

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013

ROLL CALL

Present: C. Parker, C. Stern, D.M. Gussen, C. Pruitt, C. Katz, C. Schwartz,
Mayor Hameeduddin.
Absent: None.
Also Present: W. Broughton, Township Manager; J.L. Evelina, RMC, Township Clerk;
S. Turitz, Esq. - Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka & Goldberg, P.C.

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.

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

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

Having adopted Resolution #74-2013, Mayor Hameeduddin made a motion to close the meeting to the public to discuss matters concerning the following matters: Township Clerk's evaluation, March 4, 2013 land auction, legal issues and negotiations. Seconded by D.M. Gussen.

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Stern, D.M. Gussen, Mayor Hameeduddin.
Opposed: None.
Absent: C. Pruitt (at time of vote), C. Katz (at time of vote), C. Schwartz (at time of vote).

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Hameeduddin called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order 8:00 p.m. and asked all present to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: C. Parker, C. Stern, D.M. Gussen, C. Pruitt, C. Katz (entered 8:02 p.m.),
C. Schwartz, Mayor Hameeduddin.
Absent: None.
Also Present: W. Broughton, Township Manager; J.L. Evelina, RMC, Township Clerk;
I. Abbasi, Executive Assistant to the Manager; C. Loschiavo, Senior Clerk;
S. Turitz, Esq. - Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka & Goldberg, P.C.

Mayor Hameeduddin advised the public with respect to the upcoming Council Meeting, holiday closing, Town-wide Garage Sale, Paper Shredding Day and matters discussed during Closed Session.

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PRESENTATIONS

1. Certificates of Recognition – Teaneck Fire Department
 - a. Firefighter Corey Goodall
 - b. Firefighter Gregory WagnerFire Chief Anthony Verley spoke in honor of the Firefighters. Mayor Hameeduddin presented Certificates to the Firefighters, and Manager Broughton spoke in honor of the Firefighters.

Approved: 4/9/13

1. Presentation by Steve Fox & Bruce Prince – Proposed Holocaust Memorial & Center for Tolerance Education in Andreas Park

C. Stern recused himself from this Presentation and left the dais, as he is a member of the Committee and a member of the New Jersey Holocaust Commission on Education.

Mr. Fox introduced himself to the Council and provided his background information. He spoke of the Holocaust. He presented the Committee's proposal to the Council.

Bruce Prince introduced himself to the Council. He explained that the original element was the Memorial, and the second element is an education center for tolerance for all.

David Abbcassis explained the site plan for the proposed Memorial and Center for Tolerance Education in Andreas Park.

Council discussed topography, the goal for this evening to decide whether or not the Manager should move forward with the Committee to discuss the project, obtaining recommendations of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Advisory Board and the Center serving all members of the community.

The consensus of Council was in favor of the Manager further discussing the matter with the Committee.

Mayor Hameeduddin left the meeting at 8:39 p.m. and announced for the record that he would have voted in favor of the consent agenda and introduction of the ordinances. D.M. Gussen presided over the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

The Township Clerk read the title of the following Ordinance into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 6-2013 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, AND THE RECONDITIONING OF A FIRE LADDER TRUCK, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$872,800 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

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

No member of Council commented.

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

Dr. Alex Rashin – questioned what and why with respect to the Ordinance.

Art Vatsky – suggested a breakdown of the Ordinance.

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

Manager Broughton explained that the Ordinance contains a basic description and serves to appropriate only at this point. The amount to be spent is approximately \$842,000.

Councilmember Katz moved to pass the above Ordinance 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.

Approved: 4/9/13

There being no further comments, the Deputy Mayor called on the Township Clerk for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Stern, D.M. Gussen, C. Pruitt, C. Katz, C. Schwartz.

Opposed: None.

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

The Deputy Mayor declared that said ordinance was duly adopted.

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

The Deputy Mayor 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.

The 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.

Ken Hoffman – questioned whether or not LSRP needs to get involved with the resurfacing of courts; thanked the Department of Public Works and the Purchasing Agent for their work; invited Council to upcoming soccer event.

