

May 1, 2014 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Township Clerk, Amy Leso. The meeting was advertised in the following manner:

- A. Posting written notice on the official Bulletin Board in the Township Municipal Building on January 7, 2014
- B. Faxing and mailing written notice to The South Jersey Times and The Courier Post on January 7, 2014
- C. Filing written notice with the Township Clerk of West Deptford Township on January 7, 2014

Roll Call:

Ms. DiCarlo, Mr. Keuler, Mr. Maher, Deputy Mayor Hansen and Mayor Chintall were in attendance for this meeting.

Correspondence:

None

Proclamation:

#103 BOB OLDT – VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP AWARD PRESENTED TO GREG LEY

Open Meeting to the Public:

Mayor Chintall called for a motion to open the meeting to the public. Ms. DiCarlo made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Keuler.

Mr. Gary Rutter of 1559 Dunop Street and Mr. Chris Koger of 1560 Dunop Street addressed the committee regarding flooding in their area. They outlined what the township had done in the past to fix this problem but that solution is no longer working. They provided the committee with pictures of the flooding. Mr. Zimm visited the area when it was built but had not been there recently. Mayor Chintall asked Mr. Snowden to evaluate the area.

Mr. Bob Huntsberger spoke about the proposed changes to Philadelphia Avenue. He lives in one of the three houses that could be affected and he said he just found out about the proposed changes a few days ago. The ordinance process was explained to him and he was told that the ordinance would be re-introduced later in the meeting with some changes. He asked why the need to change the road – he has lived there for 23 years and does not see a problem. Chief DiSimone explained that a bus driver expressed concerns to Mr. Cohen (the principal) and he asked the police to investigate the issue. Mr. Huntsberger gave statistics that indicate that one-way streets are more likely to have vehicular accidents. Chief DiSimone reminded him that the traffic officer addressed the studies and most dealt with speed which is not an issue on Philadelphia Avenue.

Ms. Patti Layton suggested that the busses unload behind the school. She also said that the parking lot is frequently full and there are cars parked on the street on a regular school day. She asked what will happen on special event days. She was told that visitors would have to park on other streets and walk to the school.

Ms. DiCarlo made a motion to close the meeting to the public. It was seconded by Mr. Keuler and approved by the entire committee.

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Ms. DiCarlo made a motion to authorize the Mayor and Administrator to Execute all Documents Necessary for the Program Year 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Municipal Project Program Application for ADA Accessible Curb Ramps Entirely within Low/Moderate Qualified BG2 and BG4 Shown on CDBG Eligible BG Mapping. Her motion was approved by Mr. Maher. The vote was as follows:

Ms. DiCarlo	Y
Mr. Keuler	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Deputy Mayor Hansen	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

#104 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR 2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) MUNICIPAL PROJECT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR ADA ACCESSIBLE CURB RAMPS ENTIRELY WITHIN LOW/MODERATE QUALIFIED BG2 AND BG4 SHOWN ON CDBG ELIGIBLE BG MAPPING

Mr. Keuler made a motion to open the meeting to the public for the second reading of the following ordinance. His motion was seconded by Mr. Maher and approved by the entire committee. No one addressed the committee. Mr. Hansen made a motion to close the meeting to the public. His motion was seconded by Mr. Maher and approved by the entire committee. Ms. DiCarlo then made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. It was seconded by Mr. Keuler. The vote was as follows:

Ms. DiCarlo	Y
Mr. Keuler	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Deputy Mayor Hansen	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$70,000 TO BE USED FOR WORKSTATIONS, COMPUTERS AND ALL NECESSARY COMPONENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
#2014-11
(SECOND READING)**

Mr. Maher made a motion for the refund of various fees for RiverWinds Community Center. His motion was seconded by Mr. Keuler. The vote was as follows:

Ms. DiCarlo	Y
Mr. Keuler	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Deputy Mayor Hansen	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

#105 RESOLUTION FOR THE REFUND OF VARIOUS FEES FOR RIVERWINDS COMMUNITY CENTER

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Mr. Keuler made a motion to authorize the first reading of the following ordinance. It was seconded by Mr. Maher. The second reading will be on May 15th. The vote was as follows:

Ms. DiCarlo	Y
Mr. Keuler	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Deputy Mayor Hansen	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

**AMENDING "CAP" ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMIT AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)
#2014-12
(FIRST READING)**

Mayor Chintall turned the meeting over to the Acting Administrator, Brandon Umba for a presentation on the budget. In his presentation he said that there is a loss of ratable base and an increase in public works due to costs of the sanitary landfill. He said that 2013 municipal local rate was 1.052. There will be decrease in 2014 of 0.187. The Budget Introduction rate is 0.865. He made comparisons between the 2012 tax levy and tax rate. He outlined expenses and areas of revenue. He then opened the meeting to the committee for questions. Ms. DiCarlo asked Mr. Pine about sheet 19 regarding the Annual Finance Report. She spoke about the Deferred School Tax and asked the committee if they were aware that the 2013 budget was over-expended. She said they did not appropriate enough to cover the expenses. She then asked Mr. Pine if increasing the school tax surplus was on the state Best Practices list. He said that it was not. Mr. Pine said that the township is using less money this year than last year and they are hoping to put more into surplus next year. Ms. DiCarlo asked about sheet 11 and the reliance on one-time revenues. She also asked about what the 1.9 represents. She was told it was the 2012 Sunoco Tax Appeal. She said that taxes are increasing 9 cents. She asked Mr. Umba if taxes increased last year. Mr. Umba said that there is a discrepancy. Ms. DiCarlo asked if the budget included any money to fix Red Bank Estates issues. Mr. Umba said that it is included in the Water/Sewer Budget. She also asked if the Vac Truck was budgeted for. She was told that it was. She asked if they had created a hole of 1.5 for the start of 2014. Mr. Pine said that they had not and explained. Ms. DiCarlo does not believe that they are being honest with the tax payers. Mr. Maher said that he heard Mr. Umba state that they have to account for the balloon payment and the credit from the county. Mayor Chintall said that there will be a public hearing on the budget on May 15th during the work session and also on May 31st at 9am.

