

**MINUTES OF KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
March 28, 2019**

The monthly meeting of the Knowlton Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 628 Route 94, Columbia, New Jersey. This meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Starrs.

Mayor Starrs led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Starrs read the following statement: "This meeting of the Knowlton Township Committee is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: P: 1975, Chapter 231, noting that notice of all regularly scheduled meetings has been published in the New Jersey Herald and/or the Star Gazette and/or the Star Ledger as well as providing said schedule in the Municipal Clerk's office."

Roll Call

Present: Committeeman McNinch, Deputy Mayor Shipps, Committeeman Van Horn, and Mayor Starrs
Also present was Township Engineer Ted Rodman (arrived at 7:30 pm), CFO Christine Rolef and Township Auditor John Mooney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Committeewoman Cuntala and carried to approve to go into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m.

Resolution 2019-49 Authorizing an Executive Session

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act; N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., declares it to be the public policy of the State to insure the right of citizens to have adequate advance notice of and the right to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act also recognized exceptions to the right of the public to attend portions of such meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee find it necessary to conduct an executive session closed to the public as permitted by the N.J.S.A. 40:4-12; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the executive session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Knowlton Township, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that they will conduct an executive session to discuss the following topic (s) as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40:4-12:

- A. Personnel
- B. Contract Negotiation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee hereby declare that their

discussion of the subject (s) identified above may be made public at a time when the Township Attorney advises them that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Township or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee, for the reasons set forth above, hereby declare that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place.

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Committeewoman Cuntala and carried to approve to return to public session at 7:25 p.m.

Resolution

Mayor Starrs said that based on the discussion in Executive Session, the Committee would like to take action on the auction for 622 Route 94. She read the following resolution aloud in its entirety:

2019-61-Resolution Accepting Bid for Sale of Surplus Property (Block 11, Lot 16) In Accordance with Ordinance 2019-02.

WHEREAS, the Township of Knowlton declared certain real property owned by the Township located at 622 Route 94 (Block 11, Lot 16) (the "Property") and authorized a sale by public auction pursuant to Ordinance 2019-2; and

WHEREAS, at auction the Township received seven (7) bids, the highest of which was \$99,000; and

WHEREAS, based upon advice from the Township's tax assessor, such price is slightly below fair market value for the Property; and

WHEREAS, however, if the Township were to reject such bid, the Township would incur further costs in either holding a second auction or listing the property for private sale with a realtor; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it is in the best interests of the Township not to incur more carrying costs for the Property and to accept the highest bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Knowlton, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township Committee accepts the bid of Dion Wojcik in the amount of \$99,000 for the purchase of the real property located at 622 Route 94 in the Township of Knowlton (Block 11, Lot 16) in "as is" condition.

SECTION 2. Closing shall take place on or before May 13, 2019.

SECTION 3. The sale of the Property is "as is" without conditions and the Township makes no statements on either land or environmental issues.

SECTION 4. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached contract in substantially the same form.

SECTION 5. The Township Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the sale and transfer of the Property.

SECTION 6. In the event the successful bidder fails to close on the Property, he/she shall forfeit the ten percent (10%) deposit.

SECTION 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately. Mayor Starrs went over the history of the house. It was purchased in 2013 for additional office space. The Committee also considered using it to fulfill low-income housing obligations. Both options were found to be too expensive to be worth it and repairs for the home have become substantial recently. Mayor Starrs said possible salt in the water is another issue to consider. The house is being sold in as-is condition. Committeeman Van Horn said he thought the house might still be of use. Committeewoman Shipps said sometimes it's better to cut losses. Committee discussed the auction, where 7 bidders offered bids.

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second Committeewoman Cuntala and carried by roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, McNinch—abstain, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—abstain, Starrs—yes to Resolution 2019-61.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Historian Hal Broom asked about adding on to the municipal building if needed in the future.

Resident Joe Trinca asked about the Bridge Lane lots that he had bid on a few years back. Committeeman McNinch recused himself from this discussion. Mr. Trinca had documents to provide the committee regarding the auction. Committeewoman Shipps will reach out to Mr. Trinca after this is looked into more.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Engineer Ted Rodman

Polkville Rd. Mayor needs to sign a purchase order.

