

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided y Resolution #28-12, setting 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 CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Hameeduddin called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order at 8:17pm and asked all those present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: C. Parker, C. Stern, C. Honis, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin

Absent: DM. Gussen, C. Katz (at time of roll call)

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

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PRESENTATIONS

1. Certificates of Commendation (C. Honis)
United States Armed Forces – Teaneck.

C. Honis presented certificates to the honorees; Patriotic Observancy Advisory Board Chair John McGilchrist gave a brief speech acknowledging the honorees and on his time served in the United States Armed Forces.

2. Certificate of Recognition
The Late Martin Greenwald, Former Advisory Board on Community Relations
Chairman.

Mayor Hameeduddin presented the Greenwald Family with a Certificate of Recognition.

3. Plaque, Clock & Celebration
Angelae Wilkerson, 2012 Matthew Feldman Award Recipient.

As Ms. Wilkerson was hospitalized, the Township's Clerk's Team will reschedule her celebration for July 10, 2012 at which time she will be presented with a clock, her name plate on a plaque which will be hung in Council Chambers. The Township's Clerk's Team will also be serving coffee and cake for all who attends to make this day special for her.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ms. Evelina read the following Ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE #4259 - AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS OR DESIGNEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL LAND USE LAW.

ORDINANCE #4260 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE.

ORDINANCE #4261 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE.

ORDINANCE #4262 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF EMERGENCY GENERATORS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$400,000 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.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments respecting these ordinances prior to opening the public hearing.

Mayor Hameeduddin pulled Ordinance # 4262. Ordinance will be re-introduced at a later date.

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

None.

There being no further persons wishing to speak concerning said ordinances, Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public hearing on these ordinances was now closed.

Councilmember Stern moved to pass Ordinance # 4259, #4260, and #4261 on second and final reading and adopt. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise same according to law. Seconded by Councilmember Honis.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments respecting these ordinances.

None.

There being no further comments, Mayor Hameeduddin called on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: C. Katz

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that said ordinances were duly adopted.

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

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments prior to opening the meeting to any comments from the public.

None.

Mayor Hameeduddin 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.

Senator Loretta Weinberg, Teaneck – spoke on bus shelters and advised that there wasn't a limit as to how many Council could apply for.

Carter Jackson, Teaneck – questioned as to why Council does not hold anymore workshops; encouraged Council to continue holding them.

Micki Shilan, Teaneck – thanked the Mayor for producing the Mayor's banner for recent improve show held at the Senior Center.

Naomi Cramer, Teaneck – noted the bus shelter article in The Suburbanite and questioned whether bus shelters needed to be approved by Council ordinance.

Charles Powers, Teaneck – provided transcripts of the last meetings regarding the discussion on bus shelters; put Council on notice to get support to the Township Clerk.

Alex Rashin, Teaneck – commended Council for tabling the Ordinance on generators; discussed stability and noted that slander is not freedom of speech.

Janice Purshell, Teaneck – announced Teaneck's Staycation to be held on June 23rd and June 24th; thanked all for their assistance in the Food Pantry; noted whomever she seems to speak with in the Township always seems to have the answers; special thanks to C. Honis.

Lillian Lewis, Teaneck – invited all to the fundraiser to be held at Overpeck Park on June 16, 2012.

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

Mayor Hameeduddin 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.

Mayor Hameeduddin addressed an earlier statement on workshops and council discussion took place; C. Katz noted the increase in time to five (5) minutes to the Good and Welfare session; C. Stern confirmed with Township Clerk that a *clear and concise statement* is attached to all ordinances; C. Toffler believes having one (1) workshop a month would be helpful;

C. Katz inquired on the quantity and locations of bus shelters; C. Toffler suggested a mechanism for surveying the area (Survey Monkey); Township Manager responded on the bus shelters and communications with the New Jersey Transit; Township Manager advised of the recent review and evaluations conducted by the Police and Public Works Departments; Mayor Hameeduddin noted he would be in Sen. Loretta Weinberg's Office to request as many bus shelters as the Township can get; C. Stern suggested to reach out to New Jersey Transit to inquire on their stops and the volume of such; Township Manager noted he did request a census from New Jersey Transit; C. Toffler noted the Advisory Board for Votee Park was a superb one; Township Manager noted he could provide an update/tracking regarding GZA/Votee Park, and said nothing going on at this time therefore there is nothing to discuss to Council.

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.

MINUTES

None.

RESOLUTIONS

- 146-12. Release Encumbered Funds – Tilcon NY, Inc. – Resurfacing of Queen Anne Road.
- 143-12. Award Contract – D.R. Mullen Construction Co., Inc. – 2010 Community Development Project.
- 144-12. Refund 2011 and 2012 Tax Overpayment – CFO – Various.
- 145-12. Appoint Members to the Senior Citizen Advisory Board.

BILL LIST

Ms. Evelina read the amount of the Bill List into the record (\$7,087,531.65).

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, except Resolution 146-12. Seconded by Councilmember Honis.

Mayor Hameeduddin moved to pull Resolution 146-12 for discussion.

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

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, DM Gussen

Abstained: C. Katz (Bill List)

Mayor Hameeduddin declared said items were passed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Municipal Open Space Trust Fund.

Mayor Hameeduddin noted it has been four (4) years since the Municipal Open Space trust Fund was voted on and if would like to continue, the process should start now for November's ballot. Township Attorney Turitz advised a resolution should be prepared for the next meeting, all Council in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

None.

C. Stern spoke on behalf of the Cedar Lane Management Group and advised of the opening of the Farmer's Market, starting June 14, 2012, through the Fall.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. "Voting Locations" (C. Katz).

C. Katz suggested a review of all polling locations should be conducted; polling location need to be more accessible; questioned why voting could not take place within the Municipal Building and the other two (2) remaining Fire Departments. C. Toffler noted the address on the ballot for Hawthorne School should be changed. Township Clerk advised the list was amended; met with the Hawthorne School Principal; noted security issues with 201 Fycke Lane's entrance and that Fire Station 4 did not have sufficient parking.

2. "Council Security" (C. Katz).

C. Katz advised that a resident brought a concern to his attention regarding instituting the sort of "Council Security" for Council meetings. C. Katz is in support of, however, Mayor Hameeduddin advised that he would need to assess the daily activities during a court session prior to making any decisions.

3. "Township-Wide Garage Sale" (C. Katz).

C. Katz advised the necessary research has been performed and dates proposed for this Community Garage Sale would be the 2nd Sunday in August; C. Katz a staff member/liaison would be needed to assist;

4. "Rewriting of Teaneck Code" (C. Toffler).

C. Toffler discussed re-writing the Township Code and noted the last time it was revised was in the 1970's; C. Toffler touched on the infamous *political sign issue statement*; C. Katz concurred and believed many things in the book should be revisited; C. Toffler suggested that a new Township Attorney be sought.

5. "Employee Manual: Re-Write or Enforce?" (C. Toffler).

Brief Council discussion took place and noted all council members should read the employee manual and become familiar with its content.

6. "Commitment of Successful Candidates to 5-Day Availability of Municipal Building & Workshops or Regular Forums/Meetings" (C. Toffler).

C. Toffler discussed that in recent Forums, discussion took place regarding the Municipal Building being open five (5) days a week; C. Katz added he had also received calls regarding this; C. Toffler suggested staggering hours 'cafeteria style hours' to accommodate the building remaining open for five (5) days; Mayor Hameeduddin suggested implementing a sub-committee; Township Attorney advised that negotiation talk is to be discussed in closed session.

7. *“Training for Councilmembers”* (C. Toffler)

C. Toffler suggested training would be helpful for new council members on key points on being a council member; Township Manager advised discussion with the two (2) council elects and Township Attorney and advised of available training courses.

8. *“Zero-Based Budget”* (C. Toffler).

C. Toffler noted council-elect Schwartz to have good knowledge of the budget; Mayor Hameeduddin was not in favor of a zero-based budget;

9. *Development Advisory Board.* (added) C. Toffler

C. Toffler would like to implement; Mayor Hameeduddin wished to hold a Forum to seek whether or not the community would like to have a redevelopment agency.

10. *New Garbage Containers-Business District –* (C. Katz)

C. Katz inquired on the status of the new receptacles in the business districts to the Township Manager; Township Manager to confirm with the Director of Public Works on status; Mayor Hameeduddin noted the request for one (1) at the corner of Amsterdam Avenue and Teaneck Road.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hameeduddin moved to adjourn at 10:36 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Stern.

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.