

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 25, 2013

The Meeting of the Lopatcong Township Council was called to order at 3:00 pm by Mayor Steinhardt. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building located at 232 S. Third St., Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865.

Mayor Steinhardt stated “adequate notice of this meeting has been provided indicating the time and place of the meeting in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 by advertising a Notice in The Star Gazette and The Express-Times and by posting a copy on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.”

A prayer was offered followed by the Oath of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Steinhardt, Council President Camporine, Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla and Councilwoman McCabe. Also present was CFO Dobes and Attorney Campbell.

Public Comment – No comments or questions on agenda items.

Business:

Minutes – Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to approve the minutes of October 2, 2013. Motion by Council President Camporine, seconded by Councilman Belcaro. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Camporine and Mayor Steinhardt.
NAYS: None

Overlook Emergency Access Easement – Mayor Steinhardt explained that he had made a request for an emergency ingress and egress easement across the property located at 190 Strykers Road owned by Lopatcong Solar Realty Holdings, LLC. In the event of an emergency the residents of Overlook At Lopatcong and Township emergency equipment would have a second access road into the Overlook Development. The Township would be responsible for the completion of the survey for the metes and bounds of the easement, the costs of recording the easement and the cost to construct the final 1/3rd of the gravel roadway for the remainder of the easement. A formal agreement would be drafted whereby all pertinent terms, conditions and legal requirements would be memorialized. Mayor Steinhardt asked Council to allow Councilwoman McCabe to meet with the Board of Directors of Overlook to complete the project. Motion by Council President Camporine, seconded by Councilman Belcaro. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Camporine and Mayor Steinhardt.
NAYS: None

Resolution No. 13-101 – Transfer funds within the 2013 Budget to meet expenses in the amount of \$144,000.00.

R 13-101

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS OF THE 2013 LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET DURING THE LAST TWO MONTHS OF THE YEAR AS PER NJSA 40A:4-58

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to expend an amount in excess of the respective items appropriated in the 2013 Lopatcong Township Municipal Operating Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as per NJSA 40A:4-58 that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong authorize the Chief Financial Officer to make the following appropriation transfers.

FROM:			TO:		
10522020	Employee Group Ins.	\$83,000.00	10523020	Employee Pmt.in-lieu Health Prem.	\$3,000.00
10512020	Mun. Admin. Other Exp.	\$5,000.00	10524020	Police Dept. Other Exp.	\$35,000.00
10529010	Road Maint. Salary and Wages	\$12,000.00	10537120	Parks and Playgrounds Other Exp.	\$21,000.00
10537110	Parks and Playgrounds Salary and Wages	\$20,000.00	10515520	Legal Services Other Exp.	\$10,000.00
10513010	Financial Admin. Salary and Wages	\$5,000.00	10543020	Electricity	\$6,500.00
10522520	Unemployment Ins.	\$17,500.00	10544020	Telephone	\$4,500.00
10531020	Bldgs. and Grnds. Other Exp.	\$1,500.00	10544620	Gas – Natural and Propane	\$1,500.00
			10544920	Water	\$1,000.00
			105375095	Garbage and Trash Removal	\$1,500.00
			10546020	Gasoline	\$9,500.00
			10513020	Financial Admin. Other Exp.	\$5,000.00
			10512010	Mun. Admin. Salary and Wages	\$5,500.00
			10547220	Social Security	\$10,000.00
			10649010	Mun. Court Salary and Wages	\$15,000.00
TOTAL		\$144,000.00	TO		\$144,000.00

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on October 25, 2013.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to adopt this Resolution. Motion by Council President Camporine, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Camporine and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Approve Payment of Bills – Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to approve payment of bills. Motion by Council President Camporine, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Camporine and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Audience Participation –

Gary VanVliet – informed the Council that there is also another property that is land locked near the access road going to Overlook and asked if there was a way to allow access to it. Mayor Steinhardt instructed Mr. VanVliet to work through this with Engineer Sterbenz and Councilwoman McCabe.

Tom McKay – asked about the transfer funds within the budget and if it meant switching between the line items. CFO Dobes explained and offered a copy of the resolution to Mr. McKay.

Mayor Steinhardt also informed the public that he received a fax today from Pat Kolb, County Clerk, about questions over the Open Space Tax Ordinance pointing out to Council that it did not have to introduce an ordinance but adopt a resolution and could have done this in January. Councilwoman Ciesla said she would have liked a few minutes to regroup and bring the meeting back down. She stated we did not have to go through the channels we did and could have made the decision on our own without input from the public, but we wanted their input.

Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Council President Camporine, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts
Clerk/Administrator

Douglas J. Steinhardt
Mayor