

COUNCIL MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2022

I. INTRODUCTION

A. POSTING OF NOTICE:

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 22, 2021 where it has remained posted since that date. A legal notice appeared in the *Daily Record* on December 28, 2021 and the *Newark Star Ledger* on December 27, 2021.

Note: Council Meetings are videotaped and aired on Cablevision, Public Access Channel 21, at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays and are also available for viewing at www.parsippany.net.

A flag salute occurred followed by roll call with the following answering roll call; Council President dePierro, Council Member Gragnani, Council Member Carifi, Council Member McCarthy and Council Member Peterson. Other members of the administration present at the meeting; Mayor James Barberio, Business Administrator Frederick Carr, Township Attorney Michael Lavery, CFO Juan Uribe and Township Clerk Khaled Madin.

B. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. 2/15/22 @ 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
2. 3/1/22 @ 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. PRESENTATION(S)/REPORTS

A. MAYOR

Reported on the Covid activity in Parsippany. Cases are decreasing. Met With BA, Health Officer and Animal Control Officer and we cannot continue to allow what is happening to the residents being affected by the feral cats. Need to amend the TNR so the residents are not affected by this health hazard. This should have been tackled already. Need to restart the committee.

Council President DePierro responded that TNR is a long-term program and isn't the program the Mayor is talking about.

Mayor responded that he understands this is a long-term program and he is not suggesting getting rid of the program, but we have to find something else as well

because it is not fair to the residents. Obviously, the people who are supposed to be taking care of the cats are not maintaining the program. Recommends forming a committee and coming up with a better solution to this problem.

B. TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

1. Presentation by Kevin Brancato on Knoll Golf Utility

Said when he first started working at the Knoll the conditions were in deplorable conditions. *Tap Into Parsippany* has been reporting incorrect information regarding the Knoll which is why he is doing the presentation. Brought up employees playing at the Knoll and that they had to make a record of the employees playing. They were assigned a membership number to keep a record. No employee was playing for free. This is why they thought to put it in the ordinance to make this trackable. The Knoll is gaining members from other private courses due to the additional fees they have to pay other than just membership fees.

Updates are needed for the catering portion of the Knoll. It hasn't been updated in 30 years. Revenue from the catering will increase their profitability. Cannot have another season without a caterer.

Council President explained that a portion of the course was paid with Green Acres money and that means anyone is allowed to play on the course. Any person in NJ can take the slot that is not taken by those in Memberships A and B. Since this opens this to everyone in NJ, in the past, it was offered first to employees to fill those slots before the general public in the State of NJ. The general public don't offer anything to the township unlike the employees and volunteers. This has been done for decades.

C. TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

D. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

E. TOWNSHIP CLERK

F. TOWNSHIP OFFICES COMMITTEES/REPORT

Council Vice President welcomed a new business in town Platter King. Council Member Musella stated he was going to be meeting with the Environmental Committee. Council Member Neglia had two committee meetings, one with the library and with the Board of Education. He informed the Board of Ed what was going on in town. Council President dePierro said the Traffic Committee will be restarting and he will be attending that meeting.

G. ENGINEERING REPORT

Will read be read at the Regular Meeting in 2 weeks.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

III. BIDS

A. Taken

B. To Be Taken

1. 2/2/22 – Pump Station No. 4 Gravity Conversion Project
2. 2/10/22 – Rental of Heavy Equipment

C. Quotation(s)/Proposal(s)/Qualification(s)

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN: I'd like to entertain a motion to open the public hearing. Motion to open the public hearing by Council Member Carifi Seconded by Council Member Musella
ROLL CALL: with all Council members answering Yes

Steve Colantoni, 45 Farrand Drive, spoke about his appreciation for the volunteers and employees having golf time at the Knoll. If they have to in the future pay for membership, he asks that the employees be put to the top of the list.

Council President dePierro says he does not think it will come to that to have employees pay membership.

Anthony Cordesco, 29 Beechwood Avenue, reiterated what Mr. Colantoni stated previously regarding membership at the golf for employees to be able to rise above the wait list.

Nancy Snyder, 226 North Beverwyck Road, wanted to know if the volunteer list for golf include Citizen Advisory boards. The town cannot afford to allow employees and volunteers not to pay. This is misappropriating funds. No all volunteers are treated equally, and she finds that insulting. The Mayor has serious fiscal issues, and this does not help. She would like the Council to consider not codifying this.

