

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 411 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Present: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, Martorelli, Council President DeMaio, and Mayor Pannullo

Also Present: Joseph Tempesta, Jr., Administrator
Matthew O'Donnell, Township Attorney
Kenneth Huelbig, Chief Financial Officer
Paula A. Massaro, Township Clerk

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Peluso gave the Invocation.

The Mayor read the Public Announcement in which he stated that the meeting had been advertised, the press notified, and the notice posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Adoption of Minutes: **April 14, 2014**

Motion by Council President DeMaio, seconded by Councilman Peluso to adopt the said minutes.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, Martorelli, Council President DeMaio, and Mayor Pannullo

PRESENTATION: 2014 Morris County Budget Overview

Thomas J. Mastrangelo, Freeholder Director gave a brief PowerPoint presentation in regards to the Morris County 2014 Operating Budget of \$317.3 million. He highlighted that for the second consecutive year there would be a 0% tax increase, essential county services would be maintained, and debt would be reduced by \$8.3 million. Director Mastrangelo also touched upon pension costs, health benefits, county share of disabled/psychiatric care, and capital projects. He concluded by stating the Freeholders were very satisfied with the budget.

ADOPTION: 2014 Municipal Budget

Resolution Re: Adopt 2014 Municipal Budget

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Township of East Hanover of the County of Morris that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of **\$14,053,252.00** for Municipal Purposes, and **\$1,148,143.00** Minimum Library Tax.

Motion by Councilman Martorelli, seconded by Council President DeMaio to adopt the 2014 Municipal Budget.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, Martorelli, Council President DeMaio, and Mayor Pannullo

OLD BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC INPUT:

Armand Cucciniello, former resident who returned from serving in the US Military stationed in Iraq and Pakistan, mentioned his desire to become involved in the community. The Mayor thanked Mr. Cucciniello for his service to our country.

Motion by Council President DeMaio, seconded by Councilman Peluso to close public input.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, Martorelli, Council President DeMaio, and Mayor Pannullo

COUNCIL INPUT:

Councilman Peluso thanked the residents for attending the Memorial Day Parade with a special thanks to all veterans who have served our country. As a reminder, schools would soon be dismissed for summer vacation and urged everyone to drive safely.

Councilwoman Jandoli was sorry that she could not attend the Senior Citizens Management Board meeting today because of her busy work schedule. She said that she looked forward to the summer concerts and urged residents to attend.

Councilman Martorelli thanked the residents for supporting the Hemophiliac Walk.

Council President DeMaio reported that the Hemophiliac Walk raised \$65,500.00.

Mayor Pannullo provided an update in connection with the construction of the Route 10 Bridge. He stated that numerous calls were made to the NJ Department of Transportation requesting that they adjust the timing of the traffic light in order to ease the traffic congestion at River Road and Route 10. The Mayor also reported that replacement of the Melanie Lane Bridge would commence in July.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been referred to members of the Township Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the

Township Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council action and placed on the regular agenda under new business.

- 90a-2014- Resolution Re: RL:1763/Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter Inc.
- 90b-2014- Resolution Re: RL:1764/St. Rose of Lima RC Church
- 90c-2014- Resolution Re: RL:1765/HSA Jefferson
- 90d-2014- Resolution Re: RL:1766/HSA Jefferson
- 91 -2014- Resolution Re: Tax Sale Redemption Cert # 13-00001
- 92 -2014- Resolution Re: Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for 2014-2015
- 93 -2014- Resolution Re: Insertion of Special Item of Revenue in 2013 Municipal Budget (Chapter 159) ~ Office of Emergency Management
- 94 -2014- Resolution Re: Award of Contract to LaGuardia & Associates Entertainment for the Design and Performance of the Summer Concert Series
- 95 -2014- Resolution Re: Appointment of Municipal Housing Liaison
- 96 -2014- Resolution Re: Appointment of Kenneth Huelbig as Tax Collector
- 97 -2014- Resolution Re: Reappointment of Kevin M. Esposito as Tax Assessor

Motion by Council President DeMaio, seconded by Councilman Peluso to adopt the aforementioned resolutions.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, Martorelli, Council President DeMaio, and Mayor Pannullo

COMMUNICATIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Request Approval to Leave Existing Shed Over a Township Easement @ 8 Tremont Drive (Elizabeth Duarte)

Motion by Councilman Martorelli, seconded by Council President DeMaio to authorize the Township Attorney to prepare a resolution and Hold Harmless Agreement for the next meeting.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, Martorelli, Council President DeMaio, and Mayor Pannullo

- Request Approval to Construct a Fence Over a Township Sewer Easement @ 9 Fay Drive (Michael and Jacqueline Capodanno)

Motion by Council President DeMaio, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli to authorize the Township Attorney to prepare a resolution and Hold Harmless Agreement for the next meeting.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, Martorelli, Council President DeMaio, and Mayor Pannullo

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction: Ordinance No. 11-2014~ Amend and Supplement Chapter 95, Land Use and Zoning, Lot Grading Permit

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 11-2014, entitled “*AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO REVISE CHAPTER 95, LAND USE AND ZONING, ARTICLE VIIIA, LOT GRADING PERMIT, SECTION § 95-83.1 PERMIT APPLICATION AND CRITERIA; LOT GRADING PLAN AND REVIEW; FEE; VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES TO INCLUDE A NEW SUBSECTION SETTING FORTH REVIEW TIME ALLOWANCES; AND ADDING THE REQUIREMENT OF AN ESCROW AMOUNT INTO THE SECTION.*”

Motion by Council President DeMaio, seconded by Councilman Peluso that Ordinance No. 11-2014 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk’s office, and set down for public hearing on July 1, 2014.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, Martorelli, Council President DeMaio, and Mayor Pannullo

Introduction: Ordinance No. 12-2014~ Authorize the Acquisition of Real Property Located at 453 River Road, Block 39, Lot 10 (Chandru and Sushila Butani)

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 12-2014, entitled “*AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED 453 RIVER ROAD, BLOCK 39, LOT 1.*”

Motion by Councilman Martorelli, seconded by Council President DeMaio that Ordinance No. 12-2014 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk’s office, and set down for public hearing on July 1, 2014.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, Martorelli, Council President DeMaio, and Mayor Pannullo

Resolution Re: Closed Session

No closed session was held.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion by Council President DeMaio, seconded by Councilman Peluso to pay bills included in the attached claim list submitted by the Chief Financial Officer.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, Martorelli, Council President DeMaio, and Mayor Pannullo

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman Martorelli to adjourn meeting.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, Martorelli, Council President DeMaio, and Mayor Pannullo

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula A. Massaro, RMC
Township Clerk