

May 20, 2004
7:30 P.M.
Stewartsville, NJ

The Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich held a regular meeting on the above date with the following members present: Mayor Frank Marchetta, Deputy Mayor Gregory Blaszk, Committeewoman Deborah Pasquarelli, Committeeman Brian Visconti, Committeewoman Elaine Emiliani, Township Engineer Michael Finelli, Township Attorney Peter Jost, Township Clerk Kimberly Viscomi.

The Flag Salute was repeated

The SUNSHINE LAW was read as follows: "Adequate notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by: 1. Mailing a schedule of this meeting of the Township Committee to the Express-Times, Phillipsburg Free Press, and the Newark Star Ledger newspapers 2. Posting a copy thereof on the Township Bulletin Board, and 3. Filing a copy thereof with the Township Clerk".

• **CONSENT AGENDA**

"All matters listed below under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will not be discussion on these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately".

1. Approval of Township Minutes:

Regular Minutes: March 18, 2004

Executive Session: March 18, 2004

2. Receive, and File Monthly Reports:

Tax Collector

Municipal Chist

Police Report

Planning Board

Treasurer

Building Department Report

3. Receive, Charge to Various Accounts, and Pay Monthly Bills

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to approve the Consent Agenda

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to open the public comment period.

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Shirley Oswald – 537 North Main Street – Wants to know if the Township could put in new sidewalks in front of her house. 6/7 years ago the township put in sidewalk up north main however, they did not install new in front of her house. Finelli informed that this was part of the small cities grant. Mike will check out sidewalks and report back to the committee, he stated that maybe the township would want to pursue a grant for this project.

Joe Mecsey, Fire Chief – 602 South Main Street – He attended the public meeting for the Recreation Complex stated he was upset with the comments made during this meeting. The first priority should be building the new fire house. Fire company wants to set up a timeline, which he provided to the committee. Visconti stated that the presentation that was given was for the township committee and in the future a presentation will be given to the public. Chief Mecsey stated that the Fire Company would not endorse any political candidates.

Jeff Hahn – Postmaster – Informed the Committee that the post office has to look for a temporary location in the event of an alarm at the Kilmer facility. He informed if the alarm goes off at the Kilmer facility, Stewartsville post office would be shut down. This will be further discussed at an emergency management meeting in June.

Mary Jo Brown – Questioned the Committee of their intentions of the Old School. Stated that this should be a priority instead of recreation fields. The municipal building is out of space and the working conditions are terrible. Stated concerns that the sports complex people will not be able to afford. Don't need all of the projects listed on the plan.

Joe Gurneak-110 South Main Street – He had previously requested speed limit signs on his street – He has concerns regarding the Highlands Bill. He agrees with Assemblywoman Connie Myers and Mike Doherty, stated he doesn't trust the Governor. Sports Complex – concerns about the cost of this, sharpen his pencils – this is Stewartsville not Short Hills, concerned about the expense this will be to the Senior Citizens.

Matt Klouser – South Main Street Questioned how many surveys did they receive back. 51 of a population of 4,500, surveys were distributed out during community day. He stated that this does not represent the residents of the township.

Dan Perez, Recreation President – 624 South Main Street – Women's Softball League in Warren County – they want to use Stecker field. They will be playing from June to August. They will be playing about 8 games. They are going to pay \$100. Attorney Jost informed that a Certificate of Insurance would be required.

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Blaszka to close the public comment period

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Committeeman Blaszka made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to permit the WCWSL to use Stecker field for 8 games on the conditions that the Township is named as an additional insurer and new certificate be issued and also that the Township reserves the right to terminate the playing privileges at the discretion, the league will hold the Township harmless from any liability/claims or damages.

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS

2004-41 Liquor License transfer – Person-to-Person

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, to approve Resolution 2004-41, seconded by Committeeman Blaszka

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

2004-42 Developers Escrow – Release of funds

Committeeman Blaszka made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-42, seconded by Committeewoman Pasquarelli

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING OF 2004 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Committeeman Blaszka made a motion, seconded by Committeewoman Emiliani to open the meeting for the public hearing on the 2004 Municipal Budget

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to close the public hearing on the 2004 Municipal Budget

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to adopt the 2004 Municipal Budget.