Alex Rashin – presented his scientific experiment to Council with respect to blackouts.

Laura Mausner – raised her issues with the proposed Holocaust Memorial along the nature trail.

Felicia Grossman – spoke about the proposed Memorial as a negative Memorial which will keep the land, as is and described the proposed project as “beautiful”.

Marsha Streen – raised her issues with the proposed Holocaust Memorial along the Hackensack Greenway.

Bruce Prince – read a letter from the Hackensack River Greenway Advisory Board Chairperson into the record and went on to inform that meetings will take place with community groups to gather input with respect to the proposed Memorial.

Lillian Lewis – expressed that the proposed Memorial should serve the entire community.

Barbara Toffler – raised her issues with the proposed Memorial; and proposed that Council consider purchasing a nearby factory to shelter Township vehicles.

Jim Griffin – suggested further research be conducted with respect to an alternate location for the Memorial.

Sherry Fox – announced that she is an educator and supported a hands-on approach; and supported the proposed Memorial and Educational Center.

Jeff Ostroth – referenced previous comments made by a member of Council with respect to the manner in which appointments to boards are made.

Hannah Joskell – expressed support for the proposed Memorial and Educational Center.

Alan Sohn – raised his issues with the tax rate and the 2013 Municipal Budget.

Art Vatsky – raised his issues with the proposed Memorial and the four-day work week.

Approved: 4/9/13

Steve Fox – assured the public that the proposed Educational Center will be geared towards all groups and for the entire community. He also informed that the funding for the project will not be paid through tax-paying dollars.

Charles Powers – raised his issues with the 2013 Municipal Budget; and spoke about tax appeals.

Marie Warnke – spoke about school curriculum based on the Holocaust, proposed by a teacher from Teaneck years ago and which caused Teaneck to take a lead in multi-cultural education; and supported the proposed Memorial and Educational Center, as a resident and the Chair of the Hackensack River Greenway Advisory Board.

Naomi Cramer – raised her issues with the proposed Memorial and Educational Center; and spoke about the tax appeal process.

There being no further persons wishing to speak at this time, the Deputy Mayor declared that the public comment portion of the meeting was now closed.

D.M. Gussen explained that tonight's presentation resulted only in the Council directing the Manager to further discuss the proposed Holocaust Memorial and Educational Center. He responded to members of the public with respect to comments made regarding Township working hours and the 2013 Municipal Budget. He advised that employees work 35 hours per week, and the Township's budget cannot be compared to other municipalities' budgets as a result of the difference in public services offered, ie. Teaneck's paid Fire Department.

C. Parker commended Mr. Prince for his willingness to meet with different members of the community to receive feedback regarding the Holocaust Memorial and Educational Center.

C. Pruitt suggested that public properties are minimal for revenue; and suggested development ideas.

C. Katz thanked the presenters. He suggested that the presenters take into consideration the feedback from this meeting and feedback from other community groups. He thanked Dr. Rashin for his presentation. He mentioned his support for the Department of Public Works. He spoke the importance of making appointments to Boards that will better the process for the residents.

C. Schwartz spoke in favor of development to increase revenue. He spoke about the quality of services provided to residents in connection with the budget. He welcomed suggestions with respect to cutting expenses in the budget from the public.

D.M. Gussen requested the number of vehicles that require maintenance to ascertain whether or not there would be a savings by purchasing a garage for vehicles versus servicing vehicles outside the Township, and in response, Manager Broughton offered that there would not be a cost savings by purchasing a garage.

C. Schwartz welcomed any memorial.

C. Parker suggested that an education component be included for the upcoming revaluation.

Mr. Turitz advised that Resolution E commits the Council to a revaluation.

The 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.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

D.M. Gussen moved that Ordinance No. 7-2013 be introduced and passed on first reading and that the Township 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.

Approved: 4/9/13

The Township Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 7-2013 – ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.

Seconded by Councilmember Stern.

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

No member of Council commented.

There being no further comments, the Deputy Mayor called on the Township Clerk for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Mayor Hameeduddin.

