

**TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA**

March 18, 2015

Call to Order

Prayer

Oath of Allegiance

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.

Roll Call

Public Comment: Agenda items.

Old Business:

1. Resolution No. 15-59 – Authorize Mayor McKay to execute contract with Nisivoccia, LLP to provide auditing services to the Township.
2. Authorize Township Labor Attorney to review and update Township Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, Volunteer Handbook, Recreation Program Handbook and Summer Employee Handbook.
3. Pool membership rates including swim team, pool party rates and pavilion party rates for 2015. Authorize Senior Citizens Groups use of the pavilion free one time per year Monday through Thursday during the months of May through September.
4. Volunteer Visitor Policy.
5. Administrative Policy.
6. Mayor McKay consent appointments – Elevate Judy Liptak from Alternate to full member of EDAC.
7. Mayor McKay non-consent appointments.

2015 Budget:

1. Resolution No. 15-60 – Adopt tax collection percentage.
2. Resolution No. 15-61 – Approve self-examination of budget.
3. Ordinance No. 15-07 - First reading to establish CAP Bank for calendar 2015.
4. 2015 Budget introduction. April 15th tentative date of public hearing and final adoption.

New Business:

1. Resolution No. 15-62 - Authorizing redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2012-028 and Premium in the amount of \$24,017.94.
2. Resolution No. 15-63 - Authorizing to refund tax payments on exempt property known as Block 32, Lot 28 for 2015 in the amount of \$1202.27.
3. Resolution No. 15-64 - Authorizing the sale of 1986 GMC Value Van and 1997 HME Central States Pumper owned by the Township and not required for public purposes via public auction. Authorize approximately \$4,000 in repair costs.
4. Resolution No. 15-65 – Authorizing hire of Joseph Bruschetta to prepare Community Forestry Management Plan as recommended by the State Forestry Services and approve down payment of \$1500.00 to Mr. Bruschetta for his services.
5. Ordinance No. 15-03 – First reading to Regulate, Control and Stabilize Rents through the Rent Leveling Board for a three-year period. Discussion of properly staggering member terms.
6. Ordinance No. 15-04 – First reading to amend, revise and supplement Chapter 219 entitled “Trees” to change number of members from 3 to not less than 5 and no more than 7; changed appointment from mayor with consent to just mayor; and changed term length from 3 years to 5 years.
7. Ordinance No. 15-05 – First reading to amend, revise and supplement Chapter 23 entitled “Environmental Commission” to change members from 7 to not less than 5 and no more than 7; added the ability for the governing body to appoint two alternates.
8. Ordinance No. 15-06 – First reading to establish Chapter authorizing CFO to pay certain Bills, Claims and Invoices submitted to the Township for payment between meetings in an amount of \$1,000 or less up to a total of \$2500.00 for the Township and the Lopatcong Athletic Association.
9. Authorize Nisivoccia, LLP and Gibbons, P.C. to meet with the Town Council concerning feasibility of refunding bond.
10. Juniper Leifer’s request for the Township's consideration of allowing the use of round tip arrows at BSA's Cub Scout Camp held in Lopatcong Park every summer.
11. Request from Stateliner Junior Lacrosse to use our basketball court and pool parking lot for practices.
12. Elimination of the position/salary of Township Administrator.
13. Shared Services Act discussion to share the services of a municipal clerk and tax assessor and to authorize a joint meeting, if applicable.

Announcement- Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 28th at 10:00 am – rain date Sunday, March 29th 2:00 pm.

Council Reports

Report of CFO

Report of Engineer

Approve Dept. Reports

Payment of Bills

Audience Participation

Adjournment