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Marchetta

Welcome Sign Committee Update

Using the same person that did Lopatcong – they are reviewing the designs. Looking for sponsors – they will be presenting to Township Committee some of the designs to review. Also looking for historic Stewartville.

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to appoint Diana Cole and Joe Gurneak to this committee

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Highland Task Force Update

A highlands task force committee was put together to look over the legislation and come with a plan of action. The first meeting was yesterday, reviewed the task force action plan. The planner gave an overview of the legislation. Next meeting will be Monday to go over the legislation.

Committeeman Blaszk made a motion, seconded by Committeewoman Pasquarelli to appoint Dawn Marie Kondas to the Task Force

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 2004-48 – Highlands

Committeeman Blaszka made a motion, seconded by Committeewoman Pasquarelli to approve Resolution 2004-48

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Municipal Building Maintenance Personnel

Mayor Marchetta made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to appoint Joanne Cipperly as maintenance personnel for the municipal building.

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Blaszka

Resolution 2004-47 Snow Plow and Lawn Maintenance Agreement

Committeeman Blaszka made a motion, seconded by Committeewoman Pasquarelli to approve Resolution 2004-47

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Mayor Marchetta to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Committeewoman Pasquarelli

Sewer Subcommittee Update

Attorney Brent Carney has submitted for the Township Committee to review the monthly sewer subcommittee report

Resolution 2004-43 Vince's Car Cleaning

Committeewoman Pasquarelli made a motion, seconded by Committeewoman Emiliani to approve Resolution 2004-43

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 2004-44 Donald Miller

Committeewoman Pasquarelli made a motion, seconded by Committeewoman Emiliani to approve Resolution 2004-44

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Memorial Day Parade – May 31, 2004

Committeewoman Pasquarelli made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Blaszk to approve the Memorial Day Parade on May 31, 2004

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Committeewoman Emiliani

Emergency Squad

New Membership
Dawn Peppe / Shibu Abraham

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Mayor Marchetta to approve the membership of Dawn Peppe and Shibu Abraham to the Emergency Squad.

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Blue Light Permits

Gary Hill / Eric Freund

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Committeewoman Pasquarelli to approve the blue light permits for Gary Hill and Eric Freund

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Red Light Permit – Katherine Williams

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Mayor Marchetta to approve the red light permit for Katherine Williams

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Fire Company

New Membership

Robert Thorsen – Mark MacNealey

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Mayor Marchetta to approve the fire company membership to Robert Thorsen and Mark MacNealey

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Police Department

Retirement of Dale Bulmer

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Mayor Marchetta to accept the resignation of Dale Bulmer with regrets

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

1. STRYKER'S ROAD

- Engineer Finelli spoke with Daksha Shah and Joe Jagniatkowski of NJDOT Region 1. The NJDOT has requested that the Township forward a formal request to their office regarding a reallocation of the grant monies towards a more conventional reconstruction project of the existing Stryker's Road. He also has been coordinating this matter with Dave Hicks and he has been very helpful in making suggestions towards the proper terminology and approach to this request. He hopes to be in a position to forward the request to the NJDOT within the next few weeks.
- The Township Committee should be aware that the total grant award (three separate grants) for the Stryker's Road project totals \$478,000.00.
- The Township has received an extension from the NJDOT to their existing grant until February 27, 2005.

2. FUTURE DEDICATIONS

- Greenwich Chase, Phase 7
- This is the remaining phase within Greenwich Chase yet to be dedicated. Toll Brothers has recently contacted his office regarding their request for his office to perform a final inspection and for the final phase of the project to move forward towards dedication. His office has completed his performance bond release punch list inspection and has recently forwarded same to Toll Brothers. Subsequent to Toll Brothers' completion of the

outstanding work in question, this phase of the project will be in a position for dedication to the Township.

- Greenwich Hills North (no change since April report)
 - The vast majority of all work has been completed. Greg Weinstein continues to move forward in an effort to secure final acceptance from his office and subsequent dedication to the municipality. At this juncture, there remain a few minor lingering issues, which could be resolved within the next month, or two. Therefore, there is the likelihood of this project being dedicated within the next few months.

