

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 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 Township Clerk opened the meeting to the public at 7:00 p.m., at which time there was no quorum. No Closed Session Meeting took place.

The Township Clerk reopened the meeting to the public at 8:12 p.m., at which time there was a quorum.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Hameeduddin called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order at 8:12 p.m. and asked all present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: C. Parker, C. Schwartz, DM. Gussen.

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

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Mayor Hameeduddin indicated there was no Closed Session this evening, as there was no quorum. He went on to say there have been many anonymous flyers going around the Township; spoke on the barber shop issue, indicating that there is no plan on passing an ordinance restricting barber shop hours; also stated that the recent story in Suburbanite suggesting that there is a plan to raise fees at the senior center was untrue; informed all present there was no plan on passing a noise ordinance restricting music in the parks at this time.

Councilmember Katz clarified the issue regarding the barber shops giving a detailed explanation of the thirty-year old ordinance, which is currently in effect, indicating that Council is proactively making changes to the present ordinance for the good of the Township.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Certificate of Recognition – Councilman Yitz Stern, Bergen County's Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee.
Mayor Hameeduddin presented to Councilmember Stern a Certificate of Recognition for his recent appointment to the Bergen County's Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee.

2. Certificates of Recognition – TVAC.

Meritorious Service Awards

Mayor Hameeduddin and Angelae Wilkerson, of Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corp., presented Meritorious Service Award Certificates to the following individuals:

Captain Andrew Rosler
Lieutenant Josh Gildin
Member Perry DiFranco

The Meritorious Service Award Certificate is presented to those individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Life Membership Award

Mayor Hameeduddin and Angelae Wilkerson, of Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corp., presented the Life Membership Award to:

Deirdre Regan-Colasuono.

Ms. Wilkerson spoke on behalf of TVAC, thanking them for their tireless effort and continuous contribution to the Township of Teaneck.

2. Northern New Jersey Community Foundation – GSI Endorsement.

See attached.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ms. Evelina read the following Ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 4269 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2-67 OF ARTICLE XI OF CHAPTER 2 AND SECTION 2-77 OF ARTICLE XIII OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK ESTABLISHING A RESIDENCY PREFERENCE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS.

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.

David Spielman, Teaneck – alleged that there may be a typographical error in Ordinance 4269.

Art Vatsky, Teaneck – indicated that he was pleased with this ordinance in that if the Township hires outside of Teaneck, it would not see the same revenue benefits it would if the hires were residents of Teaneck; also pleased with the fact that in the event of an emergency situation, police and fire personnel would be readily available and within close proximity allowing better response time.

Gevonne Rice, Teaneck – questioned whether or not there was a residency timeline requirement regarding Ordinance 4269.

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

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

The Township Manager addressed the question regarding the timeline requirement stating that the applicant must be a resident from the time they file the application until the time the applicant is hired.

S. Turitz stated that the area of the law regarding the timeline requirement is regulated by the State and Civil Service.

Councilmember Katz moved to pass Ordinance 4269 on second and final reading and adopt. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise same according to law.

Seconded by Councilmember Stern.

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

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, C. Schwartz, DM. Gussen.

Abstained: None.

Recused: None.

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.

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.

Ken Hoffman, Teaneck – spoke regarding the Votee Park Resolution which would award the Professional Contract to JM SORGE, Inc., stating that he feels Council should take immediate action in moving forward regarding this matter; thanked all individuals who were involved in this project; addressed the subject of the Teaneck Junior Soccer League, thanking the Recreation Department and the Department of Public Work for their contribution in launching the program.

Dave Spielman, Teaneck – questioned why there is a twenty-five dollar fee involved when filing a job application with the Township.

Bob Gluradella, Teaneck – he, along with other Township residents, had submitted a petition proposing that the dog run for Phelps Park be located elsewhere citing the reasons; feels the dog run should be located in a less-developed park.

Art Vatsky, Teaneck – discussed the four-day work week; requested a copy of the survey produced at the start of the four-day work week; suggested another survey be conducted

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regarding this matter; listed his reasons for his dissatisfaction with the four-day work week; is in favor of extended hours along with a five-day work week reimplementation.

Dorothy Bing, Teaneck – expressed her concern with the “30 year ordinance” and asked for clarification regarding this topic.

Rosilyn McLean, AFSCME President, Teaneck Township Employee – spoke on behalf of the four-day work week listing the reasons as to why it should remain in effect; asked Council to please put the matter to rest, as the program is currently working to benefit the residents as well as the Township employees.

Alex Rashin, Teaneck – expressed his dissatisfaction with Arcari & Iovino as contractors; spoke about the bond ordinance regarding the generator, suggesting the ordinance be tabled.

Gervonne Rice, Teaneck – spoke on the issue of the band amplification in the parks indicating that they would like to be updated regarding any future changes concerning this topic; applauded the plan on changes to the ordinance regarding the barber shops.

