

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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 #206-12, Mayor Hameeduddin made a motion to close the meeting to the public to discuss matters concerning the evaluations of the Township Manager and Township Clerk; 635 Norfolk Court; Adam Gussen adv. State of New Jersey; and Legal Opinion, Parking Permit. Seconded by DM. Gussen and carried by the following vote:

In Favor: C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Pruitt, C. Schwartz, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, C. Katz.

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Hameeduddin called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order at 8:03 p.m. and asked all present to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Hameeduddin asked all to remain standing for a *moment of silence* for the victims of September 11, 2001.

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

Absent: C. Parker.

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

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Mayor Hameeduddin informed the next televised meeting will be held on Monday, September 24, 2012; Late Night Voter Registration will take place on Tuesday, October 16, 2012; the next Townwide Garage Sale will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 - 14, 2012; and the Confidential Shredding Event will take place on Sunday, October 21, 2012 in the Municipal Building parking lot.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Oaths of Office

A. Matthew Notarangelo – Fire Lieutenant to Fire Captain

Township Manager spoke on behalf of Fire Captain Matthew Notarangelo, listing his accomplishments prior to administering the Oath of Office.

B. Timothy C. Moots – Firefighter to Fire Lieutenant

Township Manager spoke on behalf of Fire Lieutenant Timothy C. Moots, listing his accomplishments prior to administering the Oath of Office.

C. Michael Keenan – Firefighter to Fire Lieutenant

Township Manager spoke on behalf of Fire Lieutenant Michael Keenan, listing his accomplishments prior to administering the Oath of Office.

On behalf of the Township of Teaneck, Mayor Hameeduddin congratulated and spoke highly of the Teaneck Fire Department, all firefighters present and their families. He thanked them for their time, support and dedication they give to the Teaneck residents.

Chief Verley congratulated Fire Captain Notarangelo, Fire Lieutenant Moots and Fire Lieutenant Keenan. He thanked their families for allowing them to dedicate their lives to the residents of Teaneck.

Council congratulated the promoted firefighters and thanked them and their families for their dedication.

Township Manager Broughton thanked all the Firefighters for their hard work and sacrifices.

2. Certificates of Recognition – TVAC

Angela Wilkerson presented the following Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corp members with Plaques and Certificates. She thanked them for their hard work and dedication. Ms. Wilkerson further thanked the Police and Fire for their support to TVAC.

Life Membership Awards & 2500 Calls

David Barach
Eliyahu Cooper
Adam J. Baer
Robert Meyer
Avi Levenbrown

Council congratulated the volunteer members for their many hours of dedicated service, noting the residents of Teaneck are the beneficiaries.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Request for Endorsement of BCCD Grant – Shelter Our Sisters.

The Director of the Transitional Housing Program for Shelter Our Sister's spoke on Bergen County's Domestic Violence Shelter which provides (24) hour emergency services, counseling and shelter.

Council noted the organization was a wonderful one and offered support for an endorsing resolution. The Council requested Township Clerk Evelina to list an endorsing resolution for the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4270 - 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 this ordinance prior to opening the public hearing.

No one came forward.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public hearing on the above ordinance was now open. Any members of the public wishing to be heard on 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.

Charles Powers – mentioned his disappointment that Alex Rashin was not present this evening, as he had comments to make about various aspects of the bond ordinance. Mr. Powers quoted a comment made by Mayor Hameeduddin to Alex Rashin at an earlier meeting. He suggested that Mayor and Council make sure what is said from the dais is accurate.

Art Vatsky – seconded Mr. Powers' sentiments with respect to the absence of Mr. Rashin; questioned whether or not the generators would be natural gas or diesel powered; and inquired as to how many generators.

Howard Rose - noted the necessity of the generators; however, believed more time should have been given for the public.

Naomi Cramer – noted the dangers with generators and wished more information would have been provided.

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

Councilmember Stern moved to pass Ordinance #4270 on second and final reading and adopt. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise same according to law. Seconded by Mayor Hameeduddin.

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

C. Stern noted for the record that Township Clerk Evelina had placed public copies of the bond ordinance and specifications on the table at the time of introduction. He also confirmed that there were two (2) generators, specifically, one (1) for the Police Department and one (1) for the Richard Rodda Center.

