

**GREEN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JANUARY 22, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The January 22, 2013, meeting of the Green Township Committee was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Peralta read the statement of adequate notice.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Bilik, Mr. Chirip, Mr. Conkling, Mr. Kurzeja, and Mrs. Phillips
Also present: Clerk/Administrator, Mrs. Linda Peralta; Deputy Clerk, Patty DeClesis

Presentation of Certificates of Achievement to the Newton High School Boys Soccer Team 2012 Group II State Champions! Mayor Conkling congratulated the team and stated it is an honor to have the team present. The team also set a new school record for most wins in a season (23-4), won the Freedom Division Championship for the 4th consecutive year and won their second straight Group II Sectional Championship. Mayor Conkling and Deputy Mayor Phillips presented the certificates to the following boys and coaches.

Ryan Brewster	Jeremy Henegan	Pat Brennan, Head Coach
Luke Butler	Frank Heter	Brian Martin, Assistant Coach
Brady Castle	Paul Kelusak	Tyler Conrads, Assistant Coach
Matt Cespedes	Chris Marin	Dan Carbone, Assistant Coach
TJ Chrusic	Kyle Morel	Sue Desautels, Assistant Coach
Brett Conrads	Ethan Muller	
Nick Cowie	Jamie Power	
Ryan Cronin	Leo Recalde	
Tanner Euston	Kevin Sosa	
Christopher Guth	Andy Weber	
Jake Gutowski		

Congratulations to the Champions!

DISCUSSIONS:

- a. Township Attorney – Richard A. Stein, Esq. – Retainer – The original proposal from Mr. Stein included an hourly rate of \$150.00 per hour. The Committee discussed how they would like to pay the attorney. The Committee decided to pay Mr. Stein by retainer of \$2,500.00 per month or \$30,000.00 per year. The Committee also discussed having Mr. Stein attend the Township Committee Meetings.

Motion: Mr. Bilik
Seconded: Mr. Kurzeja
Discussion: No further discussion

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Bilik	X			
Mr. Chirip	X			
Mr. Kurzeja	X			
Mrs. Phillips	X			
Mr. Conkling			X	

- b. Draft Change Order Resolution – The Green Township Volunteer Fire Department has requested approval for an additional \$7,288.00 (invoice dated September 20, 2012), which is more than the original award of bid of the new fire truck. The original bond ordinance is \$155,000.00; the first payment on the new truck was \$100,000.00. The Committee discussed paying the additional cost and deducting this amount from the Township’s donation. It was decided to invite the Fire Department to the next meeting scheduled for February 11 and ask for an explanation of the additional cost.
- c. Sussex County Future Sewer Service Area Map Proposed Amendment to the Sussex County Water Quality Management Plan – Mrs. Peralta explained that the county needs a resolution in order to show the State that Green Township is not interested in sewers.

Motion: Mr. Chirip
Seconded: Mr. Bilik

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Discussion: None

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Bilik	X			
Mr. Chirip	X			
Mr. Kurzeja	X			
Mrs. Phillips	X			
Mr. Conkling	X			

This is Resolution 2013-36.

- d. Escrow Agreement for Housing Trust Fund – Mrs. Peralta explained that Council on Affordable Housing has not approved our spending plan because the State is not named as authorized party on the trust fund. Mr. Vito Gallo and Mr. Rich Stein are working on this and will attend the next Township Committee Meeting.

Mayor Conkling mentioned with great sadness the sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. Sherri Hansen, the Deputy Court Administrator. Sherri had been an employee for more than 14 years. She always worked well often helping out in other departments. Sherri had a great personality and smile and will be truly missed

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Resolution 2013-29 – Transfer of Funds
- b. Resolution 2013-30 – Raffle License – Green Township PTA
- c. Resolution 2013-31 – Refund Taxes for Davis, Benitz & Moffatt
- d. Resolution 2013-32 – Release of Escrow Funds & Associated Maintenance Bonds for Andover Ridge and Quaker Ridge
- e. Minutes ready for approval – January 2, 2013, regular and executive session minutes
- f. Department Reports

Motion: Mr. Chirip

Seconded: Mr. Bilik

Discussion: None

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Bilik	X			
Mr. Chirip	X			
Mr. Kurzeja	X			
Mrs. Phillips	X			
Mr. Conkling	X			

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Resolution 2013-34 – Temporary Capital Budget (Projects Scheduled for 2013)