Nicholas Homyak, Lake Hiawatha, spoke about Optimum throwing their cable and debris all around town. This is not the proper way to conduct themselves in someone else's community. Wanted to know how much the town paid in tipping fees last year. He also wanted to know if the tipping fees increased.

Mayor Barberio stated that usually the utilities will set up a meeting prior to the work being done. He will also get the tipping fees and the tonnage fees to him. He does not have the numbers yet they usually come out in April and he can then give the exact numbers.

Davey Willans, 8 Jamaica Road, congratulated new council members. Very proud to be a resident for 50 years. Lack of information on the Golf Committee previous years and with the new director all the smoke and mirrors are gone. Says the golf course is a treasure.

Marilyn Marion, 12 Winding Way, spoke about the feral cat issue. Asked Mr. dePierro if he was stringing her along about having a committee to solve this problem. Accused him of pushing her off to the courts and the judge instead of dealing with this situation as the Council. She is getting no help and can't the ordinance be changed?

Mr. dePierro stated that TNR is a long-term process.

Ms. Marion stated Judge Scala is shocked that the Council is not doing anything. The nuisance section of the ordinance needs to be changed. She stated it was embarrassing having to bring her neighbors to court. Judge said not to feed the cats they are feral and are scavengers, they will survive. Wants to know why Mr. dePierro led them on about the forming of a committee and he should be embarrassed that nothing is done. It's in the court's hands now. She is not trustworthy of some of the people on the Council now.

Frank Cahill, 588 Lake Shore Drive, came on behalf of the Economic Development Advisory Committee. Requesting Council review the current ordinance asking for members of the business community to be included as members and not just residents to the committee.

Mayor Barberio said he is in agreement with Mr. Cahill about the change in the ordinance. He is also going to ask for an increase in funding for the committee as well.

CLOSE: I'd like to entertain a motion to close the public hearing. Motion to close the public hearing by Council Member Gragnani, Seconded by Council Member Carifi,

ROLL CALL: with all Council members answering Yes

V. ORDINANCES

A. INTRODUCTION

B. SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

1. ORDINANCE 2022:01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 450-20 REGULATING VEHICLES OVER DESIGNATED WEIGHT ON CERTAIN STREETS-ON*

2. **ORDINANCE 2022:02**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 290-4 AND CHAPTER A445-37, FEES COMPILATION, RELATED TO KNOLL COUNTRY CLUB UTILITY FEES-ON*

3. **ORDINANCE 2022:03**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND MODIFYING CHAPTER 4, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, SECTION 4-81, THIRD PARTY PAYMENT PLAN FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY PAR-TROY EMS, CHAPTER A445, FEES COMPILATION, SECTION A445-19.1, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY-ON*

VI. NON-CONSENT AGENDA

A. **RESOLUTIONS**

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Tax Appeal Settlement: Waterview Investors, LLC-ON***
2. **Tax Appeal Settlement: Morris CC IV East Acquisition, LLC and Latitude East Owner, LLC-ON***
3. **Contract for Well No. 9 Chlorine Contact Time Improvements-ON***
4. **Approving a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Mountain Lakes-ON***
5. **Awarding a Contract to D & H Alternative Risk Solutions for Insurance Services to Provide Administration of Claims Processing for Workers' Compensation-ON***
6. **Appointment and Award of Contract for Professional Services with McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC as Special Legal Counsel-ON***

7. **Authorizing an Agreement with KEMS, LLC for Chemical Engineering Services Related to Title V Air Pollution Regulations for the Parsippany Wastewater Treatment Facility-ON***
8. **Contracts for Professional Engineering, Environmental, Architectural, Appraisal, Archeological, Housing and Planning Services-ON***

B. APPLICATIONS

C. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND BILLS LIST

CFO Juan Uribe recommends authorization for payment:

1. Authorize payment of the 2/4/22 regular payroll estimated at \$1,750,000.00
2. Payment of bills from voucher list of 2/1/22 through 2/3/22 estimate totaling \$717,004.75

Motion to approve the authorization for payment above by Council Member Gragnani, seconded by Council Member Neglia.

ROLL CALL: with all Council members answering Yes

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting by Council Member Gragnani Seconded By Council Member Carifi

ROLL CALL: with all Council members answering Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Khaled Madin, Township Clerk

Michael J. dePierro, Council President

Minutes Approved: May 17, 2022