

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2012

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution 28-12, setting the 2012 meeting dates; and Resolution 150-12, ratifying Resolution 28-12, 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

The Clerk read the resolution authorizing the Council to enter into Closed Session.

Having adopted Resolution #232-12, Mayor Hameeduddin made a motion to close the meeting to the public to discuss matters concerning Advisory Board interviews and litigation.

In Favor: C. Stern, C. Pruitt, C. Katz, C. Schwartz, Mayor Hameeduddin

Opposed: None

Absent: C. Parker, DM. Gussen

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Hameeduddin called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order at 8:00 p.m. and asked all present to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: C. Stern, C. Pruitt, C. Katz, C. Schwartz, Mayor Hameeduddin

Absent: C. Parker, DM. Gussen

Also Present: S. Turitz, W. Rupp – Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka & Goldberg, PC.; W. Broughton, Township Manager, J.L. Evelina, RMC, Township Clerk; J. Jackson, Senior Clerk.

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PRESENTATIONS - Township Employee Anniversary Recognitions

35 Years - Sharon Heim, Senior Library Assistant
Manager Broughton and Mayor presented a certificate and pin to Ms. Heim.

30 Years - George Tadiello, Supervisor of the Department of Public Works (Not present at meeting).

15 Years - Charles McKearnin, Engineer
Manager Broughton and Mayor presented a certificate and pin to Mr. McKearnin.

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10 Years - Jennifer Jackson, Senior Clerk

Manager Broughton and Mayor presented a certificate and pin to Ms. Jackson.

5 Years –

Police Officer Spence Osaigbovo

Police Officer Michael Sunga (Not present at meeting)

Carol Stevenson, Clerk Stenographer

Manager Broughton and Mayor presented certificates and pins to P.O. Osaigbovo and Ms. Stevenson.

All of Council commended those recognized.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Request for Endorsing Resolution – AAH of Bergen County, Inc.

David Moore spoke on behalf of the organization, AAH of Bergen County, Inc.

Council confirmed their willingness to endorse this grant. A resolution will be prepared for the October 30, 2012 agenda.

2. Requests for Endorsing Resolutions – Jewish Family Service.

Sheila Steinbach spoke on behalf of the organization, Jewish Family Services.

Council confirmed their willingness to endorse this grant. A resolution will be prepared for the October 30, 2012 agenda.

3. Representative of Torah Academy of Bergen County – requested a hearing on October 30, 2012 in support of the Academy’s financing for the expansion of its facility. He advised that all necessary permits have been approved by the Building Department, and their application is for bonds to receive tax-free financing. He further informed that the IRS Code provides that endorsement by Council is required; however, there is not liability to the Township.

Mr. Turitz confirmed for Council that there is no liability to the Township, and the hearing is simply what is required pursuant to Section 146 (f) of the IRS Code.

Council was in favor of scheduling the Hearing for October 30, 2012.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ms. Evelina to read the following Ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE #4274 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK RELATING TO BUSINESS HOURS OF BARBERSHOPS.

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

None.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public hearing on the above ordinance 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 ordinance, Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public hearing on this ordinance was now closed.

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Councilmember Katz moved to pass Ordinance 4274 on second and final reading and adopt. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise same according to law. Seconded by Councilmember Schwartz.

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

C. Katz requested that a copy of said ordinance be sent to all Barbershops.

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

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Stern, C. Pruitt, C. Katz, C. Schwartz, Mayor Hameeduddin

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, DM. Gussen

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that 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.

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.

Gerald Andrea, Teaneck – spoke of his home located at the corner of Queen Anne Road and Van Buren Avenue which is in close proximity to the recently-built family room addition to the property located on Queen Anne Road; complained about the noise that is generated from this location; and requested that ordinances be followed.

Lynn Roberts, Teaneck – burial ground founding member for Teaneck Historic Indian Cemetery; language should be changed to correct “E” in “Eastland Africans”.

Dee Ann Ipp, Teaneck – spoke on properly titling funds; asked Council what happened to the \$26,000 that was raised; and questioned where same can be found in the budget.

Sheldon Aronowitz, Teaneck – spoke on the rent control ordinance and its expiration date.

Barbara Toffler, Teaneck – offered information with respect to the November 6, 2012 ballot.

Charles Powers, Teaneck – spoke on the Township audit.

Alex Rashin, Teaneck - spoke on DM Gussen’s platform for energy independence; and spoke about diesel and oil.

There being no further persons wishing to speak at this time (or the time limit of one hour having expired), Mayor Hameeduddin declare 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.

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Mayor Hameeduddin inquired about any reported incidents on Van Buren Avenue, as he is not aware of any complaints at 554 Queen Anne Road; and reminded residents that requests for enforcement must be addressed to the Manager and/or Police Department.

