

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF  
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012

Mayor announced a moment of silence for the late Patrick Crowley and Ethel Swartz

ROLL CALL

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 1-12. - 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. Katz, C. Toffler,  
Mayor Hameeduddin

Absent: None.

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

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution 268-11, 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.

Mayor Hameeduddin advised that the next scheduled budget meeting will be held January 26, 2012, and the last to be held on February 6, 2012; further advised that the next televised Council meeting will be held on February 7, 2012.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Friends of the Hackensack River Greenway Through Teaneck – 640 River Road.  
Chairperson Marie Warnke presented a proposal for a Green Acres Grant (\$25,000/matching). This grant would allow for a small sitting wall to be constructed at the River Road entrance, along with a winding path (ADA compliant) and native wild flowers.
2. Votee Park – GZA GeoEnvironmental.  
Dan Altrim, Principal with GZA GeoEnvironmental advised that their firm has received the first round of results from the entire Votee Park; requested supplemental sample analysis'; gave a brief summary of sampling and findings; development of a site specific standard; 106 samples taken in all; noted this was a significant problem; options are either to remove that the direct pathway or covering it up;

Township Manager asked for clarity on the License Site Remediation (LSR); Dan Altrim advised GZA had seven (7) License Site Remediation Professional's (LSRP); the LSRP program deputizes the LSRP to make remediation decisions.

Dan Altrim advised of the next steps; running in-fill samples; data still coming in; shift focus to what is next; consulting with in-house experts and the state; coming up with a Remediation Action Workplan (RAW);

C. Parker asked when the final draft would be available; Dan Altrim advised certified lab reports would be due on or before March 8, 2012

C. Stern spoke on the surface findings and problematic findings; Dan Altrim elaborated on the sub-surface on the south side findings: C. Stern asked how long the park and its facilities would be off limits; Dan Altrim did not have the answer;

DM Gussen touched on the timeline; Votee Park off limits for the unforeseeable future; utilization of other fields and the transportation factor in getting the children to other towns;

Mayor Hameeduddin suggested reaching out to Fairleigh Dickenson University for the use other their fields/facilities;

C. Katz inquired how this affected the handicap accessible playground; Dan Altrim noted it was a safe area; C. Katz asked if that part of the park could be kept opened; Township Manager advised there will be a determination as to what is to be closed and what areas may be able to remain open;

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

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.

Alan Sone, Teaneck – spoke about the Votee Park contamination; child played soccer at Votee Park; touched on the exposure of the contaminated sand; protecting the public; voiced on closing the park or what portions can and cannot be used;

David Spielman, Teaneck – spoke on the Votee Park contamination testing/sampling; spoke on surrounding towns with parks abutting Teaneck;

Howard Rose, Teaneck – spoke on the Votee Park contamination; suggested for the presentation, to use distinguishable shapes instead of using colors;

Alex Rashin, Teaneck – spoke on the Votee Park contamination; mentioned some possibilities, utilization of Sagamore Park;

Paul Kearns, Teaneck – asked Council to address the smell in the town near the Teaneck Swim Club (leaves)

Ken Hoffman, Teaneck – congratulated Township Manager, Council, and GZA GeoEnvironmental on getting out the information on the Votee Park contamination and not hiding it;

Charles Powers, Teaneck – spoke on the Votee Park contamination; asked Council to gain expertise and move slowly in all decisions;

Clair Williams, Teaneck – Trustee of the Board of Education; discussed the Strategic Planning Process the Board of Education will be embarking on, under the Leadership of Doctor Artie Walter and extended invitation to all to join;

Ari Rueben, Teaneck – represents TBO; other field questions as to whether there safe as well;

Teresa Edwards, Teaneck – reiterated the dates of the Strategic Planning Process to be held at the Teaneck High School, Student Center;

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 addressed Mr. Rashin's comment and advised that the Township was working on getting OPRA's on disc;

Township Manager addressed Mr. Kearn's inquiry and advised that the Township has contracted to have the leaves removed;

Mayor Hameeduddin advised on the status of Votee Park contamination; advised if anyone wanted to send information, the more information the better;

DM Gussen addressed Mr. Sohn's comment on signage and park barriers; would like to see a clear plan securing all areas that need to be secured advising the public of their awareness;

Township Manager advised on working with GZA Geoenvironmental on developing the "clear secure" plan; chain link fencing, etc.