Mr. Rodman inspected Bodine residents' driveway. Committeeman McNinch is going to put a report together regarding this issue and pass it on to Committeewoman Cuntala who is the liaison for DPW. Mr. Rodman reviewed the new map regarding the Hamway fence and agreed with proceeding with the resolution to grant permission to locate certain structure in the right-of way.

2019-53-Resolution Granting Permission to Locate Certain Structures in the Right -of Way

WHEREAS, Debra and Steven Hamway ("Property Owners") own certain property located at 32 Washington Street, Columbia, New Jersey, which is designated on the tax maps of the Township of

Knowlton as Block 20, Lot 1 (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the right-of-way for Washington Street extends into what can reasonably be considered the Property’s front lawn; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owners have requested permission from the Township to place a fence on a portion of their front lawn that is within the Township-owned right-of-way reasonably in accordance with the drawing attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Property previously contained a fence that was located partially in the Township’s right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, a fence cannot reasonably be constructed on the Property without locating such fence partially in the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, a garage on the Property also extends into the Township’s right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has the authority to grant permission to place structures in the right-of-way;

WHEREAS, the approval to locate the proposed fence and existing garage in the right-of-way shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. Property Owners recognize that utility companies also operate in the right-of-way and that utility improvements may require demolition or removal of any structures in the right-of-way. Therefore, Property Owners shall agree to fully cooperate with utility companies and shall not seek damages from such utility companies related to the structures in the right-of-way.
2. Property Owners shall execute an agreement in a form approved by the Township Attorney holding the Township harmless for any damage caused to the structures within the right-of-way by Township snow removal or road repair vehicles and personal vehicles traveling on Washington Street.
3. This approval shall only grant Property Owners permission to place certain structures within the right-of-way and shall not grant Property Owners an easement. Therefore, if the Township requires use of the right-of-way for public roadway purposes, Property Owners shall remove the structures upon request of the Township.
4. The existing garage shall not be enlarged, extended, reconstructed, or structurally altered except as follows:
 - a. Normal maintenance and repair of the garage is permitted, provided that it does not extend the area or volume of space occupied by the garage.
 - b. Such garage can be restored, reconstructed, or repaired if partially damaged by fire, casualty, or act of God, provided that the area of the garage shall not exceed the area which existed prior to such damage. All such repairs shall be

commenced within one year after damage occurs and shall be completed within two years of such date.

- c. If the garage is totally destroyed by fire or other casualty or an act of God, the permission to locate a garage in the right-of-way shall terminate.
5. Approval and issuance of the appropriate permit by the Township's Zoning Officer that the fence meets all requirements of applicable zoning regulations.
6. Nothing herein shall release Property Owners of the responsibility to apply for any required variances from the Township Land Use Board and nothing herein constitutes an approval or opinion of any required variances.
7. Approval shall be subject to review and approval by the Township Road Supervisor and Township Engineer that the placement of such structures in the right-of-way does not impede traffic or present a dangerous condition.
8. This resolution shall be recorded in the Warren County Clerk's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Knowlton, County of Warren, New Jersey, that Property Owners, are granted approval to construct a fence in the right-of-way, subject to the above conditions and the issuance of any required permits or approvals.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of the existing garage is permitted to remain in the right-of-way, subject to the above conditions.

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Deputy Mayor Shipps and carried to approve by roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, McNinch—abstain, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—yesto Resolution 2019-53.

Deputy Mayor Shipps asked Mr. Rodman regarding stakes that are coming out of the ground on Polkville Rd. Mr. Rodman needs to speak to DPW Supervisor Brian Peck.

PRESENTATION

2019 Budget, CFO Christine Rolef, and Auditor John Mooney

CFO Christine Rolef went over the draft budget that she provided to the committee. The overall budget as presented has a 4 cents/\$100 of valuation increase. Majority of the increase was for Capital items which could be used for paying off debt, road maintenance and upgrades to municipal computers. The operational budget decreased by \$43,000. Committeeman McNinch asked to increase Historic Commission budget and decrease budget for public celebrations. Mayor Starrs asked to not dip into surplus since it is not known what will happen with litigation regarding the salt problem. After much discussion Committeemembers Van Horn, Cuntala, Starrs, Shipps agreed on a 3 cents/ \$100 increase in taxes. Committeeman McNinch preferred 2 cents/ \$100 increase. The Budget will be introduced at the township meeting with a public hearing and adoption at a later meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