Motion: Mr. Chirip

Seconded: Mrs. Phillips

Discussion: None

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Bilik	X			
Mr. Chirip	X			
Mr. Kurzeja	X			
Mrs. Phillips	X			
Mr. Conkling	X			

- b. Bond Ordinance Multipurpose Projects (Introduction)

Motion to introduce Ordinance 2013-01: Mr. Chirip

Seconded: Mrs. Phillips

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Discussion: Mrs. Peralta distributed a listing of the projects (attached) listing in the bond ordinance. Mr. Bilik questioned if an SUV is needed as opposed a car. Mrs. Peralta explained that the vehicle must have a certain life (5 years) appropriate to the bond, which an SUV has, a car does not.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Bilik	X			
Mr. Chirip	X			
Mr. Kurzeja	X			
Mrs. Phillips	X			
Mr. Conkling	X			

Public Hearing and Adoption is scheduled for February 25, 2013.

c. Resolution 2013-33 – Bills List 12/13/12 to 01/17/13 and Developer’s Escrow Trust 12/13/12 to 01/17/13

Motion: Mr. Bilik
 Seconded: Mrs. Phillips
 Discussion: None

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Bilik	X			
Mr. Chirip	X			
Mr. Kurzeja	X			
Mrs. Phillips	X			
Mr. Conkling	X			

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Peralta noted a letter from a resident requesting a speed bump be installed on Green Farms Road. There was a brief discussion however the Committee feels if one speed bump is installed there will be many more requests. It is not the Township’s policy. It was mentioned that a speed limit computerized sign can be temporarily installed by the Sheriff’s Department to make motorists aware of their speed. It was also mentioned in the request that some of the road signs have been removed. Mrs. Peralta will mention to Mr. Perigo and have the signs replaced.

MATTERS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY: Mr. Bilik asked permission to take a copy of the bond ordinance to search for any grants that may be available. The Committee had no objection. Mr. Bilik mentioned that a homeowner on County Road 517 recently had natural gas installed. Mr. Bilik plans to contact the New Jersey Herald to take pictures when the meter is installed. Residents on 517 are eligible to hook up to natural gas and should contact Elizabethtown Gas directly. Mr. Bilik also asked how much it cost the Township annually to own Trinca Airport. Mayor Conkling gave a brief history of Trinca Airport and stated that the town is locked in for 30 years to keep it as an airport. The Committee discussed having a workshop in the future to discuss further. Mr. Bilik will review the plans for the airport.

Mrs. Phillips asked if there has been a post Sandy meeting. It was stated that Mr. Powderley will organize a meeting for early February. Mrs. Phillips has explored some alert systems and found one that offers free service which encompasses only text or emails. Additional packages that include dial are also offered and the pricing is comparable with other systems. Initial cost is approximately \$7,000.00 per year. Mr. Nittolo, principal of Green Hills School had mentioned in the past that the school has the ability to set up different levels of communication where we can tap on. It was also mentioned that in the past, there was very little feedback from residents when asked for contact information. Residents will need to sign up. Facebook is also a good way to get information. Mrs. Phillips will forward the information to Mrs. Peralta.

Mayor Conkling asked the Committee to go into the hallway/entrance way to discuss the suggestions from T&R Alarm for installing bullet proof walls and windows. The Committee discussed various security options and concluded that T&R Alarm would be invited to the next meeting to discuss further.

MATTERS FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: Mrs. Peralta noted the following: Resolution 2013-38 hiring temporary support for the municipal court for 20-25 hours per week A motion was made and seconded to approve the Resolution.

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Discussion: None

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Bilik	X			
Mr. Chirip	X			
Mr. Kurzeja	X			
Mrs. Phillips	X			
Mr. Conkling	X			

Resolution 2013-37 – Appointing Action Alliance Representatives – Mr. Bilik offered to replace Mr. Michaud as representative

Motion: Mr. Kurzeja

Seconded: Mr. Chirip

Discussion: None

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Bilik	X			
Mr. Chirip	X			
Mr. Kurzeja	X			
Mrs. Phillips	X			
Mr. Conkling	X			

MATTERS FROM THE DPW SUPERVISOR: Mr. Perigo was not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS: None

ADJOURN:

Mr. Chirip made a motion to adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

Seconded: Mr. Bilik

Discussion: None

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Bilik	X			
Mr. Chirip	X			
Mr. Kurzeja	X			
Mrs. Phillips	X			
Mr. Conkling	X			

*ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THESE MINUTES

Linda Peralta, RMC
Clerk/Administrator

Date Approved