs that this statement be included in the minutes.

Deputy Mayor advised that the Municipal Building would be closed on January 21, 2013 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; the next televised council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, with legal opening to begin at 7:00 p.m. and public input to begin at 8:00 p.m.; budget meetings are scheduled for the following Thursdays at 7:00 pm: January 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st.

PRESENTATIONS

1. TVAC Meritorious Service Award
Jennifer Chan
Ryan Ardelle
Lt. Adam Baer

C. Katz, C. Schwartz, TVAC Captain Feit and Angelae Wilkerson of TVAC presented Certificates to the recipients.

TVAC CPR Save Awards

Lt. Adam J. Baer, Corey Fuchs, Moshe Dulitz, Binyamin Rosen
Andy Rudin, Adina Rudin, William E Beavers IV, Baruch Silberstein, Charles Levin
Michael Rothschild. Natan Safran
Naftali Levenbrown. Amanda Davis, Lt. Eli Weingast, Julian Botta, Marcela Alzate
Michael Rothschild, Capt. Andrew Rosler
Arielle Cheifetz, Eli Weingast
Natan Safran, Israel Infield, Brian Kim, Capt. Andrew Rosler, Benjamin Hutt

C. Katz, C. Schwartz, TVAC Captain Feit and Angelae Wilkerson of TVAC presented Certificates to the recipients.

TVAC Life Membership Achievement

Angelae Wilkerson

C. Katz, C. Schwartz and TVAC Captain Feit presented a Certificate to Angelae Wilkerson. TVAC Captain Feit, C. Katz, and C. Schwartz also spoke in honor of Ms. Wilkerson.

2. Votee Park – New Turf Field.

Manager Broughton advised Council that he invited Mr. Gianforcaro and Mr. Sorge to tonight's meeting to present their findings to Council regarding the above referenced project. Mr. Broughton also advised that the project is ready for Council's review and approval.

Mr. Gianforcaro directed Council's attention to his PowerPoint Presentation and explained the following: Destruction Plan, Construction Plan, Storm Utility Site Plan, Electric Utility Site Plan, Grading Plan, Construction Details, Playing Field Details, Lighting Plan, Field Rendering and Score Board Details and Planting Plans.

Mr. Gianforcaro concluded by asking Council if they had any questions.

C. Pruitt questioned if the drainage would go into the stream along the railroad tracks. Mr. Gianforcaro advised yes, it would ultimately make it there; advising that he believed the stone underneath was capable of holding up to three times the amount of water.

C. Stern requested copies of the materials presented this evening; Mr. Gianforcaro advised he would send the entire presentation of plans in pdf format.

C. Schwartz questioned if Votee Park – North was included; DM Gussen advised that the baseball fields were not part of the project.

DM Gussen asked for presentation regarding the remediation by Mr. Sorge.

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Mr. Sorge advised that a decision was made not to perform a formal presentation as they were not complete with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) as to the final plan; advised we were on track to get the plan in place that will allow this project to go ahead, advising the environmental side of it will not hold up the project.

DM Gussen questioned if lead would be included; Mr. Sorge advised yes, as part of the regrading.

Dr. Ken Hoffman thanked Council; advised ready to proceed with bid.

Manager Broughton advised the next step is to resolve small issues and is shooting to report back to Council by end of January.

Mr. Gianforcaro advised hoping to go out to bid shortly; approximately one month for bidding; 6-7 month construction period; another month of cleaning up punch list items; and shooting for the fall.

C. Katz noted it has taken a long time to get to this point; gained a better appreciation for volunteers; expressed thanks for all involved.

Manager Broughton – premier soccer and football field in the region; thanked Dr. Hoffman, Dr. Reskakis, Township Engineer McKearnin, Township Attorney Rupp, Purchasing Agent Lynch, and Recreation Superintendent Crockett.

DM Gussen discussed how the project is funded by MOST funds which are grant monies and not coming out of taxpaying dollars.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

DM Gussen reported that he had a conversation with Senator Loretta A. Weinberg who advised that her pending legislation prohibits actions covered under this Ordinance and he requested that this Ordinance be tabled.

DM Gussen made a motion to table Ordinance. Seconded by C. Pruitt carried by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Mayor Hameeduddin.

Ms. Evelina to read the following Ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 4282 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 2-15 MEETINGS OF ARTICLE II, "COUNCIL" OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED CHARTER/ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" RESPECTING MEETING AGENDAS

Mayor to inquire whether any member of the Council has any comments respecting these ordinances prior to opening the public hearing.

Not applicable.

