

LOGAN TOWNSHIP
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2016
(minutes approved 7/19/2016)

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 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. He expressed deepest sympathy to the family who tragically lost their 2 year old from an alligator attack in Orlando; and to the 49 families who suffered a loss in the tragic Orlando shooting, and thanks to all the first responders who participated in trying to manage the horrific event. The Mayor then read the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 17, 2016 Regular Meeting

Motion by Morris, second Hall, to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 17, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Dougherty, Hall, Jackson, Morris, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

June 1, 2016 Special Meeting

Motion by Hall, second Dougherty, to approve minutes from the Special Meeting of June 1, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Dougherty, Hall, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. Abstain: Jackson and Morris. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Minor read a Proclamation honoring the memory of Warren Jay Rodgers, who passed away suddenly in May. "Jay" was Mr. Logan; a resident for 43 years. He served as Councilman, Deputy Mayor, Treasurer, Planning Board Member, and School Board Member of Logan Township over the years. He started the Logan Basketball League, Past President of the Beckett Homeowners Association and coached Logan Soccer. The Mayor asked for consideration from members of Council for a memorial bench to be placed at the park near Jay's home and a plaque at the tennis courts, both in Jay's memory. Solicitor will research and advise on the legality of the request. Council Members all commented about their memories and how they knew Jay Rodgers. All agreed Jay will be missed!

ORDINANCE #4-2016: Public Hearing/Second Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LOGAN TOWNSHIP UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AS ADOPTED 9-6-2005 BY ORD. NO. 18-2005, AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR A GENERAL BUSINESS PARK ZONING DISTRICT ON PROPERTY SHOWN AS BLOCK 2801, LOTS 27, 29,30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, BLOCK 2803, LOTS 1, 1.01, 1.02, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8.01, 9, 10, 18, 19 & 30, BLOCK 2805, LOTS 1, 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 1.04 & 1.05, BLOCK 3001, LOTS 15.01, 15.02, 15.03, 15.04, 15.05, 15.06, 16 & 24 ON THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN TAX MAP, PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATION IN THE 2010 LOGAN TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

Motion by Hall, second Dougherty, to open to the public. Roll Call: Ayes: Dougherty, Hall, Jackson, Morris, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

No public comment.

Motion by Hall, second Morris, to close to the public. Roll Call: Ayes: Dougherty, Hall, Jackson, Morris, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Motion by Hall, second Jackson, to adopt Ordinance #4-2016 on second reading. Roll Call: Ayes: Dougherty, Hall, Jackson, Morris, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

RESOLUTION #116-2016:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN, APPROVING PROMOTION OF OFFICER ANDREW KELESHIAN TO THE RANK OF PATROL OFFICER 2ND CLASS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #117-2016:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF AN ALTERNATE CROSSING GUARD FOR THE LOGAN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (*Michelle Tropea*)

RESOLUTION #118-2016:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN APPROVING PAYMENT (#7) TO LEVY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE TOWNSHIP LINE PARK RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS (RE-BID) (\$24,867.50)

RESOLUTION #119-2016:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN APPROVING PAYMENT (#2) TO RICHARD E. PIERSON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE 2015 ROAD PROGRAM (\$10,358.99)

RESOLUTION #120-2016:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN AUTHORIZING ANNUAL RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017
(Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, Holiday Inn, Liquor Mart, Raccoon Creek Boat Club, The Village Pub, Townplace Suites by Marriott)

RESOLUTION #121-2016:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN APPROVING FORM OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL FOR A PROJECT BY ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS, INC., RELATING TO THE 2014 ROAD PROGRAM – MICRO SURFACING

RESOLUTION #122-2016:

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 **FOODCOMM** INTERNATIONAL AFFECTING A PARCEL KNOWN AS BLOCK 2801, LOT 39 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF LOGAN TOWNSHIP, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION NO. **100-13**

RESOLUTION #123-2016:

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 **FOODCOMM** INTERNATIONAL AFFECTING A PARCEL KNOWN AS BLOCK 2801, LOT 39 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF LOGAN TOWNSHIP, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION NO. **100-13A**

RESOLUTION #124-2016:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN APPROVING FORM OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL FOR A PROJECT BY **MAPEI CORPORATION** AFFECTING THE PARCEL KNOWN AS 2155 HIGH HILL ROAD, BLOCK 1602, LOT 32 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF LOGAN TOWNSHIP, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION NO. **105-15**

RESOLUTION #125-2016:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION AND MARKETING SERVICES (2017-2021)

RESOLUTION #126-2016:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REMOTE DEPOSIT CAPTURE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FULTON BANK, N.A.

Motion by Hall, second Morris, to adopt Resolutions #116 thru #126-2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Dougherty, Hall, Jackson, Morris, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #127-2016:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ANNUAL REPORT OF AUDIT FOR YEAR 2015 IN LOGAN TOWNSHIP, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
(Confirmation Audit received by DLGS 5/23/16; Synopsis of Audit published 6/16/16)

Motion by Morris, second Hall, to adopt Resolution #127-2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Dougherty, Hall, Jackson, Morris, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

With the outstanding result of the audit, a Corrective Action Plan and Resolution are not needed.

RESOLUTION #128-2016:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN APPROVING THE IMPROVEMENT BOND ESTIMATE AND AUTHORIZING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES, CASH BONDS AND INSPECTION ESCROW FOR DP PARTNERS LOGAN I, LLC (BUILDING D) FOR SITE WORK AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AFFECTING THE PARCEL KNOWN AS BLOCK 3001, LOTS 15.04 AND 24 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF LOGAN TOWNSHIP, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Motion by Morris, second Jackson, to adopt Resolution #128-2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Dougherty, Hall, Jackson, Morris, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Dougherty – pleased to vote on the shared services agreement with Harrison Township as the continuation of services that we are already providing; very beneficial service to the residents of Harrison Township and the taxpayers in Logan. Asked the PW Superintendent to reach out to the County for the status of the repair to the sewer grate in front of the Wawa on Center Square Road that continues to deteriorate; Superintendent will reach out again, waiting for a return call.