C. Katz thanked Barbara Toffler for providing a general verbal outline of ballot.

Township Clerk Evelina advised Council that in anticipation of any confusion as a result of the School Board Election moving to the General Election, she had requested that the County Board of Elections schedule a refresher course for all poll workers who will be assigned within the Township. She also informed that her Department stands by, ready to assist on Election Day from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilmember Katz 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. 4276 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 33-32, "SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT," OF CHAPTER 33, "DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS," OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK RESPECTING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CEDAR LANE MANAGEMENT GROUP

ORDINANCE NO. 4277 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARY RANGES, CLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS AND DUTIES THEREOF FOR CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK

ORDINANCE NO. 4278 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 29C OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, ENTITLED "RENT CONTROL" AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 4209

Seconded by Councilmember Stern.

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

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

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Stern, C. Pruitt, C. Katz, C. Schwartz, Mayor Hameeduddin

Opposed: C. Pruitt – Ordinance 4277

Absent: C. Parker, DM. Gussen

Abstained: C. Katz – Ordinance – 4278

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

C. Pruitt spoke about Ordinance 4277; and requested additional information on employees' salaries, within the Township and around the region.

Manager Broughton responded with respect to the criteria for salaries, and advised that same is established by Council. He also informed that our Township employees' salaries are less, compared to other municipalities, ie. Englewood.

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 #1342 – Care Plus Foundation, Inc. – On Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle - \$20.00.

MINUTES

September 11, 2012 – Closed Session Meeting (Absent: C. Parker) – Approved for Content Only.

September 11, 2012 – Open Session Meeting (Absent: C. Parker).

September 24, 2012 – Closed Session Meeting (Absent: C. Parker, C. Pruitt) – Approved for Content Only.

September 24, 2012 – Open Session Meeting (Absent: C. Parker, C. Pruitt).

RESOLUTIONS

- 233-12. Appoint Teaneck Representative to Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission.
- 234-12. Amend Contract – Stanziale Construction, LLC – 2011 Resurfacing Program.
- 235-12. Award Professional Services Contract – K. Albert Associates, Inc. – Yulis vs. Teaneck, et al.
- E. Amend Cedar Lane Management Group Bylaws.
- 236-12. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order – M. Ingannamorte & Son – River Road Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line.
- 237-12. Endorse Agreement – County of Bergen – Road Resurfacing Program – ADA Ramps & Detectable Warning Surfaces.
- 238-12. Endorse Agreement – County of Bergen – Road Resurfacing Program – ADA Compliant Ramps.
- 239-12. Accept Bid Subject to NJDOT Approval – D&L Paving Contractors, Inc. – Glenwood Avenue Resurfacing.
- 240-12. Refund 2010 and 2011 Taxes Pursuant to State Tax Court Decisions – Various.
- 241-12. Refund 2012 Tax Overpayments – Various.
- 242-12. Appoint Council Representatives to Community Development Regional Committee.
- 243-12. Appoint Member to Board of Adjustment.
- 244-12. Appoint Member to Library Board.

BILL LIST

Ms. Evelina read the amount of the Bill List into the record (\$5,918,707.28).

Councilmember Katz 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 E. Seconded by Councilmember Schwartz.

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

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Stern, C. Pruitt, C. Katz, C. Schwartz, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

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Absent: C. Parker, DM. Gussen

Abstained: C. Katz – Resolutions #240-12 & #241-12.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared whether said items are passed.

Mayor Hameeduddin added the following resolution:

Resolution 245-12. Authorize Community Collaborative – Construction Office Services.

Copies of Resolution 245-12 were provided to the public; the Clerk read the Resolution into the record; and Mayor Hameeduddin opened Good and Welfare to the public.

Charles Powers, Teaneck – spoke on Resolution 245-12 and expressed opposition to same not being provided in advance and/or posted on the website.

There being no further persons wishing to speak at this time, Mayor Hameeduddin declared this portion of the meeting was now closed.

Manager Broughton advised the Resolution needed to be walked in due to time sensitivity.

C. Stern moved Resolution 245-12. Seconded by C. Katz.

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Stern, C. Pruitt, C. Katz, C. Schwartz, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, DM. Gussen

OLD BUSINESS

C. Katz spoke on the dumpster ordinance; asked for same to be re-visited; and requested that the Manager work with the Building Department on the matter.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

C. Pruitt – reported the Annual Volunteer Recognition Day Subcommittee, comprised of Councilmen Pruitt and Katz; Manager Broughton; Clerk Evelina; and Mr. Abbasi held its first meeting. C. Katz urged residents to nominate volunteers via the Township website.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. “*Endorsing Resolution for Torah Academy of Bergen County – Not-for-Profit*” – C.Stern.