3. GREENFIELDS @ GREENWICH, SECTION III

- George Baldwin of his office has recently completed the maintenance bond punch list inspection. Hopes to be in a position, within the next week, to forward the maintenance bond punch list correspondence to Harmony Residential and all other appropriate parties for their anticipated action.

4. HAMLEN PROPERTY (no change since April report)

- As previously requested, his office prepared a plan, which depicted various, outparcel options (7, 10, 15 and 20 Ac.) for a municipally owned portion of the overall 114 Ac. tracts. This plan has been reviewed and discussed at previous Township Committee Meetings. The Township Committee must still render a decision on how large of an out parcel they may wish to extract from the overall tract. Attorney Jost will need to advise the Committee on the timing for making this decision.

5. GREENWICH STREET/WYNDHAM FARM BOULEVARD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

- The Township (via the County) has recently received an approval from the NJDOT for the installation of the flashing sign.

6. GREENWICH STREET BIKE PATH

- The Township has received an extension from the NJDOT to their existing grant until February 14, 2005.

Committeeman Blaszkka made a motion, seconded by Mayor Marchetta to reject all bids for this project.

Voting in favor: Blaszkka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

7. SOUTH MAIN STREET SIDEWALK EXTENSION PROJECT (2003 NJDOT GRANT)

- The Township has received an extension from the NJDOT to their existing grant until February 14, 2005.
- This project has been “shelved” for 2004 based upon municipal budgetary constraints. Per his recent conversation with certain NJDOT representatives, the NJDOT may not grant the Township any additional extensions beyond the most recent extension referenced above. Therefore, the Township may need to consider authorizing the design phase of this project to commence at some time later this year to allow for potential award prior to the current grant deadline of February 14, 2005.

8. PHILLIPSBURG REGIONAL WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (WMP) (no change since April report)

- His office previously completed the Phase II Sanitary Sewer Flow Build-out Analysis as required by the NJDEP. This report was forwarded to the NJDEP on July 16, 2003. All members of the Township Committee were previously provided a copy of this report. At this juncture, his is still waiting for the NJDEP to issue a summary report, which will combine the information supplied by each of the five (5) respective municipalities.

9. NEW JERSEY STATE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS (no change since April report)

- The regulations have been adopted and were effective as of February 2, 2004. The Township had previously received their Municipal Storm water Regulation Program Requirements package from the NJDEP. His office, on behalf of the Township, forwarded the completed Request for Authorization (RFA) form and Grant Application to the NJDEP on March 2, 2004. We have received this approved storm water general permit from the NJDEP. The permit # is NJPDES: NJG0153842/PI ID#: 198015. The Effective Date of Permit Authorization (EDPA) is April 1, 2004. The Township is now “on the clock” relative to compliance with the new regulations. The first step will be to adopt Storm water Management Plan within one (1) year of the effective date of the Township’s permit from the State or April 1, 2005.
- Greenwich Township has been designated as a Tier A municipality which requires some additional and expedited responsibilities versus Tier B municipalities. It will be necessary for the Township to budget some monies for 2004 in order to facilitate the initial stages of compliance with these regulations.

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10. WASHINGTON STREET WEIGHT LIMIT RESTRICTION

- Engineer Finelli spoke with County Engineer Dave Hicks regarding his thoughts on the feasibility of implementing a weight limit restriction on Washington Street. Washington Street was a County road for many years and was just conveyed to the Township in the late 1990s. Based upon that fact, he felt it was appropriate to get Mr. Hicks’ input on this matter. Mr. Hicks suggested that the Township request to use the County traffic counters in order to

determine the number, frequency and type of trucks, which traverse Washington Street on a daily basis. Mr. Hicks advised that the County would offer the counters to the Township at no cost and that the counters not only document number of vehicles, but also types of vehicles. With that information in hand, we would be in a better and more informed position to consider a weight limit restriction for Washington Street.