Hall – received a safety award for the Safety Committee from JIF. Thanked the Safety Committee for job well done.

Jackson – reminder of Movie Night outside on Wednesday, June 29th here at the Municipal Building Complex. Rain Date not needed; if inclement weather, will move inside to the multi-purpose room. Showing the Lego Movie; county providing free popcorn.

Morris – no update.

Mayor Minor – ribbon cutting tomorrow morning on Commerce Boulevard for a new DP Partners building; they continue to be an asset to the township. Status of tree near stop sign on Beckett Road, Mike Riley will reach out to the county again. Inquired on the status of issue with residence on New Castle Lane; Administrator tried to make contact with property owner to no avail, will make another attempt. Work continues on getting a message board to be located on Center Square Road near the Beckett Road area. Discussion on mosquito control and issue with a property on Derby Road in Fox Hound; the county does mosquito spraying. Spraying is done at all township recreation properties, parks and creek areas. Concerns expressed with trucks parking in front of McDonalds on Center Square Road and continue to work on the problem of traffic leaving Dunkin Donuts onto Center Square Road. Received calls from residents about traffic speeding on Center Square Road, signs posted near KinderCare, police regularly control this area and will set up radar board. Reminder that Logan Day is rapidly approaching and being worked on.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Public Works – Work done at Township Line Park: electric almost done at the new building, the bounce back wall has been painted, installed new backboards at the basketball court, new curbing installed at the parking lot at the fields in preparation for all new plantings to the facilities, trees out front of the football field, along the road, have been removed over a safety concern with the walking path. Heilman Avenue repaved. Started irrigating at Municipal Building, soccer fields, baseball fields. Planted flowers at the library, Municipal Building, and at all “Welcome to Logan” signs. Continue to fill pot holes throughout the township.

Engineer – see attached report.

Solicitor – no report.

Police – see attached report.

Municipal Fire Chief – 170 fire calls so far this year. Last week had a major motor vehicle accident on Rt. 322 at the 295 ramp where a tractor trailer overturned. Driver trapped for 45 minutes. Several neighboring fire/rescue companies (Woolwich, Harrison, East Greenwich) and Riehl's Towing assisted. Following morning had a building fire at 625 Heron Drive.

Mayor Minor expressed concern with Route 295 Southbound traffic stacking at Exit #10 that includes tanker trucks; Barnes responded that there is legislation currently moving through the Senate and Assembly that would look to permanently fund the Transportation Trust Fund, which is part of the issue. Options to resolve this situation are being looked at. Same concern may develop on northbound lane.

JIF Safety Coordinator – no report.

Zoning Officer – no report.

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter of Resignation

Marva West

Planning Board Member

Effectively immediately

Mayor Minor thanked Ms. West for all the years of service that she provided in many capacities, as Planning Board Member, mentor, friend; has been a resident for 40 plus years. Thanked her for all that she has done.

Motion by Hall with regret, second Jackson, to accept Letter of Resignation submitted by Marva West from the Logan Township Planning Board effective immediately. Roll Call: Ayes: Dougherty, Hall, Jackson, Morris, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Meeting opened to the public 7:35pm.

Art Smith of Applewood Drive acknowledged the loss of Jay Rodgers, thanked the township for the renovations to the basketball court at Township Line Park, advised about plans to start a

Jay Rodgers Summer Basketball League. He then inquired about the recent property tax increase.

Mayor Minor responded by saying the township has a \$10 million budget. Around February 26th, the township was notified by Keystone Co-Generation that they were ending the Pilot Agreement that had been established in 1992. The agreement had a clause that allowed them to be able to exit that pilot agreement. The Keystone agreement represented \$2 million of the township's \$10 million operating budget; a quarter of the budget was lost with this agreement. Longtime residents/tax payers experienced the same loss years ago when Rollins left. Township Administrator was notified by Federal Express letter that Keystone was exercising the clause, within an extremely short period of time. The township was now facing a loss of \$2 million of revenue. At this time, the budget process was about to begin; a budget meeting was held Saturday, March 26th. The budget was presented to each Council Member to review and bring forth any ideas to save revenue. \$2 million cut from the budget would severely affect the services provided to the residents. The budget was introduced April 6th.

It was agreed to eliminate the road program for 2016. Lay-offs in the Police Department and Public Works would have resulted in overtime issues, not yielding any significant savings, and would have potentially impacted services negatively.

Administrator Barnes commented that it is an unfortunate circumstance, and the decision made was in the best interest of the township moving forward. Makes a stable revenue source from an unstable source. The decision was well thought out.

Deputy Mayor Morris stated for the record that the Township Line Park Recreation improvements were funded by Open Space Funds; did not cause the tax increase. Restricted funds not to be used as general revenue sources.

Initially when Keystone exited their pilot agreement, the tax revenue due the municipality would have been \$60,000. Through renegotiating a new pilot agreement with the township, the revenue for the municipality increased to \$650,000 this year, and increases each year throughout the term of the agreement.

A lengthy discussion on the township budget took place with members of Council, Administrator and residents in the audience (Art Smith, Beverly Brown, Cindi Giandomenico, Marva West).

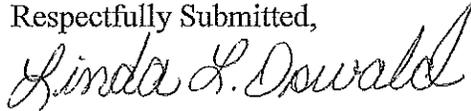
Motion by Hall, second Morris, to close to the public. All were in favor.

Meeting was closed to the public 8:19pm.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:19pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda L. Oswald". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Linda L. Oswald, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk