

LOGAN TOWNSHIP
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 2017
(minutes approved 12/5/2017)

The Regular Meeting of the Logan Township Council was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Frank W. Minor on the above date. The Regular Meeting was held at the Municipal Building, 125 Main Street, Bridgeport, New Jersey.

Mayor Minor led the flag salute and a moment of silence. He thanked those serving in the military for their daily sacrifice; and our prayers go out to all the men and women in blue, and to those serving our country, and their families, and wishing them a Happy Thanksgiving. He then read the Open Public Meeting Act.

Roll Call showed the following in attendance: Council: Doris Hall, Bernadine Jackson, Christopher Morris, Arthur Smith and Mayor Frank W. Minor. Others in attendance were: Solicitor Ekaterine Eleftheriou, Engineer Annina Hogan, Lieutenant Joseph Flatley, Administrator Lyman Barnes and Municipal Clerk Linda Oswald.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
November 2, 2017 Work Session

Motion by Smith, second Jackson, to approve minutes from the November 2, 2017 Work Session. Roll Call: Ayes: Hall, Jackson, Morris, Smith, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion by Jackson, second Smith, to pay all duly authorized bills. Roll Call: Ayes: Hall, Jackson, Morris, Smith, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #204-2017:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF LOGAN TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING REFUND OF UTILITY OPENING PERMIT APPLICATION FEE TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY *(Permit #U33-2017)*

RESOLUTION #205-2017:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF LOGAN TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING REFUND OF UTILITY OPENING PERMIT APPLICATION FEE TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY *(Permit #U37-2017)*

RESOLUTION #206-2017:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN APPROVING FORM OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE SUBMITTED BY RASTELLI BROTHERS REALTY, LP AFFECTING A PARCEL KNOWN AS BLOCK 2802, LOT 1 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF LOGAN TOWNSHIP, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION NO. 108-09AA

RESOLUTION #207-2017:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, CASH BOND AND ESCROW FUNDS, AND REQUIRING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE BY DP PARTNERS LOGAN I, LLC (BUILDING D) AFFECTING A PARCEL KNOWN AS BLOCK 3001, LOTS 15.04 AND 24 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION NO. 100-16

RESOLUTION #208-2017:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND ESCROW FUNDS, AND REQUIRING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE BY LIBERTY VENTURE I, L.P. AFFECTING THE PARCEL KNOWN AS BLOCKS 1001 AND 1704, LOTS 2, 5, 6 AND 7 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF LOGAN TOWNSHIP, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION NO. 100-15

Motion by Hall, second Jackson, to adopt Resolutions #204 thru #208-2017. Roll Call: Ayes: Hall, Jackson, Morris, Smith, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Hall – attended the Chelton House groundbreaking today for their new project; presented with a hard hat and ceremonial shovel.

Jackson – Smithville bus trip sponsored by Youth/Parks/Recreation Committee was successful, good weather and everyone had a great time. Reminder that the annual Holiday Tree Lighting is Sunday, December 3rd.

Morris – no update

Smith – no update

Mayor Minor – no update

Mayor Minor inquired about the County re-assessment letters; Administrator Barnes responded that the letters have been mailed out. Residents with questions are directed to contact the Gloucester County Tax Assessor's Office. Discussion on purpose of the re-assessment. Last time assessment was done, property values were down. In recent times, property values have increased. Comparison between residential and commercial properties; should be a 50-50 ratio.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Public Works – winterizing township buildings. Installed new holiday banners. Approximately 13,000 tons of paper shredded at the two (2) Shred Events held this year.

Engineer – see attached report.

Solicitor – no report. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Police – statistics report attached. October 28th the Department participated in “Operation Take Back” as part of our on-going effort to remove unwanted, unused or expired medications from potentially becoming available for illicit purposes. Patrol shifts were supplemented on Mischief Night and Halloween to increase visibility and public safety; no issues were reported. 15 officers participated in the annual physical training test in with they are evaluated in the following: 1.5 mile run, max pushups and sit ups in a minute, vertical jump, bench press, and a 300 meter run. This represents the highest participation level since inception in 2005. The department average was 92%.

At Councilwoman Hall's inquiry, a discussion took place on Beckett Road with speeding and truck issues. Mayor Minor and Administrator Barnes both responded that this issue is on the township's radar, and options are being looked into. Dunkin Donuts and trucks parking on Center Square Road are another issue. Barnes commented that the newer commercial buildings are built to accommodate heavier truck traffic. The older buildings/businesses are more of a problem. Discussion with truck traffic issues continued.

Municipal Fire Chief – no report

JIF Safety Coordinator – no report

Zoning Officer – no report

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Soil & Fill Importation and Placement Application

Silvi Concrete of Logan

66 Floodgate Road, Block 501, Lot 32

Application #05-16Z

Tabled at 11/2/2017 meeting

Motion by Morris, second Hall, to approve Soil & Fill Importation and Placement Permit for Silvi Concrete of Logan based on Engineer's review and recommendation letter dated 11/21/17.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hall, Jackson, Morris, Smith, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION**

CARRIED.

New Year's Eve, Sunday 12/31/17

Extension of Hours of Operation

Retail Consumption License Holders

Village Pub, Holiday Inn, Towne Place Suites by Marriott

Discussion on extending hours to accommodate New Year's Eve celebrations/parties

Extended Sunday hours from 12 midnight to 2:00am on 12/31/17.

Motion by Morris, second Hall, to approve requests for extension of hours of operation for retail consumption license holders for 12/31/17 New Year's Eve. Roll Call: Ayes: Hall, Jackson, Morris, Smith, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Minor asked if Public Works is ready for winter; Mike responded getting ready. Inquired about the piece of equipment that is pending. Status of Cooper Lake property; approximately 10 acres of land mass. Lt. advised that the Cooper Lake property is gated and patrols monitor regularly.

Motion by Hall, second Smith, to open to the public. All were in favor.

Meeting opened to the public at 7:40pm.

No public comment.

Motion by Hall, second Morris, to close to the public. All were in favor.

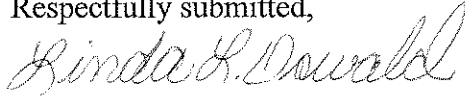
Meeting closed to the public at 7:40pm.

Mayor welcomed County Liaison Fire Marshall Edward Johnson.

Motion by Hall, second Morris, to adjourn meeting. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda L. Oswald". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Linda L. Oswald, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk