

**TOWNSHIP OF EAGLESWOOD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 23, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Eagleswood was called to order by Mayor Wayne Thomas at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Thomas led in the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Those members present upon roll call were Debra Rivas and Wayne Thomas. James Pine was absent. Also present were Thomas Monahan, and a few residents.

STATEMENT ~ PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

“Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notice of this meeting, Resolution 2011-07, has been transmitted to the Asbury Park Press, the Times Beacon and the Sandpaper, given to those having requested and paying for same, and posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building on January 7, 2011.” Read by Mayor Thomas.

PRESS IDENTIFICATION

Victoria Van Sans of the Sandpaper was in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 23, 2011 ~ Regular Meeting
- February 23, 2011 ~ Executive Session
- March 8, 2011 ~ Special Meeting

MOTION – Debra Rivas made a motion to approve the above referenced minutes, seconded by Wayne Thomas. Ayes –Rivas, Thomas. Nays – None. Absent – Pine. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ~ Five Minute Limit (Please state name and address)

MOTION – Debra Rivas made a motion to open the meeting to public comment, seconded by Wayne Thomas, and unanimously carried.

Mae Wagner, Dock Road asked who would maintain the brick pavers downtown. Wayne Thomas explained that it is the homeowner’s responsibility. Ms. Wagner asked what public works does on a weekly schedule. Mayor Thomas explained that they pick up recycling, do routine maintenance, work on the odor control building, handle sewer emergencies, pick up brush, cardboard. If it is raining, they have inside work to do. Ms. Wagner asked if they would trim the branches, etc. downtown where no structure is, to which Mayor Thomas said there are trash/recycling bins going in; and, Public Works will trim the branches. Debra Rivas added that they do have a property maintenance law. Mayor Thomas said that when the community clean up occurs, they could target that area and asked if Ms. Wagner would help. She will.

Ms. Wagner said that Little Egg Harbor School priced out their health benefits and got a cheaper price. She asked if the Township could also do this. The Clerk responded that she does this every year.

Mae Wagner asked if Public Works monitors the miles, gas for their vehicles. Mayor Thomas advised her that Public Works does and also does the maintenance work. The older vehicles are starting to cost more. Ms. Wagner wanted to know how many miles a year they travel, to which the Mayor responded he didn’t know. Debra Rivas said they split two days of Talbert’s schedule to have him work Saturday and Sunday and have off Monday and Tuesday. This cuts down on the overtime. Debra Rivas also advised Ms. Wagner there was always two clean up days; however, volunteers are hard to get twice a year.

Bill Gordon, Sprague Avenue, asked if there was any resolve with Alice Miller and her pay and benefits. Mayor Thomas explained that they had meetings to discuss this and reduced the cost of the benefits paid by the town by 34%. Debra Rivas explained that she met with Ms. Miller to discuss this. Wayne Thomas explained that the contract with Little Egg Harbor is up the end of the year and they will discuss the program. Debra Rivas explained that the school is going to extend the summer program day with the parents paying for the difference in what the MAC grant covers and the extra hours.

Mr. Gordon asked who from here was in the PAL program. Debra Rivas explained that this is in Little Egg Harbor and they do not donate to them anymore.

Mae Wagner asked if Tuckerton was part of MAC, to which Debra Rivas explained that they are separate.

MOTION – Being no further comment, Debra Rivas made a motion to close public comment, seconded by Wayne Thomas, and unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION ~ NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2011

Mayor Thomas asked the Clerk to read the Proclamation. It was then given to the Library.

INTRODUCTION ~ ORDINANCE 2011-03 EXCEED CAP

Debra Rivas made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2011-03, with public hearing to be held April 27, 2011, seconded by Wayne Thomas. Ayes – Rivas, Thomas. Nays – None. Absent – Pine. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-38 PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS – CONFLICT ENGINEERS

Debra Rivas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-38, seconded by Wayne Thomas. Ayes – Pine, Rivas, Thomas. Nays – None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011- 39 ~ APPOINTMENT – TAX COLLECTOR

Debra Rivas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-39, seconded by James Pine. Ayes – Pine, Rivas, Thomas. Nays – None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-40 ~ RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

Debra Rivas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-40, seconded by Wayne Thomas. Ayes –Rivas, Thomas. Nays – None. Absent – Pine. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011- 41 ~ TAX REIMBURSEMENT CERTIFICATION (RECYCLING)

Debra Rivas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-41, seconded by Wayne Thomas. Ayes –Rivas, Thomas. Nays – None. Absent – Pine. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-42 ~ RELEASE OF SEWER SECURITY DEPOSIT BLOCK 5, LOT 19

