

## COUNCIL MINUTES

### TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2020

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Municipal Clerk Khaled Madin who read the following statement into the record:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law by filing the notice in the Office of the Township Clerk and by posting the meeting notice on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on December 18, 2019 where it has remained posted since that date. A legal notice appeared in the Daily Record and the Newark Star Ledger on December 23, 2019 and was forwarded by fax to other local newspapers on December 18, 2019.

A flag salute occurred followed by roll call with the following answering roll call; Council President Carifi, Council member dePierro, Council member Gragnani, Council member McCarthy and Councilmember Peterson. Other members of the administration present at the meeting; Business Administrator Keith Kazmark, Township Attorney James Lott, Township Clerk Khaled Madin.

#### D. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. 8/18/20 @ 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
2. 9/1/20 @ 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting

#### E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Agenda Meeting – 7/7/20

#### II. PRESENTATION(S)/REPORTS

A. MAYOR – commented on the power outages and read a letter into the record, the Mayor sent the letter to Charles Jones the Chief Executive Officer of First Energy Corporation who own JCP&L and Joseph Furdeliso the President of the NJ Board of Public Utilities. Mr. dePierro stated that it was a well written letter that pointed out the problems and gave solutions. Ms. McCarthy asked the Mayor to explain smart utility poles. The Mayor explained that the utility poles are wood but the smart poles are made from different materials and are capable of communicating with central system or dispatch to tell them where the power breakage is. Ms. McCarthy stated that one of the issues is having the tree removal services work with the utility as they don't seem to be working together as there are still tree limbs hanging on wires. Ms.

McCarthy asked the Mayor whose responsibility is to remove those trees. The Mayor stated that once a tree falls on a wire that falls within the purview of the utility. Mr. dePierro stated that a recommendation was made a while ago to certify some individuals with Parks and Forestry, this way when a tree is down they would not have to wait for JCP&L representatives to come out and certify that the wire is not active as they then will be certified to handle the issue and will be a time saver for the residents but will also be an expense. Council Member Peterson stated that the smart poles and certifications for Parks and Forestry guys are great ideas but we need to figure out the costs associated with these ideas. Ms. McCarthy stated that this has to be a national issue as the utilities will need help and that the storms will get worse so we must be prepared. Council Member Gagnani commented regarding making Vail Manor a priority during power outages as the people there are elderly and inquired if any effort was made to see if they needed any assistance. Mayor thanked the Council for approving his planning of placing a very powerful generator in the Community Center as that will provide a location for cooling and warming for seniors and others.

B. TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY- no report

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR – encouraged residents to be patient with the picking up of the debris as they have the entire Township and may take a while.

D. TOWNSHIP CLERK – no report

D. TOWNSHIP OFFICES COMMITTEES/REPORT

F. ENGINEERING REPORT - Mr. Madin read the following report into the record:

### **2020 Road Resurfacing / Curb & Sidewalk Program**

Construction began in mid-July and will continue through the beginning of September. **(No Council Action Required).**

### **Greenbank Road Safety and Improvements Project**

The project is substantially complete and only minor punch list items remain to be completed. We anticipate closing out the project by the middle of August. **(No Council Action Required).**

### **Various Streets Reconstruction Project**

The Various Streets Reconstruction Project is substantially complete and all punch list items will be completed by the middle of August. **(No Council Action Required).**

### **New England Drive Milling and Paving Project**

The New England Drive Milling & Paving Project will begin construction the week of July 27<sup>th</sup>. Work is planned to continue through the beginning of September. **(No Council Action Required)**.

**Simpson Avenue Retaining Wall Project**

The Simpson Avenue Retaining Wall Project construction start date has been delayed but construction is scheduled to start the week of July 27<sup>th</sup>. Work is planned to continue through August. **(No Council Action Required)**.

**Veterans Park Culvert Replacement Project**

Bids were received for the Veterans Park Culvert Replacement project. The lowest responsible bid is acceptable and we have recommended award of the project at the August Council meeting. Construction will begin in the middle of October. **(A Resolution will need to be adopted by the Township Council)**.

**Mt. Tabor Street Improvements, Phase V**

Mt. Tabor Street Improvements, Phase V project was bid in July and we have recommended award of the project at the August Council meeting. Construction is anticipated to begin in September. **(A Resolution will need to be adopted by the Township Council)**.

