

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Monday, June 10, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 411 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Present: Councilmen Peluso, DeMaio, Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

Absent: Council President Jandoli

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 DeMaio 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.

Adoptions of Minutes: **April 8, 2013**

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilman Martorelli to adopt the said minutes.

Ayes: Councilmen Peluso, DeMaio, Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

PUBLIC HEARING: 2013 Morris County Open Space Trust Fund Application

As a preface to the public hearing, Administrator Joseph Tempesta announced that the public hearing was in connection with the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund Application. The designated property was located at 453 River Road consisting of 4.64 acres and owned by Chandru and Sushila Butani. Mr. Tempesta clearly stated that preserving the property for open space would be beneficial to the surrounding neighborhood and residents.

Barbara Heskins Davis, Vice President of Programs of The Land Conservancy of New Jersey, first said that The Land Conservancy strongly supported the application as an excellent acquisition and also, it was rare for a municipality in Morris County to have a property of this size available for open space preservation. Ms. Davis indicated that this application was an appropriate use of the County Open Space Trust Fund because it would benefit the residents of East Hanover Township as well as the region. She proceeded with a site description of the property that extended from River Road to the Passaic River, abutted the Fox Run Development, and had two access points, one on River Road and the other on Dartmoor Road.

Ms. Davis also touched upon the funding aspect stating that the requested amount to Morris County was \$150,000, and the Township's Open Space Trust Fund would cover the transaction due diligence costs required for closing. The NJ Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres funds would be used for acquisition of the property.

Ms. Davis further noted that the owner of the property previously received D.E.P. approval for a Freshwater Wetlands Permit for development of two residential lots. Currently the Fox Run Development has had no flood issues, but with the proposed development of two residential homes, the impact of the neighborhood would be uncertain with respect to rising water from the Passaic River.

Lastly, Ms. Davis explained the application process and indicated that the deadline for submission to Morris County was June 21, 2013 and grant funding would be announced in November 2013.

Mayor Pannullo emphasized the Council's full endorsement of this application and then opened the hearing to the public.

Christopher Manak, resident and chairman of the Environmental Commission and William Salemme, resident and chairman of the Land Use Planning Board, offered their support for the acquisition of the property.

The following residents also commented in support of preserving the property for open space:

1. Brian Brokaw, 6 Fox Run Drive
2. Natalee Bartlett, 30 Fox Run Drive
3. Steven Glassman, 26 Fox Run Drive
4. Kevin Redvanly, 20 Dartmoor Road
5. Yi Chii Chen, 32 Fox Run Drive
6. Choy Ping Chin, 24 Fox Drive

Motion by Councilman Peluso, seconded by Councilman DeMaio to close the public hearing.

Ayes: Councilmen Peluso, DeMaio, Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

104-2013- Resolution Re: Authorize Application to Morris County Department of Planning and Development Pertaining to the Acquisition of Lot 10 in Block 39 Located at 453 River Road (Butani Property)

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilman Peluso to adopt the said resolution.

Ayes: Councilmen Peluso, DeMaio, Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

OLD BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC INPUT:

There was no public input.

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilman Martorelli to close public input.

Ayes: Councilmen Peluso, DeMaio, Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

COUNCIL INPUT:

Councilman Peluso announced that the summer concerts sponsored by Novartis would commence July 9th at Lurker Park. He commented in regard to a rumor that surfaced questioning his presence during Hurricane Sandy. Councilman Peluso clearly stated for the record that he has been a volunteer on the East Hanover Fire Department for 18 years and worked diligently in that capacity at the time of Hurricane Sandy.

Councilman DeMaio congratulated the Hanover Park Girls Softball Team for their victorious season. He advised that the annual Hemophiliac Walk on June 9th raised approximately \$53,000.

Councilman Martorelli echoed congratulations to the Hanover Park Girls Softball Team for their outstanding season.

Mayor Pannullo extended congratulations to the Hanover Park Girls Softball Team and stated that he was one of the founding fathers of girls' softball in the community. The Mayor thanked the residents for supporting the Hemophiliac Walk, and also, for endorsing open space property.

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.

105-2013- Resolution Re: Refund Tax Overpayment (30 Farinella Drive)

106-2013- Resolution Re: Governing Body Certification of Annual Audit for 2012

107-2013- Resolution Re: Approve Corrective Action Plan ~ 2012 Audit

108-2013- Resolution Re: Insertion of Special Item of Revenue in 2013 Budget (Chapter 159) ~
Clean Communities 2013 Grant

- 109-2013- Resolution Re: Award of Contract to Donnelly Energy Solutions for the 2013 Direct Install Program
- 110-2013- Resolution Re: Authorize a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Middlesex Regional Education Services Commission
- 111-2013- Resolution Re: Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for 2013-2014 License Term
- 112-2013- Resolution Re: Award of Contract to Maser Consulting P.A. for Township Engineering and Consulting Engineering Services
- 113-2013- Resolution Re: Award of Contract to Matrix New World Engineering, Inc. for Consulting Engineering Services
- 114-2013- Resolution Re: Award of Contract to La Guardia & Associates Entertainment for the 2013 Summer Concert Series
- 115-2013- Resolution Re: RL:1678/St. Rose of Lima RC Church
- 116-2013- Resolution Re: Resolution Re: Award of Contract to Cali Carting, Inc. for the Provision of Roll-Off Container Services
- 117-2013- Resolution Re: Approve Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement for 3 Kennedy Terrace
- 118-2013- Resolution Re: Acquisition of Aerial Ladder Fire Fighting Apparatus Under the Houston-Galveston Area Council National Cooperative Contract
- 119-2013- Resolution Re: Approve Escrow Banking Agreement Between NJ Council of Affordable Housing (COAH), Township of East Hanover and Investors Savings Bank
- 120-2013- Resolution Re: Endorsing NJDOT Project to Reconstruct Bridge on Route 10 Over Passaic River
- 121-2013- Resolution Re: Acquisition of Police Portable Radios Under State of NJ Cooperative Purchasing Program

Motion by Councilman Martorelli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio to adopt the aforementioned resolutions.

Ayes: Councilmen Peluso, DeMaio, Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

COMMUNICATIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The Council was in agreement to cancel the July 8th meeting and reschedule to July 1, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Resolution Re: Closed Session

No closed session was held.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

Ayes: Councilmen Peluso, DeMaio, Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilman Martorelli to adjourn meeting.

Ayes: Councilmen Peluso, DeMaio, Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula A. Massaro
Township Clerk