Mr. Maher then made a motion to approve the 2014 Introduced Budget. His motion was seconded by Mr. Hansen. The vote was as follows:

Ms. DiCarlo	N
Mr. Keuler	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Deputy Mayor Hansen	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

#106 INTRODUCTION OF 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Chintall congratulated Mr. Chuck Weikel on his retirement from the Public Works Department. He also said that the township had received a check for the settlement of the TD Bank vs. Urban Renewal in the amount of \$279,486.50 with assistance of Redevelopment Counsel Mr. Cimino. This money will be deposited in the general fund.

Mr. Hansen recognized the members of the Environmental Commission for their work on Earth Day.

A representative from Pennoni, Jerry Prevete, gave a presentation on self-funding energy saving projects. This project will be funded through bonding and the bond will be paid using the savings earned. The Local Finance Board will need to approve the bond. It is overseen by the BPU. He explained the different programs and how the programs work. There is no upfront cost to the township. He will provide a list of municipalities in New Jersey that participate in the program. Although West Deptford has not had an energy study done, an analysis of RiverWinds Community Center has been done. There is room for improvement there. Mr. Hansen thanked Mr. Prevete for his presentation.

Ms. DiCarlo expressed her disappointment to the committee that they did not read the Annual Financial Statement.

Mr. Keuler made a motion Authorizing Entry into a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Woodbury for the Use of West Deptford's Street Sweeper. His motion was seconded by Mr. Hansen. The fee for use would be \$400.00 per day. The agreement is for two to three months and either party can terminate at any time. Ms. DiCarlo asked how the fee of \$400.00 was determined. Mr. Umba said that Mr. Moore did a cost analysis that includes an operator. Woodbury will return the machine with a full tank of gas. Ms. DiCarlo outlined her concerns that this fee does not cover the actual expenses for the driver salary, benefits, maintenance, insurance and parts. Mr. Umba believed that this fee was reasonable. Ms. DiCarlo made a motion to increase the fee to \$505.00 per day to cover all expenses. Her motion did not receive a second. The vote on Mr. Maher's original motion was as follows:

Ms. DiCarlo	N
Mr. Keuler	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Deputy Mayor Hansen	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

#107 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE USE OF WEST DEPTFORD'S STREET SWEEPER

Mr. Maher spoke about the ordinance that was up for second reading at the meeting concerning no parking and one way direction on Philadelphia Avenue. Due to some concerns, no further action will be taken on this ordinance. Mr. Maher then made a motion to authorize the first reading of a revised ordinance. It was seconded by Mr. Hansen. The second reading will be on June 5th. The time will be changed to 7:30-9:00am and 2:30-3:30pm. No parking will be permitted from Columbia Avenue to the northeast property line of Block 114 Lot 9 at any time and the curb will be painted yellow. A crosswalk will also be added at the intersection of Columbia Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue. The chief will have officers present at the school to direct traffic when this takes effect. Mr. Maher suggested asking the school district to communicate the changes to the parents. The vote was as follows:

Ms. DiCarlo	Abstain
Mr. Keuler	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Deputy Mayor Hansen	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

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**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD AMENDING SCHEDULE II "NO PARKING CERTAIN HOURS" OF SECTION 160-4 AND SCHEDULE VI "ONE WAY STREETS" OF SECTION 160-8 OF THE WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP CODE
#2014-13
(FIRST READING)**

Mr. Hansen made a motion authorizing a closed session of the West Deptford Township Committee for discussion of the PBA Contract Negotiations. His motion was seconded by Mr. Keuler and approved by the entire committee.

#108 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION OF THE PBA CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Engineer:

No report.

Solicitor:

No report.

Administrator:

No report.

The committee went into closed session.

The specific information discussed in the closed session will be released at a time when the matter has been resolved.

The committee returned from the closed session.

Open Meeting to the Public:

Mr. Hansen made a motion to open the meeting to the public. It was seconded by Mr. Keuler and approved by the entire committee.

Mr. Dave Sileo expressed his appreciation to the Deputy Mayor and committee members for the clean-ups done on Earth Day. He also liked the energy presentation. He also said that the court room needs better audio/visual technology. Mr. Maher said that he was present on Earth Day and took a tour of Strawberry Vale.

Ms. DiCarlo made a motion to close the meeting to the public and it was seconded by Mr. Hansen. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Chintall called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. DiCarlo made a motion; a second was given by Mr. Keuler and approved by the entire committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Leso, RMC
Township Clerk