Mayor to declare that the public hearings on the above ordinances are 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 and address for the record. Comments or questions shall be limited to five minutes per person.

Not applicable.

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There being no further persons wishing to speak concerning said ordinances, the Mayor to declare that the public hearing on this ordinance is now closed.

Mayor to inquire whether any member of the Council has any comments respecting this ordinance.

Not applicable.

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

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

C. Katz made a motion to allow Eugene Coleman, Historic Preservation Commission Chair to address the Council and present his final draft of the Historical Burial Ground Marker. Seconded by C. Parker and carried by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Mayor Hameeduddin

Eugene Coleman passed out his final draft of the historical sign to Council and explained the second page has been agreed upon the Commission unanimously; the first page was down to some minor changes.

C. Pruitt advised it would be easier to take action on a document that was agreed upon by all involved.

Council discussion took place on the symbol for the historical burial ground sign.

Upon receiving the consensus of Council, DM Gussen directed Township Attorney Turitz to prepare the respective resolution which should reflect the date of the resolution and "Teaneck Township Council".

C. Pruitt spoke about the way in which appointments are made on statutory boards.

DM Gussen announced that Open Session Minutes 11/27/12, 12/4/12 and 12/18/12 will be pulled and re-listed for 1/22/13.

C. Parker seconded C. Pruitt's sentiments and withdrew Resolution J. No member of Council objected.

Deputy Mayor 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.

Mildred Tucker, Teaneck – agreed with C. Pruitt's discussion on Board of Adjustment and Planning Board members and how their appointed; spoke on the Senior Center and asked for Council to elaborate.

Howard Rose, Teaneck – thanked C. Pruitt for his statement regarding Boards; pointed out the language on Township seal behind where the Mayor sits.

Philip Rofuso, Teaneck – restriction caused hardship and many sections are vacant; encouraged to take up ordinance and pass to help small businesses.

Lillian Lewis, Teaneck – appeared on behalf of North Teaneck Road Business Alliance; supported C. Pruitt's sentiments; spoke about Holy Name's "Gateway to Teaneck" sign and holiday lights; collected \$15k for wreaths.

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Tita Pruitt, Teaneck – spoke about the Senior Center’s attendance policy; raised issue with late policy, parking issues at the Center.

Richard Freund (sic), Teaneck – spoke about the bus stop being moved to the corner of Herrick Avenue by New Jersey Transit; requested that parking decals be provided to the residents of Herrick Avenue; noted he and the residents of Herrick Avenue would be happy to pay a fee for decals.

Toni Nayowitz – expressed her feelings about the recent changes on Cedar Lane.

Alex Rashin, Teaneck – spoke about Municipal Building being open on Friday’s.

Thomas Abbott, Teaneck – raised a concern with a discussion that took place at the council meeting of November 27, 2012 regarding the Public Works Building and the \$531k deficit; questioned whether or not the Gianforcaro’s presentation would be placed on the Township’s website.

Naomi Cramer, Teaneck – questioned why the ordinance was tabled; spoke about Board appointments; and spoke on the four/five day work week.

Lorraine Kaplan, Teaneck – spoke about the Rodda Center policies.

Alan Sohn, Teaneck – agreed with earlier discussions on board appointments and pulling Resolution J; thought it to be ridiculous to have the Manager work on Friday’s and realizes the cost savings; raised issues with the Manager’s time; referenced Customer Service Policy and AFSCME’s Agreement; referenced presentations on all except the four-day work week; spoke about an upcoming meeting he would be having with the Township Clerk’s Office to get an executed copy of the Agreements with the Union.

Joyce Giddins, Teaneck – thanked Council for their individual services to the community; thanked the Manager for his visibility in the Community and thanked Senator Weinberg for the twenty-five copies her office provided for the Christmas carols; asked for support for the costs of holiday lights on Teaneck Road; spoke about the lack of lighting on Teaneck Road; would like to see the Streetscape initiated again; concerned with the old recreation building located at 1425 Teaneck Road and questioned what will be done with the building.

Jason Castle, Teaneck – noted himself as the Co-Chair of Teaneck’s 20/20; commended the Council and Manager’s Office for their response on bettering the lines of communications; was pleased to see the Emergency Response Checklist in the Teaneck Topics; would like to present a plan to Council regarding the Civilian Emergency Response Team and offered himself as the individual to lead this response team; and raised concern about the five day work week.

Charles Powers, Teaneck - spoke about transparency.

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

Deputy Mayor 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 spoke on the attendance policy at the Senior Center; Township Manager advised he had spoken with the Recreation Superintendent in regards to the warm up period prior to the start of class.