Township Manager commented on the usage of the Board of Education (BOE) fields and advised of their upcoming solar panel program; will work together with the BOE on what facilities may be open/available.

Township Manager reported on the pitch of the walkways; monitoring will continue; does not believe to be removed/replaced at this time; size of walkway has not changed.

Township Manager will look into the leaf transfer issue.

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.

#### 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.

RA #1311 – TVAC – On-Premise Raffle Merchandise Draw Raffle - \$20.00.

RA #1312 – Ben Porat Yosef – On-Premise Merchandise Draw Raffle - \$20.00.

#### MINUTES

October 26, 2010 – Open Session Meeting.

December 6, 2011 – Open Session Meeting.

December 13, 2011 – Open Session Meeting.

#### RESOLUTIONS (Resolution 1-12. – vote taken prior to Closed Session)

- 15-12. Authorize Issuance and Payment of Emergency Orders – Downes Tree Service, Inc. – October, 2011 Snow Storm.
- 16-12. Approve 2011 Budget Account Transfers – CFO – Various.
- 17-12. Ratify Payments – CFO – December, 2011.
- 18-12. Authorize Cancellation of Municipal Lien – CFO – Block 3306, Lot 19.
- 19-12. Approve Transfer to General Revenue Fund – CFO – Various Properties.
- 30-12. Refund 2011 Tax Overpayments – CFO – Various.

- 31-12. Refund 2011 Tax Overpayments – CFO – Various.
- 32-12. Refund 2011 Tax Overpayments – CFO – Various.
- 33-12. Refund 2011 Tax Overpayments – CFO – Various.
- 20-12. Authorize Transfer of 2011 Tax Overpayments to 2012 Taxes – CFO – Various.
- 21-12. Refund 2010 and 2011 Taxes – Veteran Exemption – Block 5512, Lot 33.
- 22-12. Refund 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 Taxes – Veteran Exemption – Block 5610, Lot 22.
- 23-12. Authorize Submission of Municipal Alliance Grant Letter of Agreement – Prevention of Substance Abuse – 2012.
- 24-12. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order - Motorola, Inc. – Radio Equipment & Services.
- 25-12. Award Professional Services Contract – Rogut McCarthy, LLC – 2012 Bond Counsel Services.
- 26-12. Award Professional Services Contract – Genova, Burns & Giantomasi – 2012 Labor Counsel Services.
- 27-12. Award Professional Services Contract – J. Dennis Kohler, Esq., P.C. – 2012 Public Defender Services.
- 28-12. Revise 2012 Annual Council Meeting Schedule – School Board Election Date Change.

BILL LIST

Ms. Evelina read the amount of the Bill List into the record (\$7,118,253.96).

Councilmember DM. Gussen moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Raffles, Minutes, Resolutions 15-12 through 29-12 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 P.

C. Toffler pulled Resolution’s 30-12 through 33-12 for discussion

DM Gussen advised that copies of Resolution 29-12 (Board appointments to the Advisory Board on Affirmative Action) have been copied for the public.

Seconded by Councilmember Mayor Hameeduddin.

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

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker (Resolution 15-12 and Bill List); C. Katz (Bill List); C. Toffler (Bill List)

DM Gussen pulled Resolution P (Award Professional Services Contract – Schwanewede/Hals Engineering – 2012 Consulting Services). Seconded by C. Katz

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

DM Gussen moved for discussion Resolution’s 30-12, 31-12, and 33-12.

C. Toffler questioned the Manager if the \$400,000 worth of tax refunds come out of the 2001 budget or does it have to be budgeted for 2012; Township Manager advised that it is not something to be budgeted for 2012 it comes out of an overpayment account for 2011.