Discussed earlier on in the meeting.

2. “*Sukkah Regulations*” – C. Schwartz.

C. Schwartz wished to pass on this item.

3. “*Stop Sign on Claremont at Helen*” – C. Schwartz.

C. Schwartz requested a traffic study to potentially install a stop sign at Claremont at Helen.

4. *“Outsourcing Engineering Department”* – C. Schwartz.

C. Schwartz advised he would be taking a close look at departments and possible cost savings with respect to outsourcing. He requested the current costs associated with the Engineering Department. He informed that he would like to look at numbers; discuss ideas; conduct studies; and compare our methods to other municipalities.

Mayor Hameeduddin asked if Council was in favor, and no objections were placed on record.

5. *“2011 Audit”* – C. Pruitt.

C. Pruitt noted several deficiencies found in the 2011 Audit and questioned whether or not those responsible would be held accountable at the end of the year if their goals and objectives are not met.

Manager Broughton responded in the affirmative. He advised that a Corrective Action Plan has been prepared, and the deadlines set forth therein will be met. He agreed with Charles Powers’ statement regarding improved practices. He informed that best practices are taking whole as a result of the current Management Team’s efforts to do away with “Teaneck’s old ways” or archaic methods, ie. by the purchase of Edmonds accounting software. He advised when examining the audit, everything should be examined. He referenced the auditor’s statements that reflected (1) no material weaknesses were found; and (2) the audit is intended solely for the use of management and Council and is not intended for and should not be used by any other parties. He expressed that the audit should be used as an opportunity towards positive change. He also explained that the deficit reflected is not a “bad deficit” but as a result of a prior Council bonding in 1999 for the construction of a DPW Building which was never built but instead, studied. That bonding was also used for the installation of a salt shed and the clean-up of lead at the old DPW Building. Also, he informed that when Council authorized said bonding, the CFO at that time borrowed the money from the Current Fund. He explained that at some point, the CFO needed to borrow money and issue debt, and in this instance, this was never done. He also explained that this deficit was a mere technicality and will be rectified by one of options available. He announced that he has been working on a financial plan for several months with the attorney and bond counsel and will be requesting a special meeting in December to present this plan to Council. In closing, he stated that the auditor’s function is to dig for the purpose of finding any weakness, and no weakness nor any type of material loss was found, but rather areas to improve upon.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Social Services – Funds.

Manager Broughton advised that the Social Service Advisory Board is requesting an additional funding to assist with requests for the remainder of the year. They also requested a possible line item be included in the 2013 Budget.

Manager Broughton questioned if Council would like to utilize the donation from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and Council requested current numbers reflected in the Hyatt Fund.

Mr. Turitz suggested that Mr. Broughton circulate the information immediately to Council, as Council’s next meeting is not until November 27, 2012.

Mr. Broughton will provide Council with the requested documents.

2. Maya Lawrence Teaneck Olympian - Recognition.

Manager Broughton informed Council that Ms. Lawrence is currently residing in France and will be unable to attend a Council Meeting; however, a Reception is scheduled in her honor on November 15, 2012 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. He requested that Council consent to a Proclamation being prepared to recognize Ms. Lawrence and invited all of Council to the Reception.

Council was in favor of a Proclamation being prepared in her honor.

Facebook/Twitter - Launch.

Manager Broughton advised that Facebook was launched today at 6:30 p.m.; and provided the following social media addresses for the Township: [facebook.com/teanecknjgov](https://www.facebook.com/teanecknjgov) and twitter.com/teanecknjgov

3. Emergency Alerts Sign Up – Board of Education.

Manager Broughton advised that a flyer was sent to the Board of Education, and the Board circulated same to all students.

4. Recreation Department Senior Program - Attendance.

Manager Broughton advised that in response to the residents' requests to improve attendance and registration processes. He conducted a study of current registrations and attendance. He informed that he is working with the Senior Citizen Advisory Board and Recreation to strengthen control on attendance.

Manager Broughton distributed his attendance analyses to Council.

C. Katz inquired on the status of the volunteers for the Welcome Station in the Municipal Building. In response, Manager Broughton advised that the Human Resources Director is currently in touch with those interested. He will obtain a status from the Director and provide Council with an update.

Manager Broughton advised that 224 are currently signed up on the Township, in response to an inquiry from the Mayor. He also reported on the number of residents who signed up to participate in the last garage sale. Finally, he advised that the garage sale will be held again next year.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Stern moved to adjourn at 9:34 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Katz.

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Stern, C. Pruitt, C. Katz, C. Schwartz, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, DM. Gussen