C. Katz inquired whether the three transport vehicles currently be stored at the Rodda Center, could maybe be parked at the Public Works Facility to free up parking at the Rodda Center; Township Manager advised that the three transport vehicles may be able to be parked on Palisade Avenue.

DM Gussen spoke on zoning ordinances, master plan review and the zoning sub-committee.

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C. Stern spoke about the Cedar Lane business district and encouraged the public to come forward to voice their concerns to the Board how they feel about various developments within the Township.

DM Gussen asked if the sub-committee could meet and report back prior to the Council's next meeting of January 22nd. C. Katz advised he would speak to the Manager's Office to have the meeting scheduled.

DM Gussen addressed the parking and bus stop concerns raised by an earlier speaker.

DM Gussen addressed the concern raised earlier on the tabling of Ordinance 4842.

DM Gussen requested Mr. Castle to submit his plan on emergency response to the Township Manager so that Council may review to ascertain whether it warrants a public presentation.

DM Gussen requested the Township Clerk to provide a report of what is available on the website for the public and a schedule for inclusion to the web for items that are not currently available.

C. Stern advised he was still waiting to speak with the individual in charge of CERT Training and hopes to have some additional information by next meeting; believes it is important that whatever team is set up that they are properly trained and that we follow the protocol that has been successfully implemented.

C. Pruitt spoke about the development within the Township in a more serious way and perhaps town wide; spoke about keeping the seniors happy with regards to the attendance policy at the Rodda Center; spoke on appointments to Boards; and added that we need to find a way to be open on Fridays.

Township Manager Broughton added that he is currently reviewing options and is working on something to provide to Council.

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#1344 – Holy Name Health Care Foundation – Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle - \$20.00.

RA#1345 – Holy Name Health Care Foundation – Off-Premise 50-50 Raffle - \$20.00.

MINUTES

November 27, 2012 – Closed Session Meeting – Approved for Content Only.

November 27, 2012 – Open Session Meeting.

November 29, 2012 – Closed Session Meeting (C. Stern, Absent) – Approved for Content Only.

November 29, 2012 – Special Session Meeting (C. Stern, Absent).

December 4, 2012 – Special Session Meeting.

December 18, 2012 – Special Closed Session Meeting (DM. Gussen, Absent) – Approved for Content Only.

December 18, 2012 – Closed Session Meeting – Approved for Content Only.

December 18, 2012 – Open Session Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

B/2-2013 Adopt 2013 Temporary Budget.

C/3-2013 Approve Transfers – 2012 Budget Accounts.

D/4-2013 Approve Annual Penalty Percentages for Tax Delinquencies – 2013.

E/5-2013 Authorize Advertisement & Receipt of Bids – Renovation to Old Police Building.

F/14-2013 Authorize Payment for Animal Control Services – Bergen County Animal Shelter – 2012.

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G/6-2013 Appoint Members to AAAB.
H/7-2013 Appoint Edward Mulligan as Regular Member to BOA.
I/8-2013 Appoint Avram Frisch as Alternate Member to BOA.
J/ Appoint Howard Thompson as Regular Member to BOA.
K/9-2013 Appoint Members to HRGAB.
L/10-2013 Appoint Members to PGC.
M/11-2013 Appoint Ho Wan Ching to SSAB.
N/12-2013 Appoint Patricia King-Butler as Adult Advisor to YAB.
O/13-2013 Appoint Youth Members to YAB.

BILL LIST

None.

Councilmember Parker moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Raffles, Minutes and Resolutions and to dispense with the reading of same inasmuch as it has been posted on the bulletin board all day, except the minutes of November 29th, December 4th, December 18th and Resolution J. Seconded by Councilmember Katz. C. Katz also wished to have Resolution 14-2013 held for discussion.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Mayor Hameeduddin.

Deputy Mayor Gussen moved to pull Resolution 14-2013 for discussion. Seconded by C. Katz.

C. Katz requested clarification of payments for 2012 to the Bergen County Animal Shelter.

ROLL CALL

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

Opposed: C. Katz

Absent: Mayor Hameeduddin.

Deputy Mayor Gussen declared that said items were passed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Hurricane Sandy Relief.

C. Parker advised that the Youth Advisory Board wanted to do something to help the victims of Hurricane Sandy; C. Parker advised that she asked if we could partner with the Unions; Township Manager advised more discussion would be needed; DM Gussen added, "to model what we did after Hurricane Katrina".

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

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C. Katz nominated Kimberly Jones to the position of Alternate Member on the Planning Board; Angela Wilkerson to Kimberly Jones' position on the Planning Board; Varda Hager to the Social Services Advisory Board and Deborah D'Amica to the Advisory Board on Community Relations; and requested resolutions be prepared.