Debra Rivas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-42, seconded by Wayne Thomas. Ayes –Rivas, Thomas. Nays – None. Absent – Pine. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-43 ~ ACCEPTANCE OF CASH PERFORMANCE BOND USE VARIANCE & MINOR SITE PLAN BLOCK 4, LOT 68

Debra Rivas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-43, seconded by Wayne Thomas. Ayes –Rivas, Thomas. Nays – None. Absent – Pine. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-44 ~ AMEND TEMPORARY BUDGET

Debra Rivas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-44, seconded by Wayne Thomas. Ayes –Rivas, Thomas. Nays – None. Absent – Pine. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-45 ~ SALARY – TAX COLLECTOR

Debra Rivas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-45, seconded by Wayne Thomas. Ayes –Rivas, Thomas. Nays – None. Absent – Pine. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-46 ~ CONSENT NJDEP SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION (WESTECUNK BRIDGE)

Debra Rivas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-46, seconded by Wayne Thomas. Ayes –Rivas, Thomas. Nays – None. Absent – Pine. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-47 ~ RELEASE OF ENGINEER REVIEW FEES BLOCK 1, LOT 35

Debra Rivas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-47, seconded by Wayne Thomas. Ayes –Rivas, Thomas. Nays – None. Absent – Pine. Motion carried.

BILL LIST

MOTION – Debra Rivas made a motion to approve the bills from the bill list, with the exception of the Homestead bill, seconded by Wayne Thomas. Ayes –Rivas, Thomas. Nays – None. Absent – Pine. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) League – Commissioner Grifa Provides Snow Emergency/Levy Cap Guidance.
- 2) State budget week in review & call for action.
- 3) Atlantic City Electric public hearing costs long-term capacity agreement pilot program, proposed recovery through rates of costs.
- 4) Ocean Co. Health Dept: West Creek Gulf Service – satisfactory (needs cleaning); complaint – 117 Division St. w. Notice of Violation – owner fixed – no further action.
- 5) FY 2012 State budget – proposed termination of UEZ program.
- 6) League – collaborating on real solutions to 2% cap.
- 7) CDBG funding House of Reps voted on 62.5% cut.
- 8) A3766, S2664 – market competition & consumer choice act to be voted on.
- 9) Property Tax relief funding certification & other budget info posted.
- 10) Petition of Appeal – 113 Cemetery Rd B-29, L-34.04.
- 11) Eagles Nest Aerodrome, LLC v Township of Eagleswood and Karl Sillitoe.
- 12) State budget week in review & call for action.
- 13) Mayor’s Legislative Dave – Lori Grifa have written guidance for treatment of snow emergency expenses in CY 2010 & 2011.
- 14) PERS employer costs for 2012.
- 15) National Asso. Local Bds of Health national profile survey.
- 16) Letter fr. Bob Menendez congratulating Mayor Thomas.
- 17) Urging for exemption for reserve for uncollected taxes (to not be under the 2% cap levy).
- 18) Update on A3766 S2664 – Market completion & consumer choice act.
- 19) John Runyan letter re: storms this winter.
- 20) Available for download: collaborating on real solutions to the 2% cap.
- 21) Budget hearings schedule.
- 22) Letter to Ms. Hudacko re: lighting on her property. Manchester re opposing DOT regs requiring state & local gvts to refit and reface street signs to meeting new lettering and reflectivity standards.
- 23) DEP shade tree requiring annual accomplishment reports by 4/18 even if lost approved status.
- 24) Public Services may have law on their side in pension battle.
- 25) Letter fr. Howard Butensky appeal Karl Sillitoe’s zoning decision re: cutting of 13 acres of trees.

