

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by 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

Resolution 119-12 - Authorize Council to enter 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 8:10 p.m. and asked all those present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: 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

PROCLAMATION

Governor's Appointment to New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education
Councilmember Emil "Yitz" Stern.

Mayor Hameeduddin presented C. Stern with a Proclamation on behalf of the Governing Body, and C. Stern expressed his gratitude and explained the purpose of the Commission.

CERTIFICATES –

Volunteer Services to Teaneck Public Schools

At the time when Mayor Hameeduddin left the dais to present the Proclamation and Certificates to Councilmembers Parker and Toffler, C. Toffler made a statement, indicating that she refused to accept the Certificate from the Council.

Mayor Hameeduddin acknowledged both Councilmembers and presented a certificate to C. Parker for her volunteer services to the Teaneck Public Schools and the Youth Advisory Board. C. Parker expressed her gratitude and spoke proudly about the Youth Advisory Board.

OATHS OF OFFICE – TEANECK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Captain to Battalion Chief – Joseph Zbierski.
Lieutenant to Captain – Donald Wynne.
Firefighter to Lieutenant – Brian Dolch.
Firefighter to Lieutenant – Christopher Robins.

Manager Broughton spoke in honor and administered the Oath to the above-referenced employees. Fire Chief Verley, Council and the Manager spoke in honor of all those who were sworn.

SOLAR ENERGY POWER PURCHASE CONSORTIUM –
Northern New Jersey Community Foundation.

Michael Shannon of the Northern New Jersey Community Foundation announced himself and provided the Clerk with handouts for Councilmembers.

Councilwoman Lynn Algant of Englewood discussed the benefits of the program and advised of other school boards and municipalities utilizing the program.

The Council discussed their options with the Manager, and the Council authorized the Manager’s request to place a proposed resolution on the May 29, 2012 agenda pertaining to solar energy.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ms. Evelina read the following Ordinance by title only:

**ORDINANCE #4258 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ENTITLED
“TRAFFIC” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE**

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

None.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public hearing on the above ordinance was now open. Any members of the public who wished to be heard on the said ordinance or to ask questions concerning said ordinance 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 who wished to speak concerning the said ordinance, Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public hearing on this ordinance was now closed.

C. Stern moved to pass Ordinance 4258 on second and final reading and adopt. The Township Clerk was hereby authorized and directed to advertise same according to law. Seconded by C. Honis.

Mayor had inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments respecting this ordinance.

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. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared the said ordinance was 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.

C. Toffler read a personal statement into the record regarding her feelings towards the Council, her interpretation of alleged incidents involving the Council and Township employees from the time she was elected up until today and expressed her appreciation for her supporters.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that any members of the public who wished to be heard at this time should come forward and state their names for the record. Comments shall be limited to five minutes per person.

Howard Rose, Teaneck – congratulated Mayor Hameeduddin, Henry Pruitt, and Mark Schwartz on their recent appointments; thanked C. Honis and C. Toffler for their services on Council.

Gloria Wilson, Teaneck – noted the respect she had for herself and Council, but was appalled by the disrespect toward one another during the meeting; requested clarity as to where ‘signs’ can and cannot be placed.

Amber Tucker, Teaneck – referenced her opposition to the previous discourse displayed by council in an earlier discussion.

Alex Rashin, Teaneck – briefly spoke on the duties of the Clerk’s Office and asked council to look into the laws pertaining to what conditions an employee is working in.

Mildred Tucker, Teaneck – congratulated Mark J. Schwartz and Henry Pruitt on their recent appointments; referenced her daughter’s discussion on discourse.

Leslie McKeon, Teaneck – expressed her opinion regarding the outcome of the municipal elections; indicated meeting should have been handled in a more professional manner; mentioned a Forum to be held at the Teaneck High School on May 21, 2012.

Art Vatsky, Teaneck – discussed mailings which brought back a memory of the 2006 elections; spoke about the thirteen new bus shelters being installed, but none near Chestnut Place and advised council of a petition he has started.

Naomi Cramer, Teaneck – discussed various incidents brought up by a councilmember with respect to a newspaper article and phone call; read a quote from the Mayor and asked for clarity as to what was meant by it; spoke about the Joan Davis fund.

Charles Powers, Teaneck – spoke about the way in which government records were fulfilled and why certain documents requested by him are not released.

Mark Schwartz, Teaneck – Thanked C. Honis and C. Toffler for their time and wish them continued success; thanked his support team; stands behind all campaigning.

Ronn Costello - Congratulated C. Honis and C. Toffler for their loss and noted his embarrassment towards the way a councilmember was treated.

David Spielman, Teaneck – (left room to make copies)

Henry Pruitt, Teaneck – looking forward to working with council; spoke on working on ‘negative’ campaigning.

There being no further persons who wished 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 congratulated Mark J. Schwartz and Henry Pruitt on their appointments and C. Honis and C. Toffler for their dedicated services on Council.

C. Toffler spoke in support of the Joan Davis fund; read the sign ordinance (section 1, Chapter 3-1); thanked her support team; voiced that she will continue to be an advocate speaker and will be at every meeting.

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

- 120-12. Authorize Settlement Agreement – Docket No. BER-L-4538-10.
- 121-12. Amend 2012 Municipal Budget – Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund.
- 122-12. Appropriate Funds – Capital Improvement Fund – 2012 State Aid Project.
- 123-12. Award Professional Services Contract – Schwanewede/Hals Engineering – 2012 State Aid Project.
- 124-12. Refund 2009-2010 Taxes – Chief Financial Officer – Pursuant to State Tax Court of New Jersey Decisions.
- 125-12. Endorse Employment Initiative Program of the New Jersey Employer Support Guard and Reserves.
- 126-12. Authorize Municipal Consent – Person to Person & Place to Place Transfers – Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License No. 0260-33-015-004.
- 127-12. Appoint Chairperson & Members to Environmental Advisory Board Respecting Votee Park.

BILL LIST

Ms. Evelina to read the amount of the Bill List into the record (\$8,211,843.19).

DM Gussen 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 Mayor Hameeduddin.

Mayor Hameeduddin called on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: DM. Gussen (Check No. 166733); C. Katz (Resolution's 123-12 – 126-12)

Mayor Hameeduddin declared said items were passed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ms. Evelina read the Ordinances by title only.

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Assessments – Tax Assessor.

Manager Broughton advised this would be re-listed.

MISCELLANEOUS

C. Parker discussed outstanding minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2012 Reorganization Meeting.

Brief discussion took place. Time set as 4PM on July 1, 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

C. Honis spoke on the locations cited for the *Clean and Green* and noted that 'additional hands' can be used at the various parks.

C. Parker advised that the Youth Advisory Board students would like to come to the Council meeting of May 29, 2012.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. "Town Garage Sale" – C. Katz.

Council discussion took place on the pros and cons of a Township wide garage sale. Request for further information was decided prior to moving forward. A request was made for policies and procedures to be sought from other municipalities.

2. "Court Security" – C. Katz.

Township Manager advised of a recent Committee held with respect to the magnetometer and additional police officers.

Council discussion took place on bus shelters and locations were provided by the Township Manager.

DM Gussen read into the record a resolution on property tax relief (Sweeney/Gordon); this resolution will be put on the May 29, 2012 Agenda.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hameeduddin moved to adjourn at 10:53 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Katz.

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.