The Deputy Mayor declared that said ordinance was duly introduced and passed on first reading.

RESOLUTION B/75-2013 – INTRODUCE AND APPROVE 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET, ON FIRST READING, BY TITLE, AND SCHEDULE APRIL 23, 2013 AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS AS THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

D.M. Gussen moved to approve Resolution B/75-2013 and to dispense with the reading of same inasmuch as it has been posted on the bulletin board all day. Seconded by C. Parker.

Mr. Turitz advised that changes must be made to the budget on April 23, 2013, if approved by the Local Finance Board on April 10, 2013. Any additional changes should be done at the April 9, 2013 Meeting. He also suggested that the Auditor and Chief Financial Officer be present on April 9, 2013.

The Deputy Mayor called on the Township Clerk for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Mayor Hameeduddin.

The Deputy Mayor declared said item was passed.

RESOLUTION C/76-2013 – INTRODUCE AND APPROVE 2013 CEDAR LANE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET, ON FIRST READING, BY TITLE, AND SCHEDULE APRIL 23, 2013 AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS AS THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2013 CEDAR LANE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET.

D.M. Gussen moved to approve Resolution C/76-2013 and to dispense with the reading of same inasmuch as it has been posted on the bulletin board all day. Seconded by C. Stern.

C. Parker questioned if considerations would be given to Cedar Lane property owners by Council, and in response, Mr. Turitz advised Council that changes could not be part of this budget process but by Ordinance. D.M. Gussen requested that this matter be listed for discussion after budget adoption.

Approved: 4/9/13

The Deputy Mayor called on the Township Clerk for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Parker, D.M. Gussen, C. Pruitt, C. Schwartz.
Opposed: None.
Absent: C. Stern (at time of vote), C. Katz (at time of vote), Mayor Hameeduddin.

The Deputy Mayor declared said item was passed.

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.

1. Raffle Application No. 1352 – Center for Food Action – On Premise 50/50 - \$20.00
2. Raffle Application No. 1353 – Center for Food Action – Off Premise 50/50 - \$20.00

MINUTES

January 22, 2013 – Open Session Meeting (Absent: C. Schwartz).
February 5, 2013 – Open Session Meeting.
February 12, 2013 – Special Meeting (Absent: C. Schwartz) – Approved for Content Only.
February 19, 2013 – Open Session Meeting.
February 26, 2013 – Closed Session Meeting (Absent: C. Katz) – Approved for Content Only.

RESOLUTIONS

D/77-2013 Authorize 2013 Emergency Temporary Appropriations.
E/78-2013 Authorize Submission of Application to LFB – Refunding Bond Ordinance.
F/79-2013 Refund Tax Overpayments – Various – 2010, 2012 & 2013.
G/80-2013 Ratify Payments – CFO – February, 2013.
H/81-2013 Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order – Chas S. Winner, Inc. – Police Vehicles.
I/82-2013 Award Contract – Halecon, Inc. – Court Games Resurfacing.
J/83-2013 Award Sale of Township Property – Lot 23, Block 5604.01.
L/84-2013 Appoint Council Liaisons to Boards.

BILL LIST

Township Clerk Evelina read the amount of the Bill List into the record (\$10,995,770.87).

D.M. 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 K and Resolution M. Seconded by C. Parker.

The following Resolution was pulled, as the Township is awaiting documentation regarding same:

M. Authorize 2012/2013 Municipal Consent Pursuant to Special Ruling – Liquor License No. 0260-33-015-005 – World of Wings.

The following Resolution was pulled for discussion:

K/85-2013 Request Legislature to Correct Inequity – Real Estate Tax Refunds.

The Deputy Mayor to call on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Stern, D.M. Gussen, C. Pruitt, C. Katz, C. Schwartz.
Opposed: None.
Absent: Mayor Hameeduddin.
Abstained: C. Stern – Bill List; C. Katz – Bill List.

Approved: 4/9/13

The Deputy Mayor declared whether said items were passed.