C. Pruitt inquired from the Township Manager as to why diesel was chosen over natural gas.

Manager Broughton explained that the cost for natural gas was much higher than diesel, and by choosing diesel, the Township would not have to rely on another utility to supply power to the generator in case something should happen to that utility.

C. Schwartz confirmed with the Township Manager that the placement of a generator at the Rodda Center is that in the future this facility will act as a shelter for the community.

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The Township Manager further advised that the generator placement for the Police Department was required as the size of the current generator was not big enough to accommodate the facility.

Mayor Hameeduddin added that during recent meetings with PSE&G regarding improvements to the generator, PSE&G noted that certain lines did not have the capacity to hold gas generators throughout the town.

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

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None

Absent: C. Parker

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that said ordinance was not 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.

No one came forward.

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

Howard Rose, Teaneck – noted presentations are always great to see; mentioned a recent email sent regarding storm warnings and would like to know how the process is working out to ensure the money spent was well worth it; not pleased with the look of the electrical panels that are going up on the schools; believes the Old Police Department Renovation process should slow down to allow for further review and comment; touched briefly on the cemetery sign for the cost of \$1800; and questioned if it would be cheaper for it to have been made in-house.

Art Vatsky, Teaneck – applauded the Township Manager on having the police videos on the web and believes it will improve productivity; asked Council to provide the survey that was taken for the four-day work week and the survey on busing people to Teaneck; inquired why State employees receive twelve (12) holidays and Township employees receive thirteen (13); asked Council if the residents will get compensated for these days off; and spoke about the employees stationed in the lower level of the Municipal Building; and questioned the conditions of the lower level.

Leslie McKeon, Teaneck – discussed relations between the Council and the public; suggested that suggestions provided by the public are not taken into consideration; and discussed her prior attempts to communicate with Township Officials.

Micky Shalan, Teaneck – was there to represent the seniors of the Township with respect to the paving currently taking place at the Richard Rodda Center parking lot and the difficulty many are having with parking; wondered why this could not have taken place earlier when classes were not in session; further concurred with DM Gussen's earlier recommendation to have the registration process modified for the senior classes.

Resident Finkelstein, Teaneck – spoke about the disruptive noise level at Votee Park and the need for something to be done

Barbara Toffler, Teaneck – mentioned to Council that there is a sign in the Municipal Building parking lot which indicates parking for Municipal business only, Monday through Friday, and she questioned what Municipal business the sign refers to; spoke of Ordinance 4187 and

questioned why her name appears to be have been checked off in favor of the Ordinance on August 10, 2010, when in fact she was not present at the time of roll-call; and requested that the Township Attorney's conduct a audit on all votes that she took during her term on Council.

Eugene Coleman, (Chairperson for the Teaneck Historic Preservation Commission) - was asked by the Township Manager to provide an update on the progress of the preparation of the wording for the signage for the Historic Burial ground; advised the suggested wording has been finalized and would be forwarded to Council within a few days; spoke about the Oak Tree and noted the Commission would like to have this tree designated as a historic site.

Charles Powers, Teaneck – spoke proudly about the Fire Department presentations; spoke about how the way he feels about how the Township records actions; read sections of minutes which he feels are inaccurate; and cited his summary of certain case law.

Naomi Cramer, Teaneck – spoke about the parking at the Richard Rodda Center during paving operations; made a request to Council to inquire from the Police Department if residents could park on the west side of Palisade Avenue while paving is taking place; asked Council to revise the website where it indicates a start time for all Council meetings, as she believes the start time should read 8 p.m.; asked for clarity as to what was voted on with respect to the 'go ahead' with the Municipal Complex; and suggested that additional spacing be provided in the design of the new Municipal Building for meetings by the community to be held.

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 Mr. Rose's comment regarding Township's alerts; advised that the Township did send out an alert; noted there were only sixty-three (63) people signed up to receive alerts; and requested that the Township Manager reach out to the Board of Education to put out a bulletin to get more people to sign up.