2019-50- Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute Agreement to Provide Legal Services with Chuck Carro, Esq. as Municipal Prosecutor

WHEREAS, the Township of Knowlton has employed municipal prosecutor James Pfeiffer, Esq., for almost thirty years;

WHEREAS, Counselor Pfeiffer has submitted a letter of resignation citing his private practice caseload, the increasing demands of NJ State Police discovery, and the heavy volume of cases processed by the court; and

WHEREAS, Charles Carro, Esquire, has served as an alternate municipal prosecutor for several years; and

WHEREAS, the Township has come to an agreement with Chuck Carro, Esquire, to provide legal services to the Township as Knowlton's Municipal Prosecutor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of Knowlton hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Attached Agreement to Provide Legal Services with Charles Carro, Esquire.

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Deputy Mayor Shipps and carried to approve by roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, McNinch—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—yes to Resolution 2019-50.

2019-51- Resolution to Change Municipal Court Days

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court is currently being held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month; and

WHEREAS, the recent resignation of Township Prosecutor James Pfeiffer, Esq. and appointing a new township prosecutor Charles Carro, Esq. who is unable to cover court on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal court is requesting to change the days to the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month effective April 1, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Administrative Office of the Courts have approved this change of court days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Knowlton, County of Warren, State of New Jersey approve the day change of Municipal Court effective April 1, 2019 to the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month.

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Committeewoman Cuntala and carried to approve Resolution 2019-51.

2019-52-Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property to the North Warren Junior

Lacrosse League

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 permits the Township to sell by private sale personal property no longer needed for public use if the estimated fair value of such property does not exceed the applicable bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, certain lacrosse goals located at Tunnel Field (the “Property”) are no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Recreation Director estimates the fair market value of the lacrosse goals to be approximately \$400.00; and

WHEREAS, the North Warren Junior Lacrosse League (“Recipient”) has offered to purchase the above-referenced lacrosse goals for \$400.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Knowlton, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the lacrosse goals located at Tunnel Field hereby declared to be surplus personal property of the Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Property will be sold to the North Warren Junior Lacrosse League for \$400.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Property will be sold in its “as is” condition, without any warranties by the Township, and on the condition that the Recipient shall hold the Township harmless for any claims arising out of the Property after the transfer to the Recipient.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sale of the Property to the Recipient shall be subject to the execution of an agreement between the respective parties in a form approved by the Township Attorney, which shall memorialize the terms sated in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or her designee are hereby authorized to execute any and all additional documents to effectively transfer title to the Recipient.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Shipps, second by Deputy Mayor Shipps and carried to approve by roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, McNinch—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—yesto Resolution 2019-52

2019-54-Resolution Authorizing the Professional Services Agreement for Community Grants Planning & Housing (CGP&H) for Knowlton’s Affordable Housing Administration Requirements

WHEREAS, Knowlton Ordinance 11-392 authorizes the position of Administrative Agent to oversee the administration of Knowlton’s affordable housing requirements as set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.14, 16, and 18; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s former Administrative Agent retired in January 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Knowlton solicited proposals from three agents, CGP&H,

Piazza & Associates, and Triad Associates for Administrative Agent services; and

WHEREAS, CGP&H's proposal included providing the following:

- Maintaining the state-mandated certification and continuing education requirements,
- Following up with developers who have committed to providing affordable housing,
- Creating the required policies and procedures manual,
- Providing orientation to the new Municipal Housing Liaison,
- Providing waiting list management,
- Prescreening applicants for eligibility,
- And advertisement through the Affordable Homes New Jersey database; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee discussed all three proposals at the March 11, 2019 Township meeting and accepted the proposal from CGP&H.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of Knowlton hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the attached one-year professional services agreement with CGP&H.

Motion was made Deputy Mayor Shipps second by Committeeman McNinch and carried to approve by roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, McNinch—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—yesto Resolution 2019-54.