William David Tride, Teaneck – spoke on the dissatisfaction among the residents regarding the park amplification topic; stated that Teaneck is a very diverse Township and does not want to see the Township go backward.

Shelly Worrel, Teaneck – in charge of disseminating information to the Township alumni and therefore requested that should there be a change concerning anything within the Township, for example, an ordinance, an e-mail be distributed as soon as possible.

Charles Powers, Teaneck – discussed Ordinance 4187, which states that the Township Manager is the deciding factor in the hours of operation within the Township; went on to say that the August 10, 2010 minutes concerning this Ordinance were not available; discussed the Arcari & Iovino Contract regarding the old police headquarters and his dissatisfaction with the decision of the design.

Joan Locen, Teaneck – spoke about the noise ordinance in the parks requesting that there be a decibel requirement implemented due to the high volume of noise emanating from the parties held in the park.

Gwen Acree, Teaneck – feels that some messages made by Council are not clear to the residents and requested that any future concerns involving Township issues be brought to the attention of residents immediately; discussed the situation regarding the music in the parks stating that parks are for recreation; discussed the passing of Joan Davis and suggested that this situation should not go unresolved.

Leslie McKeon, Teaneck – added to Charles Powers’ statement regarding the renovation of the old police headquarters, indicating that residents are not pleased with the Arcari & Iovino design.

Barbara Toffler, Teaneck – discussed the anniversary of the passing of Joan Davis, stating that this issue should not go unresolved; spoke about the minutes of the August 10, 2010, indicating that they were unavailable; regarding the music in the parks, discussed a memo that had recently been distributed prior to the election suggesting certain individuals be elected to meet the interests of certain residents; discussed the renovation of the old police headquarters and questioned if the new building would be opened four or five days per week.

Ellsworth James, Teaneck – spoke on the situation regarding the barbers and stated that he was happy that Council was planning on putting the matter to rest.

Clara Williams, Teaneck – discussed reinstating Workshop Meetings and inquired whether or not they plan on reinstating these meetings.

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.

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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.

The Township Clerk requested permission to speak regarding the issue with the Minutes of August 10, 2010 indicating that she felt it was important to correct any inaccuracies regarding comments made during Good and Welfare; informed all that the set of Minutes in question, the Minutes of August 10, 2010, were completed and approved.

Mayor Hameeduddin spoke about the twenty-five dollar application processing fee stating that this is done through the State Civil Service Commission and not the Township; discussed the issue of miscommunication and suggested if residents have any questions regarding any false information, they are welcomed to contact any member of Council to discuss their concerns; spoke about Workshop Meetings stating that he feels the meetings were not helpful due to the fact that residents would imply there was a lack of transparency if the Council decided to make any decisions during the Workshop Meetings; touched on the four-day work week stating that his position has not changed regarding this matter; discussed that there was no ordinance that would be passed during the meeting regarding generators.

C. Katz stated that he hoped the Council would move forward in removing the thirty-year plus ordinance regarding the barbershops and asked that the Attorney move forward with this.

S. Turitz explained, at length, the current ordinance regarding the barbershops and requested that Council grant permission for Mr. Turitz to move forward in preparing a new ordinance regarding this matter.

Council concurred and Mayor Hameeduddin suggested this item be placed on the up-coming agenda.

C. Pruitt stated that he was pleased that C. Katz clarified the situation regarding the barber shops; discussed his position regarding the four-day work week; spoke about the ordinance regarding music in the park, feels it should not be changed.

Mayor Hameeduddin indicated that Council is working on the situation regarding alerts and suggested that Ms. Worrell reach out to residents requesting that they sign on to the Township website regarding alerts at this time.

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 #1338 - Rotary Club Ridgefield Park/Bogota – On Premise Raffle Awarding Merchandise - \$20.00.

RA #1339 - Geriatric Services, Inc. – On Premise 50/50 Draw Raffle Awarding Cash - \$20.00.

MINUTES

August 14, 2012 – Closed Session Meeting (Absent: C. Parker, Mayor Hameeduddin) - Approved for Content Only.

August 14, 2012 – Open Session Meeting (Absent: C. Parker, Mayor Hameeduddin).