Mayor Hameeduddin noted to Ms. McKeon that people do listen to her; noted an occasion regarding the Building Department when her suggestions were taken; and the Mayor further explained to her that if Council should disagree with her recommendations, this does not mean that she is not heard.

Mayor Hameeduddin noted to Ms. Shalan that he does not have any intention to support a fee for the classes held at the Senior Center; and suggested to have the Manager meet with the Recreation Department to seek solutions to better the registration process.

C. Pruitt suggested that the Township Manager reach out to the Police Department to request that cars parked on Palisade Avenue while paving is taking place at the Rodda Center be exempt from ticketing. Township Manager advised he would speak with the Chief of Police about this parking matter.

Council discussion took place regarding the designation of the historical oak tree, and requested that Township Clerk Evelina reach out to property owner to ascertain their position.

C. Katz concurred with the recommendation made by Mr. Vatsky in regards to having a garage built to fix/maintain the vehicles of the Department of Public Works.

C. Katz thanked Mr. Powers for going through Township minutes; suggested that he and Dr. Toffler submit any errors to the current Township Clerk to allow for the corrections to be made, if applicable.

C. Pruitt inquired whether the Department of Public Works could utilize the building they work out of on Teaneck Road as their garage. C. Katz added that the building was the old Recreation

Center and is currently being used as the Department of Public Works' sign shop; and noted that the Department of Public Works facility was simply bursting at the seams.

TOWNSHIP'S MANAGER'S REPORT (DM Gussen motioned to move the Township's Manager's Report here, as the Manager has to leave and testify in New Milford, Mayor Hameeduddin seconded. No member of council opposed)

1. Palisades Avenue – North to Cedar Lane – West Traffic Light Arrow.

Township Manager advised that there was another pedestrian accident at this location; the Township is currently making a request to the County to have the traffic signal upgraded; and a left-turn lane was being reviewed.

With respect to social media, the Township Manager advised that shortly the Township can move forward with Twitter; Mayor Hameeduddin asked the Township Manager to look into the inclusion of text messages through the 'alert' process on the website.

2. Commercial Establishment Recycling

C. Katz asked the Township Manager what the status was on the additional garbage cans throughout the business districts. Township Manager Broughton advised there seems to be an issue finding suitable locations.

C. Katz asked the Township Manager to look into the costs associated with providing Council security during meetings.

DM Gussen noted an event held at Phelps Park during the inclement weather at which time the lightening detection system worked as needed. C. Katz questioned if these lightening detection systems were located in every park. DM Gussen noted these systems were only located in parks that have ball fields, play structures or any other recreational amenities.

Township Manager Broughton displayed the 'blue' (paper) recycling container which will be made available shortly to all residents free of charge.

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.

Mayor Hameeduddin made a motion to pull Resolution 218-12 for discussion.

RAFFLES

All subject to approval and conditions applicable with the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and pursuant to State Statute.

None.

MINUTES

August 28, 2012 – Closed Session Meeting (No Quorum) – Approved for Content Only.

August 28, 2012 – Open Session Meeting (DM. Gussen, C. Parker, C. Schwartz – Absent) – Approved for Content Only.

RESOLUTIONS

- 207-12. Endorse BCCD Grant – Manhattan Avenue Resurfacing.
- 208-12. Endorse BCCD Grant – Resurfacing of Prospect Terrace.
- 209-12. Amend 2012 Budget – FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant.
- 210-12. Amend 2012 Budget – 2012 Sustainable Land Use Planning Grant.
- 211-12. Award Contract – Pitney Bowes – Metering/Mailing Machine System.
- 212-12. Refund 2011 and 2012 Tax Overpayments – CFO – Various.

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- 213-12. Refund 2009, 2010 and 2011 Taxes Pursuant to State Tax Court Decisions – CFO – Various.
- 214-12. Ratify Payments – CFO – July, 2012.
- 215-12. Ratify Payments – CFO – August, 2012.
- 216-12. Authorize Agreement – Millenium Communications Group, Inc. – Municipal Communications Cable.
- 217-12. Authorize Council Seating Order.
- 218-12. Authorize Community Collaborative – Northern New Jersey Community Foundation.

BILL LIST

Ms. Evelina read the amount of the Bill List into the record \$4,297,526.08.