2019-55 Resolution Authoring Mayor to Sign Professional Service Contract with Connolly & Hickey for Consulting Services

WHEREAS, there exists a need for contracting for professional service for the calendar year 2019, and;

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the awarding of contracts and appointments for Professional Services without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised with copies of the contracts available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk, and;

WHEREAS, Knowlton township on August 11, 2017 was selected to receive a grant of \$815,000 in Transpiration Alternatives Program (TAP) federal funding for the Ramsayburg Homestead Historic Site Restoration, 140 US State Highway Route 46, Warren County Project, and;

WHEREAS, the grant is primarily administered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), and;

WHEREAS, the grant requires certain documentation design, development contract documents, pre-construction administration and construction phase work, that is reimbursable from the TAP grant, and;

WHEREAS, the Knowlton Township Historic Commission has recommended the scope of work not reimbursable from the TAP grant be funded by other grants, and;

WHEREAS, Knowlton Township has unused grant money in the amount of \$34, 475.00 from a previous New Jersey Historic Trust grant, and;

WHEREAS, the Knowlton Historic Commission has received a proposal dated March 18, 2019 and revised 27 March 2019 from Connolly & Hickey for the above described professional services, and;

WHEREAS, the Knowlton Historic Commission has recommended Connolly & Hickey as the provider to the above required professional service up to a not exceed amount of the unused grant money from the New Jersey Historic Trust Grant agreement #2010.1020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Knowlton, Warren County, New Jersey, authorized the Mayor to sign Contracts for these professional services:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in the official Township newspapers as required by law.

Motion was made by Committeeman McNinch, second by Mayor Starrs and carried to approve by roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, McNinch—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—yes to Resolution 2019-55.

2019-56- Resolution Supporting the Knowlton Environmental Commission’s Application for a 2019 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Grant

WHEREAS, resident Melinda Woods with assistance from the Knowlton Environmental Commission and additional volunteers began the Knowlton Butterfly Garden in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the thriving garden both beautifies Tunnel Field and provides a home to many Monarch butterflies, which are an essential element for crops and the food production; and

WHEREAS, there is both space and a desire by volunteers to expand the butterfly garden and plant other pollinator-friendly species around the walking path at Tunnel Field; and

WHEREAS, funds will be needed to expand the butterfly garden and plant other pollinator-friendly species around the walking path at Tunnel Field; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship grant provides up to \$1,500 in funds to Environmental Commissions for suitable projects that specifically include “Pollinator gardens” and are located on preserved open space; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require any matching funds from the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Knowlton Township Committee does hereby express its support for the Knowlton Environmental Commission’s application for the 2019 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship grant to be used for an expansion of the Butterfly Garden at Tunnel Field.

Motion made by Committeewoman Cuntala, second by Committeeman McNinch and carried to approve Resolution 2019-56.

2019-57- Resolution to Approve the Submission of a 2019 Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Historic Trust

WHEREAS, this NJ Historic Trust Grant is intended for historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic structures; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsaysburg Homestead on the Delaware River is listed as a site on the NJ and National Registers of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, in recent years Knowlton’s Historic Commission has renovated the exterior of the Ramsaysburg Homestead with funding obtained through grants; and

WHEREAS, the site has become host to a half-dozen grant-funded annual events that serve to bring Knowlton’s community together; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 grant application will include letters from local businesses that support the continued restoration of the Ramsaysburg Homestead because it benefits the area economically, visually, and encourages tourism; and

WHEREAS, the above mentioned grant will fund interior renovation including restoration of trimwork, ceilings, walls, and floors, and work to outbuildings as well as funds for professional engineering, architecture, and archaeology that is not covered by previous grants; and

WHEREAS, whereas this grant’s matching fund requirements will be met through leveraging other grant funding including expended grant funds and pending new grants and there will not be a need to use the Township's general fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of Knowlton formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

Motion made by Mayor Starrs, second by Committeeman McNinch and carried to approve Resolution 2019-57.

2019-58- Resolution to Approve the Submission of a 2019 Grant Application and execution of a Grant Contract with the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund

WHEREAS, this Warren County Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund is intended for historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic structures; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsaysburg Homestead on the Delaware River is listed as a site on the NJ and National Registers of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, in recent years Knowlton’s Historic Commission has renovated the exterior of the Ramsaysburg Homestead with funding obtained through grants; and

WHEREAS, the site has become host to a half-dozen grant-funded annual events that serve to bring Knowlton’s community together; and

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WHEREAS, the above mentioned grant will fund interior renovation including restoration of trimwork, ceilings, walls, and floors, and work to outbuildings as well as funds for professional engineering, architecture, and archaeology that is not covered by previous grants; and

WHEREAS, whereas this grant's matching fund requirements will be met through leveraging other grant funding including expended grant funds and pending new grants and there will not be a need to use the Township's general fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of Knowlton formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

Motion made by Mayor Starrs, second by Committeeman McNinch and carried to approve resolution 2019-59.