- His office has recently been in contact with the Warren County Engineer's Office regarding the placement of the traffic counters. The County will be performing the traffic counts in the near future. He will continue to coordinate this matter with the County and advise the Township Committee of the progress.

11. REGISTRATION OF TOWNSHIP SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAIN

- At the April 15, 2004 Committee Meeting, the Township Committee authorized the agreement to be signed with Aqua New Jersey, Inc. for the sanitary sewer force main underground utility mark-out in conjunction with Aqua New Jersey, Inc.'s February 4, 2004 proposal. On April 21, 2004, he met with Jon Hartzell of Aqua New Jersey, Inc. to review the items and supporting plans and documentation required by Aqua New Jersey, Inc. in connection with the execution of their contract. His office will continue to coordinate this matter with Aqua New Jersey, Inc. Aqua New Jersey, Inc. has already performed two (2) separate force main mark-outs over the past few months in advance of the actual execution of their agreement with the Township.

12. TOLL BROTHERS BOND/ESCROW ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

- Engineer Finelli met with Greg Della Pia to begin the process of attempting to reconcile the Township's various Toll Brothers accounts. The process may prove to be very difficult and time consuming. Greg Della Pia is going to research some additional records and potentially meet with the Township's auditor to discuss this matter in more detail. He recommended that the Committee speak directly to Greg Della Pia with any specific questions regarding either the status or timeline relative to the completion of this task.

13. RAYNA PROPERTY: BOUNDARY SURVEY

- At the April 15, 2004 Committee Meeting, Engineer Finelli was authorized to proceed with the first phase of the Boundary Survey. He has commenced the work in question and anticipates having Phase I completed in mid-June. The Committee should be cognizant of the fact that he needs authorization for Phase II in order to complete the Boundary Survey and be in a position to provide the necessary documentation and maps required for closing and title transfer.
- GREENWICH HILLS, SECTIONS II & III: MAINTENANCE BOND RELEASE INSPECTION
- The next maintenance bonds set to expire within the Township are for Greenwich Hills, Section II (September, 2004) and Greenwich Hills, Section III (November, 2004), respectively. Similar to what his office has provided in conjunction with the first few sections of Greenwich Chase, it was his recommendation for the Committee to authorize his

office to perform a maintenance bond release inspection in advance of the expiration date of each of the two (2) maintenance bonds in question.

Mayor Marchetta made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Blaszka to authorize Engineer Finelli to perform a maintenance bond release inspection on Greenwich Hills, Section II and Greenwich Hills, Section III

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Committeeman Blaszka made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to open the public comment period

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Al Snyder of Washington Street – Wants to have a weight restricted signs installed along the street – noise and pollution caused by truck.

Committeeman Blaszka made a motion, seconded by Committeewoman Emiliani to close the public comment period

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Marchetta made a motion, seconded by Committeewoman Emiliani to take a five-minute recess

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Committeeman Blaszka made a motion, seconded by Committeewoman Emiliani to come back from recess and reopen the meeting to the public.

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter-specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed as follows: Contract negotiations, Pending Litigation, Land Acquisition and Personnel
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public at: When a decision has been rendered.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Committeeman Blaszk a made a motion, seconded by Committeewoman Pasquarelli to adopt the foregoing Resolution and enter into Executive Session.

Voting in favor: Blaszk a, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Committeeman Blaszk a made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to come out of Executive Session and reopen the meeting to the public

Voting in favor: Blaszk a, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Marchetta made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Blaszk a to authorize Engineer Finelli to complete the Phase II survey

Voting in favor: Blaszk a, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Marchetta made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Blaszk a to approve the appraisal for the Rayna property

Voting in favor: Blaszk a, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Marchetta made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Blaszka to approve the appraisal for the Smith property

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Blaszka to hire Christopher Tasiopoulos as Patrolman for the Greenwich Township Police Department

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Pasquarelli, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta
Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Committeeman Blaszka made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to hire Tony Pannella as Bond Attorney

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Visconti, Marchetta
Opposed: Pasquarelli, Emiliani

MOTION CARRIED

As there was no further business, Committeewoman Pasquarelli made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 A.M.

Kimberly Viscomi, RMC
Township Clerk