C. Katz moved Resolution K/85-2013 for discussion. D.M. Gussen made a motion to approve Resolution K/85-2013.

D.M. Gussen spoke about tax appeals and their impact on the budget. He explained the purpose of the Resolution to create a fairer tax structure. Seconded by C. Parker.

C. Parker requested that the Resolution also be sent to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

Roll Call

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Stern, D.M. Gussen, C. Katz, C. Schwartz.

Opposed: None.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

D.M. Gussen moved that the below Ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and that the Township 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. Seconded by C. Stern.

Township Clerk read the titles of the following Ordinances into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 8-2013 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 27-3 OF CHAPTER 27, "PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS," OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK TO PERMIT UNLEASHED DOGS WITHIN PHELPS PARK AND TO ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS THEREFOR

ORDINANCE NO. 9-2013 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 36-11.2 OF DIVISION 1 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 36, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC," OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE DELETING RESTRICTED ON-STREET PARKING SPACES FOR HANDICAPPED FROM A PORTION OF OGDEN AVENUE

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2013 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 36-8 OF DIVISION 1 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 36, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC," OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ESTABLISHING ANGLE PARKING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF A PORTION OF STATE STREET

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2013 - REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF A \$2,212,920.32 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION FOR TAX APPEALS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,232,000 OF BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE SUCH EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION

Manager Broughton provided a brief explanation of each Ordinance.

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

C. Parker expressed her support for Ordinance 8-2013 and suggested that same be applied in other parks.

Manager Broughton advised that signage in the dog park will follow.

There being no further comments, the Deputy Mayor called on the Township Clerk for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Mayor Hameeduddin.

Approved: 4/9/13

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2013 Municipal Budget.

This matter was previously discussed.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

C. Parker reported on the success of the Youth Forum and thanked all who assisted and participated.

C. Pruitt reported on the Affirmative Action Advisory Board and advised that the Board will meet with the Human Resources Director regarding affirmative action.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. *“Town Hall Meeting of the Seniors at the Richard Rodda Community Center”* -

C. Parker.

This matter will be revisited after a Senior Director is hired. She added her request for an information session on recycling and how bins should be used, and the Manager will coordinate same.

2. *“Listing of Council Liaison Appointments, Advisory and Statutory Boards to the Website”*
- C. Parker.

C. Parker requested that Council’s pictures, Council Liaisons and board members be added to the website. Council discussed same, and the consensus was in favor of placing Council pictures, Council Liaisons and Statutory Boards be listed on the website, including names and terms. Council also requested that Advisory Board Chairpersons be contacted to ascertain what advisory board members wish to have their names listed on the website.

3. *“Dedication of the Inclusive Playground”* – C. Katz.

C. Katz spoke about Council elected to dedicating the playground to Netti Balsam who was the daughter of the family who was the driving force for the playground. He advised that the family was in favor of the dedication. He is working on the language for the dedication.

4. *“Commuter Parking Lot”* – C. Katz.

C. Katz suggested that areas be reserved for resident commuters. He spoke about the commuter lot near Ward Plaza and advised that non-residents are parking in said lot. He suggested amendments to the Ordinance. Manager Broughton and the attorney will investigate the matter. Council requested that the Manager also reach out to the residents of Ward Plaza.

5. *“Shop Teaneck Tax Credit”* – C. Schwartz.

The matter will be re-listed for discussion.

6. *“Large Commercial Trucks Parking in Residential Areas”* – C. Pruitt.

C. Pruitt expressed concern that box trucks are parking in residential areas. Manager Broughton will investigate the matter.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Update – Council-Directed Items.

Manager Broughton reported the following: recycling stations will be installed upon receipt; and regarding Bergen One Stop, an application has been submitted for clerical assistance.

Approved: 4/9/13

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Pruitt moved to adjourn at 11:18 p.m. Seconded by D.M. Gussen.

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Mayor Hameeduddin.

I hereby certify that the above minutes were approved by the Township Council on April 9, 2013.

JAIME L. EVELINA, RMC
Township Clerk