Mayor to declare whether said items were passed.

#### INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilmember Mayor Hameeduddin moved that the Ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required legal notice of the introduction thereof, together with a notice of the place, time, and date on which a public hearing will be held on said ordinances, and on which said ordinances will be considered for final adoption.

Ms. Evelina read the Ordinances by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 4249 - AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 36-28.5 TO DIVISION 3, OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK RELATING TO TIME LIMITED PARKING ALONG A PORTION OF CHADWICK ROAD

Seconded by Councilmember DM. Gussen.

C. Parker questioned whether or not they received the results of the findings for this ordinance change (Chadwick Road); Township Manager advised yes.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired as to whether any Councilmember wished to comment upon the motion to introduce.

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 that said ordinances were duly introduced and passed on first reading.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Township Manager advised the conceptual design was in progress for the web site and we're moving forward with the build out of the web site, various menu's, etc.; revisions will take place to the content; no launch date as of this time.

DM Gussen troubled by not having a launch date; requests for a date.

C. Toffler sent an email to S. Turitz (copies to Council) in regards to the \$6,000 for the web site to be given to Qualis.

Township Manager added his opposition to giving money to Qualis.

Township Manager he would have a date for the launch by next meeting.

C. Parker questioned whether we had been following up on the meetings with the Sports Organizations; wants to be sure a meeting is scheduled; Township Manager advised coordination would take place.

## MISCELLANEOUS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

None.

## COMMUNICATIONS

None.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

DM Gussen gave a brief update on the Parks, Playgrounds, Recreation Advisory Board regarding the boat launch/boat house and advised that representatives of the Teaneck Rowing Club attended one of their meetings and provided an update and mentioned they were permitted use of the Overpeck County Park.

Mayor Hameeduddin reported on the Advisory Board of Community Relations and advised of their recent meeting with the American Conference on Diversity; their report to follow. Also discussed were the Emergency Preparedness meeting dates at the Teaneck Police Department; commended the Board of Education for inviting the community to their Strategic Visioning Process.

C. Parker asked how the Emergency Preparedness meetings were published; Township Manager advised there was a press release and an article was placed on the web site.

## COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. Recouping Legal Fees for Teaneck Taxpayers (C. Katz).  
C. Katz felt it would be more appropriate to discuss in closed session.
2. Teaneck Bus Shelters (C. Katz).  
C. Katz followed up to an email from Mr. Vatsky regarding bus shelters needed for the commuters in this town; Township Manager gave an update on the bus shelters; in contact with the New Jersey Transit who will be providing five (5) to six (6) shelters a year to the Township, a list was provided to them as to where should be placed along Teaneck Road and Cedar Lane; anticipated installation would be in May.

C. Katz requested an update on the bid for the Animal Control; Township Manager advised Township Attorney is currently working on the bid.

Township Manager advised of the Emergency Preparedness meeting dates; January 25, February 15, and March 21. All meetings will be held at the Police Headquarters and will begin at 7 p.m.

3. Summer Internships/Opportunities for Community Service to THS Students (C. Toffler).  
C. Toffler clarified who at the High School is responsible for what.
4. Read Across America 2012 – Resolution in Honor of Dr. Seuss' Upcoming Birthday (C. Stern).  
C. Stern considered passing a resolution/proclamation for the March 2, 2012 as being *Read Across America Day*.

## TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

Township Manager reported the six (6) locations for the bus shelter installations; addressed Council's inquiry as to whether there were actually funding coming forth for the narrow banding update for our radio's; advised of Congressman Rothman's introduced bill HR2976 '*Hero's Act, Helping Emergency Responders Operating Emergency Systems*'; the bill establishes a \$400,000,000.00 fund to assist municipalities in complying with the narrow banding mandates.

Township Manager advised he would be setting up the meetings for the Sub-Committees, the Administration, and the Sports Leagues.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember DM. Gussen moved to adjourn at 9:53 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember C. Honis.

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.