

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution #28-12, setting the 2012 meeting dates and Sunshine Notice, dated June 21, 2012, amending the 2012 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

MOTION TO GO INTO SPECIAL SESSION

The Township Clerk went on record at 6:30 p.m.; read the Mayor's Announcement; and took attendance. As there was no quorum, the meeting did not move forward, and the Township Clerk announced the meeting would reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL SESSION DISCUSSION

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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ROLL CALL

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

The Township Clerk went on record at 7:00 p.m.; read the Mayor's Announcement; and took attendance. As there was no quorum, the meeting did not move forward, and the Township Clerk announced that the meeting would reconvene at 8:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hameeduddin called the Open Session Meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. and asked all those present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

In Favor: C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen.

The Township Clerk read the Mayor's Announcement into the record:

Also Present: S. Turitz – Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka & Goldberg, Esqs.; W. Broughton, Township Manager; J.L. Evelina, RMC, Township Clerk; Issa Abbasi, Executive Assistant; J. Jackson, Senior Clerk.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

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Mayor Hameeduddin advised the public with respect to the following: (1) the details of the upcoming Reorganization Meeting; (2) the details of the upcoming Townwide Garage Sale; (3) a message from the Township Clerk regarding the deadline to submit 2012 Financial Disclosures; and (4) that Council did not meet in Special Session or Closed Session, as there was no quorum.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Senator Loretta Weinberg - Resolutions for Departing Councilmembers.

Senator Weinberg presented Councilwomen Honis and Toffler with Resolutions from District 37 Legislators. Council and Administration wished the Councilwomen the best of luck in their future endeavors.

2. Oath of Office – Battalion Chief Joseph Zbierski.

Manager Broughton announced Battalion Chief Zbierski and his family. Mr. Broughton read a short biography into the record regarding Battalion Chief Zbierski and administered the Oath of Office. Fire Chief Anthony Verley and the Council congratulated the Battalion Chief and expressed thanks to his family.

3. 2012 Clean & Green Participants.

Councilwoman Honis presented Certificates to those who assisted in this year's and last year's Clean and Green. C. Honis commended Nelson Wong of the Teaneck Health Department and Issa Abbasi from the Manager's Office for their service during Clean and Green Weekend.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

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

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

Councilwoman Toffler spoke about the following topics: (1) bus shelters; (2) defibrillators; (3) emergency management plan; (4) 5-day work week; (5) historical burial ground sign; and (6) action plan list. She requested additional bus shelters; requested the location of the defibrillators and the names of those trained to use same; requested the release of the emergency management plan; requested 5-day access to the Municipal Building; requested the installation of the historic burial ground sign; and requested the reinstatement of the action list.

Mayor to declare 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.

Paula Marcowitz, Teaneck and Jerusalem – wished good health and success to the new Council.

Sandy Loft – expressed gratitude to Councilwomen Honis and Toffler.

Patricia White, Teaneck – expressed gratitude to Councilwomen Honis and Toffler.

Howard Rose – commended the employee who was promoted this evening and expressed gratitude to Councilwomen Honis and Toffler.

Naomi Cramer – expressed gratitude to Councilwomen Honis and Toffler.

Charles Powers – expressed concern for the Township, as his wife, Councilwoman Toffler was not re-elected; spoke about outstanding minutes and videos that he could not locate; and advised the Council that they have an obligation to support the Clerk.

Alexander Rashin – responded to Dr. Powers’ comments regarding the minutes; advised that the minutes cannot give a clearer version of what transpired at any meeting more so than the video; mentioned his recent opportunity to request assistance from the Township Clerk’s Office at which time the office was tirelessly working to complete minutes which seemed to take precedence above anything else and questioned this reasoning, as the Votee Park situation is a more serious issue yet, the situation became classified after the Votee Park Advisory Board members were appointed; informed that since the appointment of members, absolutely no information has been released. He suggested that although the Council should do what is necessary to support the Clerk; more importantly, they should prioritize matters of importance, as the Votee Park issue should take precedence over the completion of minutes.

Mayor Hameeduddin directed the Manager to place the minutes from the Environmental Advisory Board Respecting Votee Park on the Township Website, including the meeting dates of the Board; and questioned when letters to LSRP’s are being mailed.

The Manager advised that the letters to LSRP’s were mailed today. He explained LSRP’s by informing of a new program where enforcement of regulations are requiring the services of professionals; and explained that in order to create a remediation plan for Votee Park, an LSRP must be hired. He also informed that the Advisory Board is looking at different LSRP’s.