- 26) Letter fr. Ernst, Ernst Lissenden re: outstanding invoices.
- 27) Letter fr. Environmental Commission to Karl Sillitoe re: tree clearing permit by Eagles Nest Aerodrome.re: tree clearing.
- 28) League – President Mayor Chiarello’s perspective on State budget proposal.
- 29) Calculation on reserve for uncollected taxes.
- 30) Sweeney’s health care benefits reform (S2718).
- 31) League seminar: Leave of Absence in NJ; police & fire consolidation discussion.
- 32) League – CDBG funding at stake.
- 33) Cliff Aguado, Tanglewood Dr. damaged mailbox post fr. Snow pile in cul-de-sac (\$31).
- 34) Patriot Flag event @ Pinelands 4/1/11. Deb will attend with proclamation.
- 35) DEP redevelopment – compile list of Brownfield sites & landfill sites.
- 36) Country Village approved administrative change re: sidewalk can be concrete.
- 37) League – can download “collaborating on real solutions to 2% cap.”
- 38) Eagles Lake Reserve formally requests change the license period from 3 to 5 years.
- 39) 2011 Equalization table.
- 40) NJCM annual conference 2% cap & budget impact – 4/27, 28.
- 41) Pinelands Meeting (informal on budget) 3/21, 22, or 23.
- 42) Letter fr. Michael Kerbowski re: southern pine beetles.
- 43) USDA water & environmental programs/homeland security initiative.
- 44) Notice of intent to renew Aeronautical facility license for Eagles Nest Airport. C: all.
- 45) Tax collector’s report for February.
- 46) League opposes S2664 – market competition consumer choice act.
- 47) League Presided address budget & appropriations committee re: energy tax, tax appeals, reserve for uncollected taxes.
- 48) League seminar – Are e-mails & other communications really that private? 6/17 \$55.00; League of absence in NJ 4/26 \$75.00.
- 49) Letter fr. Thomas Neff, Director LGS re: need cert. Tax collector.
- 50) Personnel & budget meeting 3/21/11.
- 51) DEP assist to redevelop contaminated sites.
- 52) League – Ethics & Conflicts of Interest seminars.
- 53) Pinelands meeting 3/15.
- 54) Sen. Sweeney’s shared services bill S2794.
- 55) Memo fr. EBK re: Billboard violation, I Boat update.
- 56) INVITE TO Opening Day ceremonies 2011 Bayshore Baseball & softball season 4/9 @ 11.
- 57) Court report for February.
- 58) Res Manchester – Support A3603/S2588 – exception for uncollected taxes.
- 59) Pine Barrens Adventure Ride – 4/16 17th.
- 60) Ocean Co. Health Dept – site visit report for MAC no improvements needed.
- 61) Loss Control Report Ocean Co. JIF.
- 62) Local Public Contracts Law Guidance.
- 63) Signed agreement fr. DOT for \$140,000 for Cox Ave.
- 64) Freshwater wetland protection act rules hearing 4/11 @ DEP bldg.
- 65) Pinelands personnel & budget meeting New Lisbon 3/21.
- 66) Office for Planning advocacy wants resolutions designating ARNs.
- 67) 2010 Blanket rd. opening permits Thomas Ave.
- 68) CY 2011 Cap referendum procedures.
- 69) Stafford February report construction.
- 70) Ocean Co. UA pursuing financial assistance fr. NJ Env. Infrac. Financing program.
- 71) Ocean co. Planning Bd meeting 2/16/11 minutes.
- 72) Cost effective emergency medical & ambulance services.
- 73) Cost effective emergency medical & ambulance services fr. Monoc.
- 74) Res Beach Haven opposing lg. to pay beach badge fee to State.
- 75) Res Beach Haven opposing USDOT regs. Requiring us to re-fit and re-face street signs for new lettering.
- 76) OCUA scheduled meetings for 2011.
- 77) DEP re: diesel retrofit law.
- 78) Ocean Co. Mosquito Ext. Commission fact sheets.
- 79) Pinelands Preservation Alliance offer designing a sustainable community.
- 80) OC JIF meetings

- 81) Mayors 48th annual conference & expo 4/27-29.
- 82) USDA certification vulnerability assessments & emergency response plans not completed.
- 83) DEP permit NJ DOT for ROW Eagleswood for reconstruction of existing bridge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Debra Rivas thanked all the volunteers who helped with the birthday dinner. Recreation is planning the Easter Egg Hunt for April 16th at 10 a.m. Environmental is working on the town-wide clean up for May 7th and Economic is working on the town-wide yard sale for the following week.

Wayne Thomas said that through Environmental, the school is doing a poster contest (save the planet) and the winners will be put on the cloth bags at Shoprite.

Mae Wagner asked if Sandy Cramer was staying, to which Mayor Thomas explained that the appointment tonight was for a certified tax collector (the license). Sandy will remain doing all the work she has been doing.

RESOLUTION 2011-48 ~ EXECUTIVE SESSION (Litigation, Attorney-Client Privilege, Personnel)

Debra Rivas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-48, seconded by James Pine. Ayes – Thomas, Pine, Rivas. Nays – None. Motion carried. The Committee, Thomas Monahan, and the Clerk entered executive session at 7:44 p.m.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Thomas reconvened to regular session at 8:17 p.m.

COMMITTEE COMMENT

Mayor Thomas asked the Clerk to set up a meeting with the Auditor, CFO, and her to work on the budget to present to the Committee. The Clerk will do so and advise them when they are ready to have a meeting on the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Debra Rivas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wayne Thomas, and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine B. Kennedy, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