C. Pruitt nominated Howard Thompson to the other position on the Planning Board.

C. Parker advised DM Gussen she would have to depart Communication's #1.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Request for Endorsement of CDBG Applications – Family Teen Center.

Margaret Temple spoke about the functions of the Family Teen Center and introduced a member of her construction team; spoke her cable show; spoke about the success of the individuals who attend; would like to have an after school family teen center; many renovations are needed at the proposed warehouse location on Alfred Avenue. Council had requested that Ms. Temple provide an exact address for the Alfred Avenue location (exact address being 359).

C. Parker departed the meeting.

C. Pruitt questioned if this was something that would have to go through the Zoning Board, Building Department and various agencies; DM Gussen advised ultimately, yes.

DM Gussen requested that Ms. Temple update her application and advised it would be re-listed for the next meeting.

2. Request for Re-Appointment of Library Board Trustee – Library Board.

Township Clerk Evelina advised she was in receipt of a request to re-appoint Ann Geffert as Trustee to the Library Board and requested a nomination; DM Gussen nominated Ms. Geffert. C. Katz seconded.

DM Gussen requested the Township Clerk to list this communication for next meeting.

3. Teaneck Historic Native American and African American Burial Ground Signage.

This communication was discussed earlier in the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

None.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. "Teaneck Signage" – C. Katz

C. Katz spoke about proper signage for Township and possibly revisiting previous donors such as Fairleigh Dickinson University and Holy Name Hospital to see if they were still interested in assisting us with signage. Then, perhaps move into a sub-committee.

C. Katz departed the meeting.

2. "Redevelopment Committee" – Mayor Hameeduddin

DM Gussen advised that this item should be relisted as it was the request of the Mayor in his absence.

3. "CERT Program" – C. Stern

C. Stern advised more time would be needed to gather information.

4. "World of Wings" – C. Pruitt

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C. Pruitt spoke about the Windsor Road “World of Wings” and encouraged individuals to visit; spoke about his guest list for the upcoming meeting.

5. *“Sustainability Concerns at the New Police Station”* – C. Pruitt

C. Pruitt commended Mr. Rogovin for meeting with the architect who plans to use as much green material when constructing the new police station; Township Manager added that the architect did meet with Mr. Rogovin where discussions of the installation of GEO Thermal heating system; addressed other LEAD certifications issues and advised maybe Energy Star.

6. *“Boat Dock Agreement at Andreas Park”* – C. Katz

DM Gussen requested Township Clerk to reach out to C. Katz to see if wants this item re-listed.

7. *“Portable Generator Hook-Ups”* – C. Schwartz

C. Schwartz requested this item be re-listed for the first meeting in February, February 5th.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Debt Management Plan.

Township Manager Broughton advised he would have Bond Counsel prepare documents for bonding to implement the first phase of this plan and advised he would have by the next meeting.

2. Update – Council-Directed Items.

Township Manager Broughton advised on communications with PSE&G regarding their assessment of the trees; advised of a communication issued to the Township Attorney regarding Developer’s Agreements; advised the Construction Official was in contact with the owner of 1400 Palisade Avenue regarding the sidewalk installation in the rear of the property; provided update on the plaque for the Police Station and advised it was ordered and expected to arrive shortly; advised on text messaging/website emergency notifications; DM Gussen inquired if the text message ‘alert’ system could have the snow emergency alert/notification incorporated; Township Manager Broughton advised he would look into it and advised all should pay attention to the weather report; provided an update on the recycling stations and advised that the Public Works Director Fran Wilson met with the representative and visited locations; advised the fence was up for the dog park and with weather permitting, the dog park would be up and ready by the end of the month; reported on cell towers.

Township Manager Broughton advised that there was a misprint in the Teaneck Times mailing that went out and noted the misprint was for the month of March. Manager Broughton advised that all of the information was correct, but the dates during a two week period were misprinted. Further advising that there were replacement print outs for March available on the Township’s website.

Township Manager Broughton advised that Community Policing will be meeting with seniors at the Rodda Center on January 17, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. to emergency preparedness.

3. Recreation Department’s 15-Minute Late Policy.

Item was not discussed at this time.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY’S REPORT

1. Gerald Rosano, et al. vs. Teaneck – USDC Opinion.

Township Attorney reported that the case was dismissed against the Township.

ADJOURNMENT

DM Gussen moved to adjourn the Open Session Meeting at 11:04 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Stern and carried by the following vote:

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

Approved: 3/5/13

Opposed: None.

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