

TOWNSHIP OF KNOWLTON
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2014

A regular meeting of the Knowlton Township Committee was held at the Knowlton Township Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Farber, Deputy Mayor Cuntala and Committee Members Mathez and Starrs. The minutes were recorded by Lisa Patton, Municipal Clerk. Also present was Ted Rodman, Municipal Engineer.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publishing notice of all regularly scheduled meetings in The Star Gazette, Star Ledger or Express Times, as well as providing said schedule in the Municipal Clerk's office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Farber with a salute to the flag and roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala and seconded by Committeewoman Starrs to approve the August 28, 2014 Township Committee meeting minutes with a correction to change the expected completion date of the Hainesburg Bridge from October 1 to October 7. Roll Call: Mathez – yes, Cuntala – yes, Odorizzi – absent, Starrs – yes, Farber – yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Ted Rodman, Municipal Engineer

Mr. Rodman reported he is researching sight distance easements in several locations for roadway mowing. Mr. Rodman will provide a written report with site distances. Residents whose properties will be affected by the roadside mowing will be notified prior to the work being completed.

Mr. Rodman also stated a resolution is needed to finalize the agreement to share the speed monitor with Blairstown Township. The municipal clerk will draft the shared service resolution.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 14-92
Resolution Approving Payment of Vouchers
(copy attached)

A motion was made by Committeeman Mathez to approve Resolution 14-92. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala. Roll Call: Mathez – yes, Cuntala – yes, Odorizzi – absent, Starrs – yes, Farber – yes.

Discussion took place regarding reimbursement for individual cell phones. Mayor Farber suggested the township should obtain a quote from Verizon to compare with the current Sprint township plan. He also suggested that the Township could reimburse individuals for cell phone bills up to the amount currently spent for a Sprint account phone.

Resolution 14-93
Resolution Approving Knowlton Township Fire Company's NJABC Special Affairs Permit Rib Dinner,
October 11, 2014
(copy attached)

A motion was made by Committeeman Mathez and seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala to approve Resolution 14-93. Roll Call: Mathez – yes, Cuntala – yes, Odorizzi – absent, Starrs – yes, Farber – yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Habitat For Humanity

Mayor Farber reported that the Columbia lot under consideration for donation to Habitat For Humanity for COAH credit was purchased with the intent to convert the property into a park. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of a zoning change. Mayor Farber suggested that he and Committeeman Mathez meet with Habitat For Humanity.

Insurance Risk Manager

Township Committee members present were in agreement to ask Mr. Gillmore to provide an insurance quote from Travellers. Mayor Farber noted another quote is being drafted by Ahart, Frinzi & Smith.

COAH

Mayor Farber reported that a meeting with Senator Oroho has been set for October 6th at 1:00 pm. Mayor Perry, Hardwick Township, Mayor Farber, Committeeman Mathez and possibly Committeewoman Starrs will attend the meeting for discussion of COAH.

Ambulance Service

Committeeman Mathez reviewed ambulance coverage. He also stated efforts are underway for negotiation with Surburban Ambulance. Committeewoman Starrs suggested that the Township could require events over a certain number of people to provide ambulance service.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cancelled Check Fee Refund

Mayor Farber explained that Gene Neiderlander was charged a cancelled check fee for a duplicate tax check. Township Committee members present were in agreement to refund the fee to Mr. Neiderlander.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, a motion was made by Committeeman Mathez and seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuntala to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa K. Patton
Municipal Clerk