Mayor Hameeduddin 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 218-12. Seconded by Councilmember Stern.

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

Roll Call.

- In Favor: C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Pruitt, C. Katz, C. Schwartz, Mayor Hameeduddin
- Opposed: None.
- Absent: C. Parker
- Abstained: DM Gussen (Open Session Minutes of 8/28/12; Bill List Items #12-01236, #12-01569, #12-01570 & #12-01668);
C. Katz (Resolutions #212-12, #213-12 and the Bill List),
C. Schwartz (Open Session Minutes of 8/28/12)

Mayor Hameeduddin declared whether said items were passed.

C. Pruitt made motion to move Resolution 218-12. DM. Gussen seconded.

Roll Call.

- In Favor: C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Pruitt, C. Schwartz, Mayor Hameeduddin.
- Opposed: None.
- Absent: C. Parker, C. Katz (at time of vote)
- Abstained: None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilmember Stern 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 following Ordinances by title only:
ORDINANCE NO. 4271 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE.

ORDINANCE NO. 4272 - CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF A LIBRARY ROOF DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$25,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

ORDINANCE NO. 4273 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$180,000 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.

Seconded by DM. Gussen.

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

C. Pruitt requested clarification on 'various locations' noted in Ordinance 4273; DM Gussen requested the Township Manager to provide specific locations for the storm water drainage improvements prior to the next televised meeting.

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

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Pruitt, C. Schwartz, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker

Abstained: C. Pruitt (Ordinance 4273); C. Katz (at time of vote)

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

Township Clerk Evelina provided clarity to the Council in the absence of the Manager with respect to the location of the storm water drainage improvements reflected in Ordinance 4273 and noted that the areas are Tokoloka Park and Dearborn Street. Ms. Evelina will also advise the Manager to formally follow-up with Council.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Liaison Appointments.

Council reviewed a chart, produced by Ms. Evelina. Council requested that this matter be re-listed.

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2. Council Representative Appointments – Community Regional Development Committee.

Council asked Township Clerk Evelina to reach out to C. Parker to see if she is still interested in serving on this Committee. Ms. Evelina will contact C. Parker and re-list this item.

3. Advisory Board Chairpersons' Recommendations – 2013 Appointments.

Council reviewed the chart produced by Ms. Evelina regarding the above.

The majority of Council nominated the reappointment of Steven Kaye and Keith Kaplan (for C. Schwartz's unexpired term) to the Planning Board, and Kenneth Goffstein was nominated to the Teterboro Airport Noise Abatement Committee. Ms. Evelina will list a resolution for the upcoming meeting.

This matter will be re-listed.

COMMUNICATIONS (Mayor Hameeduddin moved and is listed after Presentations)

1. Request for Endorsement of BCCD Grant – Shelter Our Sisters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

None.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. *“Teaneck's Volunteers' Annual Recognition Day”* – C. Pruitt
A. Establishment of Subcommittee

The Mayor requested Township Clerk Evelina to instruct the Township Manager to create a committee for the Annual Recognition Day.

2. *“Garbage Cans”* – C. Katz

Discussed earlier, as the Township Manager had to depart for a hearing in New Milford.

3. *“Cross Walk at Amsterdam Avenue and Teaneck Road”* – Mayor Hameeduddin

The Mayor requested that Township Clerk Evelina instruct the Township Manager to reach out to the Police Department to find out what it would take to have a cross walk at Amsterdam Avenue and Teaneck Road.

4. *“Cooperative Electricity Purchasing for Township”* – Mayor Hameeduddin

Mayor Hameeduddin noted Statue 48:3-931, the deregulation of electricity. Mayor Hameeduddin requested that Township Clerk Evelina have the Township Manager schedule a presentation.

5. *“Teaneck Sport Recreation Budget”* – Mayor Hameeduddin

The Mayor informed that he will discuss the matter with the Township Manager.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT (DM Gussen moved up as Manager had to leave to testify in New Milford)

1. Palisades Avenue – North to Cedar Lane – West Traffic Light Arrow.
2. Commercial Establishment Recycling.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Stern moved to adjourn at 10:09 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Schwartz

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Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker

Abstained: None.

Recused: None.