RESOLUTIONS

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- 193-12 Approve Developer's Agreement – PSE&G - Substation on Teaneck/Bergenfield Border.
- 194-12 Authorize Municipal Consent – Consumption Liquor License #0260-33-015-004 – 2010/2011.
- 195-12 Authorize Municipal Consent – Consumption Liquor License #0260-33-028-002 – 2011/2012.
- 196-12 Authorize Municipal Consent – Consumption Liquor License #0260-33-022-007 – 2011/2012.
- 197-12 Authorize Municipal Consent – Consumption Liquor License #0260-33-014-012 – 2011/2012.
- 198-12 Authorize Municipal Consent – Club Liquor Licenses – 2012/2013.
- 199-12 Authorize Municipal Consent – Consumption Liquor Licenses – 2012/2013.
- 200-12 Authorize Municipal Consent – Distribution Liquor Licenses – 2012/2013.
- 201-12 Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order – Goosetown Communications – Radio Equipment Upgrade.
- K Award Contract – Pitney Bowes – Mailing Machine.
- 202-12 Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order – Cody Computer Services, Inc. – Software Program.
- 203-12 Authorize Agreement – English Paving Company – Resurfacing of State Street.
- 204-12 Authorize Agreement – Montana Construction Company – Lozier Place Sewer Replacement.
- 205-12 Award Professional Services Contract – JM SORGE, Inc. – Licensed Site Remediation.
- P Appoint Members to Teterboro Airport Noise Abatement Action Committee.

BILL LIST

Ms. Evelina read the amount of the Bill List into the record \$3,709,970.62.

Councilmember Stern 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 C. Pruitt.

The Township Manager and Mayor Hameeduddin requested that Resolutions K and P be tabled for further discussion.

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

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, C. Schwartz, DM. Gussen.

Abstained: C. Katz (Resolutions 194-12, 195-12, 196-12, 197-12, 198-12, 199-12, 200-12).

Recused: None.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared said items were passed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

NONE.

OLD BUSINESS

C. Katz requested status regarding the sidewalk issue.

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Mr. Broughton indicated that he is in the process of accumulating the information and should have it for the next meeting; went on to say that a letter of extension will be distributed to said residents.

MISCELLANEOUS

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Seating Order.

Mayor Hameeduddin asked the members of Council about their seating preference, they indicated the following:

C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen, Mayor Hameeduddin, C. Pruitt, C. Katz, C. Schwartz.

2. Council Liaison Appointments.

In that there was not a full complement of Council, Mayor Hameeduddin tabled the following three New Business items.

3. Council Representative Appointments – Community Regional Development Committee.
4. Advisory Board Chairpersons’ Recommendations – 2013 Appointments.

COMMUNICATIONS

NONE.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. “Website Review Stats and Social Media” – M. Hameeduddin.

Mr. Broughton provided, at length, the statistics regarding the new Township Website.

Mayor Hameeduddin requested the Facebook and Twitter be incorporated within the Social Media.

Mr. Broughton agreed and informed Council he would report at the next meeting.

2. “Paving of Glenwood Avenue” – M. Hameeduddin.

The Mayor informed all that the contract, regarding this project, has been awarded.

3. “Emergency Management Communication” – M. Hameeduddin.

The Mayor discussed that the winter months were approaching and the chance of inclement weather is inevitable; questioned the Manager’s plan of action regarding communicating with the residents in the event of an emergency.

Township Manager Broughton stated that the annual recycling calendar will soon be distributed with emergency preparedness information incorporated within the calendar; also suggested that residents sign up for alerts and indicated that as of present time, only 69 people have signed up for the alerts; went on to suggest residents go to the website and sign up for alerts indicating there is a section for Township alerts as well as a section for County alerts.

4. “Teaneckopoly” – M. Hameeduddin.

Project by the general store looking to display a Council picture with Council endorsement; Mayor Hameeduddin stated that they will participate in this project when Councilmember Parker returns.

5. "Historic New Bridge Landing Commission" – C. Stern.

C. Stern discussed that there are two positions available on this Board; suggested that the Clerk reach out to the one individual whose time has expired and is eligible for renewal, as well as advertising for the filling of the one additional position.

Council concurred.

6. "Annual Volunteer Recognition Day" – C. Pruitt.

Commended Mr. Broughton for initiating the "Employee Recognition Day" indicating that it was a success; suggested that Council implement an "Annual Volunteer Recognition Day" within the Township; feels there are enough volunteers within the Township to make the event a success; suggested that each volunteer is given a lapel pin so that person may answer any questions individuals may have regarding Teaneck; would like to see this program be established as soon as possible.

7. "Improve Community's Communications" – C. Pruitt.

Would like Council to help improve community relations within the Township; suggested that each person just say "good day" and get to know your neighbors by name; speak any time the opportunity presents itself.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Broughton discussed the Burial Ground signage; stated that the Township Garage Sale was a success, indicating that the next Township Garage Sale will take place on October 13th and 14th from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; presently working on a press release for the auxiliary police position; spoke about the dog park; gave status of the cell phone towers; discussed the construction of the columns in the front of the building giving an update of the structure.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

NONE.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Katz moved to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Seconded by Mayor Hameeduddin.

Roll Call.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker, C. Schwartz, DM. Gussen.

Abstained: None.

Recused: None.