2019-59-Resolution Approving Payment of Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Knowlton, Warren County, New Jersey, that all claims attached are hereby approved as reasonable and proper claims against the Township of Knowlton.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that approval for payment is hereby given to the Chief Financial Officer to pay said claims, subject to the availability of funds.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cuntala, second by Committeeman McNinch and carried to approve by roll call vote Cuntala—yes, McNinch—yes, Shippis—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—yes to Resolution 2019-59

2019-60- A Resolution of Knowlton Township Authorizing the Purchase of Electricity Supply Services for Public Use on an Online Auction Website

WHEREAS, the Knowlton Township has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order procure electricity for the and Knowlton Township

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) (the "Act") authorizes the purchase of electricity supply service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, the Knowlton Township will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act, waiver number EMEX LLC-1, located at www.energymarketexchange.com; and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act; and be it

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Knowlton Township Clerk: [Major Energy]; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knowlton Township Committee of the Knowlton Township is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Knowlton Township any electricity contract proffered by the participating supplier that submits the winning bid in the EMEX Reverse Auction.

Motion was made by Committeewoman Cuntala, second by Deputy Mayor Shipps and approved by roll call vote: Cuntala—yes, McNinch—yes, Shipps—yes, Van Horn—yes, Starrs—yes to Resolution 2019-60.

OLD BUSINESS

Tunnel Field Water

Committeewoman Cuntala received information from Recreation Director Dennis Lembeck regarding the water testing at Tunnel Field. There are three options: a four-log system, which is an automated system that could be either used with a spray or tablet, putting in a new well, or closing the rec stand completely. The bathrooms can be used as of right now but notices need to be put up. Committee ruled out closing the stand and putting in a new well, since it is not guaranteed that would fix the problem. Committeewoman Cuntala will get another quote for the four-log system.

Townwide Clean up May 13-18

Mayor Starrs stated that the townwide clean up will be May 13th-18th. There will be a Nixle message sent out and free vouchers can be picked up starting April 22nd.

FEMA Buyout Update

Mayor Starrs stated that there as been good news regarding the FEMA buyout. There are now closing dates for two of the residents. The third one will be soon.

Black Bear Seminar April 24

NJDEP offered to come out and provide a Black Bear Seminar. Mayor Starrs put it out on social media and there seemed to be a lot of people interested. Mayor Starrs would like to have it April 24th in the evening. Committeeman Van Horn will look into have it at the Lions Den.

Soil Ordinance

Committee reviewed the draft that was prepared. Committeeman McNinch requested adding two more items from the Wantage sample that was reviewed at a prior meeting. Mayor Starrs will send the suggestions to the attorney to have the ordinance introduced at a later meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

E Code Estimate for Codification

Committee reviewed the estimate to update our E Code. Discussion took place regarding the estimate and it was decided to hold off another year.

NWR meeting/ feasibility study grant

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Committeewoman Cuntala and carried to approve Mayor Starrs to draw up a letter of support for a grant for a feasibility study in exploring a K-12 regionalization and having Hope Township join in the North Warren District. This is just to explore the options because of major budget cuts to all the schools in the area.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence

MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2019 Public Session Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Committeeman McNinch, second by Deputy Mayor Shipps and carried to approve the March 11, 2019 Public Session Meeting Minutes. Committeewoman Cuntala abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Sharon Valentine stated that is a great honor to have Committeeman Van Horn on the township committee.

Resident Keith Stouch mentioned the stakes on Polkville Rd. which he has a concern with a car driving off the road running into them which it could ruin the bottom of the car.

Resident Jeff Milesky commented on the soil ordinance that there is no time limit on the delivery of soil.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Starrs, second by Committeeman Van Horn and carried to adjourn tonight's Township meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Shipps
Acting Municipal Clerk