**Roadway Design Projects**

The following projects are in design; Puddingstone Heights Road Improvements and the Various Culvert Repair Project. These projects will be bid once design documents are finalized. Construction is anticipated to start later in the summer. **(No Council Action Required)**.

**Community Rating System (CRS) Program**

We continue to work with our consultant and the NJDEP to get back into the CRS program. This program provides discounts on flood insurance policies based on the level of activities in which the Township participates. The work will continue through at least the end of this year. **(No Council Action Required)**.

**III. BIDS**

A. Taken

1. 7/22/20 – Well Drilling and Installation Services-Replacement Production Well 21-R
2. 7/23/20 – Reconstruction of Various Streets in Mt. Tabor, Phase V
3. 7/24/20 – Lease on Public Property

B. To Be Taken

1. 8/12/20 – One New 2021 16’ Freightliner M2 112 Extended Cab with Crane for Parsippany Rescue and Recovery Squad
  2. 8/19/20 – Clarifier Improvements
- C. Quotation(s)/Proposal(s)/Qualification(s)

#### **IV. PUBLIC HEARING**

**Mr. Madin entertained a motion to open the meeting to the public to speak on any topic, noting a five-minute time limit per speaker. A motion was made by Council Member Carifi, seconded by Council Member McCarthy followed by a roll call with all the Council Members answering Yes.**

**Ken Dolsky, thanked the Mayor and Council for addressing the power outage issue. Mr. Dolsky recommended to form a coalition and work with the BPU in conducting upgrades to the electrical grid.**

**Bob Venezia, discussed the consultant’s report regarding the monetary shortfalls in the water and sewer budgets and the rising expenses and surplus transfers and the raising of the utility rates over a period of years. Mr. Venezia recommended that the Council reject any plans of the consultant that simply brings in more revenue without solving the underlying problems causing the revenue shortfalls.**

**Nick Homyak, asked for an update on the Knoll River Friendly program.**

**Seeing no one else come forward to speak, Mr. Madin entertained a motion to close the public hearing. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Council Member McCarthy, and seconded Council Member Carifi followed by a Roll Call with all the Council Members answering Yes.**

#### **V. ORDINANCES**

##### **A. INTRODUCTION**

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1. **AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, TO TRANSFER THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND FORESTRY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION – ON\***

##### **B. SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING**

None

## VI. NON-CONSENT AGENDA

### A. RESOLUTIONS

None

## VII. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. RESOLUTIONS

1. **Cancellation and Refund of Property Taxes for Block 572, Lot 5 – 100% Permanently Disabled Veteran Widow – ON\***
2. **Special Item of Revenue – Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2019 – ON\***
3. **Contract for Veterans Park Culvert Replacement – ON\***
4. **Rejecting Bid for Well Drilling and Installation Services Replacement Production Well 21-R – ON\***
5. **Contract for Reconstruction of Various Streets in Mt. Tabor, Phase V – ON\***
6. **Approving Settlement in Action Bearing Docket No. ESX-L-5691-18, Captioned North Jersey Brain & Spine Center v. Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, Meritain Health Inc. and Reliant Health Partners – ON\***
7. **Authorizing the Donation of Surplus Property – ON\***
8. **Authorizing an Online Auction for Surplus Property – ON\***
9. **Authorizing Execution of Caretaker Agreement for Craftsman Farms and Watnong Gardens – ON\***
10. **Waiver of Interest for Amount Past Due – ON\***
11. **Contract for Professional Engineering Services to CP Engineers NJ, LLC – ON\***

### B. APPLICATIONS

1. **Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License for Landry's, LLC from HOP Parsippany, LLC d/b/a Houlihan's – ON\***

### C. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND BILLS LIST

Unavailable

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting by Mr. Carifi, Seconded By Ms. McCarthy.

**ROLL CALL:** YES – Mr. Carifi, Ms. Gragnani, Ms. McCarthy, Ms. Peterson, Mr. dePierro

Respectfully submitted,

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Khaled Madin, Township Clerk

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Michael J. dePierro, Council President

Minutes Approved: September 15, 2020