C. Toffler responded to the Mayor’s direction to the Manager for the inclusion of the Votee Park Advisory Board minutes being placed on the website and expressed confusion as to why the minutes are so important, as if anyone wants to know what is going on, they can attend a meeting of the Board, as the meetings are public. She also thanked the audience for their kind words. She referenced comments from the public about making a difference. She expressed pride for Teaneck, and she hopes that the Council, Administration and the public will continue to make a difference for Township residents.

C. Honis thanked the audience for their kind words; assured the public that she will continue to serve the Township; and expressed confusion as to why Dr. Powers’ alleges there are no videos when the Township Clerk sends a DVD home the following day after each meeting to every Council member.

In response, C. Toffler referenced one meeting date, specifically, May 17, and requested that C. Honis forward same to the Library.

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

Mayor to inquire whether any member of the Council or the Manager wishes to respond to the public comments or whether a member of the Council wishes to remove any item from the Consent Agenda and have a separate discussion thereon.

No comments were made.

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.

None.

MINUTES

January 10, 2012 – Closed Session Meeting (C. Katz - Absent) – Approved for Content Only.
February 7, 2012 – Closed Session Meeting (C. Toffler - Absent) – Approved for Content Only.
February 21, 2012 – Closed Session Meeting (C. Parker, C. Katz – Absent) – Approved for Content Only.
March 6, 2012 – Closed Session Meeting (C. Katz – Absent) – Approved for Content Only.
March 20, 2012 – Special [Confidential] Meeting – Approved for Content Only.
March 20, 2012 – Closed Session Meeting – Approved for Content Only.
April 3, 2012 – Special [Confidential] Meeting (C. Stern, C. Katz – Absent) – Approved for Content Only.
April 3, 2012 – Closed Session Meeting (C. Parker - Absent) – Approved for Content Only.
April 24, 2012 – Closed Session Meeting (C. Honis - Absent) – Approved for Content Only.
May 15, 2012 – Closed Session Meeting (C. Katz - Absent) – Approved for Content Only.
May 29, 2012 – Closed Session Meeting (C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin – Absent) – Approved for Content Only.

RESOLUTIONS

147-12 Ratify Payments – Chief Financial Officer – May, 2012.
148-12 Refund 2010 and 2011 Tax Payments Pursuant to State Tax Decisions – Chief Financial Officer – Various.
149-12 Refund 2011 and 2012 Tax Overpayments – Chief Financial Officer – Various.

BILL LIST

Ms. Evelina to read the amount of the Bill List into the record (\$1,132,175.38).

Councilmember Toffler 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. Seconded by Councilmember Honis.

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

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: C. Honis (Minutes of 4/24/12); C. Katz (Minutes of 1/10/12, 2/21/12, 3/6/12, 4/3/12 Special, 5/15/12 and 5/29/12); C. Toffler (All Minutes).

Absent: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen.

The following items passed: all resolutions; the Bill List; Minutes from February 7, 2012 Closed Session Meeting, March 20, 2012 Special Confidential Meeting, March 20, 2012 Closed Session Meeting and April 3, 2012 Closed Session Meeting. All other minutes that did not pass will be re-listed for approval on July 10, 2012 and will remain on file in the Township Clerk's Office, as a permanent record.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

No comments were made.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

C. Katz spoke about the Townwide Garage Sale and inquired about the Andreas Park Boat launch and potential “abandonment”, and in response, Mr. Turitz stated that he “did not advise of that”.

C. Katz questioned a “plan for the tennis court”, and Mr. Turitz stated that he would look into it.

Mr. Broughton responded that there is no alternative plan for the tennis courts; informed that installation would be on the shore side of the river where there should be no erosion.

C. Toffler referenced last year’s earthquake and storms where there was actual movement in response to Mr. Broughton’s statement.

C. Honis questioned when the manager is going to meet with her and Ms. Ipp, and in response, the Manager affirmed that they will meet.

C. Katz inquired about the whereabouts of the proof for the sign, and in response, Mr. Broughton reminded Council that the arrangements were made before his time; however, he will try to locate the proof.

Mr. Broughton further advised that the additional bus shelters will be installed and all respective paperwork has been submitted. He informed of the locations of the defibrillators and those who were trained.

C. Toffler requested a defibrillator in the Library, and Mr. Broughton will look into the matter.

Mr. Broughton reminded C. Toffler that the emergency management plan is not releasable, and assured the Council and the public that in the event of any emergency, the staff will guide the public accordingly.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Toffler moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Seconded by C. Honis and carried by the following vote.

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen.