

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 pm

July 6, 2016

The Council Meeting of the Lopatcong Township Council was called to order by Council President Pryor. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building located at 232 S. Third St., Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865.

Motion to resume Regular Session by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. All in favor.

Resolution No. 16-88 was passed to hold an Executive Session. Attorney Campbell stated Council was in Executive Session for 30 minutes. There will be a second Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss matters No. 2,

Council President Pryor 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.”

Prayer followed by Oath of Allegiance

Present: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Pryor. Also present was CFO Saponaro, Attorney Campbell and Engineer Sterbenz.

Special Presentation – Gregg C. Dana was sworn in as Police Officer in the Police Department.

Public Comment: No comments from the public.

Old Business:

Video Position – 4:58

Minutes – Approve Special Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2016. Executive and Regular Meeting Minutes for June 1, 2016. Motion to approve May 31, 2016 by Councilwoman McCabe, seconded by Councilman Belcaro. All in favor. Council President Pryor asked to add in wherein he noted that he would disclose emails between himself and Councilwoman Schneider and also add in the list he provided to the June 1, 2016 Regular Session Minutes. Motion to approve those minutes as amended by Councilwoman McCabe, seconded by Councilman Belcaro. All in favor. Motion to approve Executive Session Minutes by Councilwoman McCabe, seconded by Councilman Belcaro. All in favor.

Resolutions No. 16-89 and 16-91A – Veterans exemptions. Motion to approve these Resolutions by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor.
NAYS: None

R 16-89

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE
OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING TO APPROVE AND/OR REFUND TAX PAYMENTS
FOR TAX YEAR 2016 ON EXEMPT PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that warrants be drawn to the property owners listed below in the designated amounts representing tax payments made on exempt property as follows for the tax year 2016 and if applicable, to previous years; and

WHEREAS, Smith, Leland S. 1639 Belvidere Road, Block 2, Lot 16 has provided documentation to the Tax Assessor from the Department of Veterans Affairs confirming 100% Veteran's Disability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey have approved the 100% Disabled Veterans Exemption with the effective date of 3/2/2016 and the Tax Collector's Office can refund necessary overpayments already paid on the account or credit the account based on the effective date.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, July 6, 2016.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 16-91A –

R 16-91A

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING TO APPROVE AND/OR REFUND TAX PAYMENTS FOR TAX YEAR 2016 ON EXEMPT PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that warrants be drawn to the property owners listed below in the designated amounts representing tax payments made on exempt property as follows for the tax year 2016 and if applicable to previous years; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Gendell of 247 Belview Road, Block 88, Lot 1, has provided documentation to the Tax Assessor from the Department of Veterans Affairs confirming 100% Veteran's Disability based on the multi-unit Stephen Gendell owns 50% of property ownership and exemption will be applied accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey have approved the 100% Disabled Veterans Exemption with the effective date of 3/12/15 and the Tax Collector's Office can refund necessary overpayments already paid on the account or credit the account based on the effective date.

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New Business:

Video Position 8:29

Resolution No. 16-92 – Hire Greg Dana as Police Officer.

R 16-92

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF GREG DANA AS POLICE OFFICER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO CERTIFIED LIST OF ELIGIBLES FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey hereby authorize the appointment of Greg Dana as Police Officer in the Police Department per Certified List of Eligibles from the Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, Greg Dana will be paid a salary according to the Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that Greg Dana is hereby appointed Police Officer in the Police Department pursuant to Certified List of Eligibles OL160467 and shall be paid pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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 Wednesday, July 6, 2015.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to adopt this Resolution by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor.

NAYS: None

DOT Draft Letter – Council President Pryor informed the public that he drafted a letter with regard to Logistics Park. He explained they had come before the Planning Board for a General Development approval and the Board had concerns over the traffic on Rt. 22 and over the course of the hearing, it was determined that the Planning Board really did not have jurisdiction since access was directly to a state highway. Mayor McKay and he had discussion with Mayor Ellis of Phillipsburg and he shared some of the same concerns. There was a combined telephone conference with DOT and they suggested their concerns be put in the form of a letter and send them to the DOT and they would consider upon their review. Council President Pryor also asked to seek an approval from Mayor Ellis to send the letter as he has participated in the conference call before it is sent off to the DOT to make sure he doesn't have any additional concerns and asked that this be part of the motion. Motion by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilman Belcaro.

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor.

NAYS: None

Fire Companies – No one was present to address budget line item for fire companies.

Resolution No. 16-90A – Support for the Rt. 57 Lopatcong Creek Culvert Replacement.

R 16-90A

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RT. 57 OVER BRANCH OF LOPATCONG CREEK CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) contacted the Township of Lopatcong to inform the Township Council that a deficient structural culvert on Rt. 57 requires replacement; and

WHEREAS, the structure is a single barrel, reinforced concrete box culvert built in 1921 and the overall condition of the bridge is rated poor (4) with a sufficiency rating of 46.2 and is considered functionally obsolete; and

WHEREAS, as part of the conditions for the culvert replacement project, the Township must pass a resolution supporting the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey through the passage of this resolution,

supports the replacement of the culvert structure on Rt. 57 over a branch of the Lopatcong Creek.

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 the Reorganization Meeting held on Wednesday, July 6, 2016.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to adopt this Resolution by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. All in favor.

Aqua New Jersey Solar Project – Approve the release of the Cash Bond held as recommended by Engineer Sterbenz. Motion by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe.

Illusion Maker Invoice – Council President Pryor suggested this item be tabled until next month as the Mayor is not present; he might have a plausible explanation. Council President Pryor stated this was done with Council approval a year ago but this year it was done without Council approval, without a requisition, without discussion and it does come from grant money but there were other alternatives for the grant money. This matter was tabled by the Council.

Zuccaro, Inc. – Approve second partial payment to Zuccaro, Inc., for work completed on the Phillipsburg High School Roadway Improvement Project. Attorney Campbell noted that she notified the district and the town for their share. Motion to approve the payment by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor.

NAYS: None

Dulaine Contracting, Inc. – Approve final payment in the amount of \$19,120.95. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Council President Pryor

Council Liaison Appointments – Council President Pryor explained that with the resignation of Ms. Schneider, reassignment of council liaison positions need to be addressed; some being the mayor's appointments which won't be addressed this evening on council appointments. The Vice-Chair of the Mayor's Wellness Committee is a member of Council. Council President Pryor nominated Councilwoman Reitemeyer for Vice-Chair of the Mayor's Wellness Committee, and the Recreation Committee liaison and Councilman Belcaro as the DPW liaison. Motion by Councilwoman McCabe, seconded by Council President Pryor. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor.

NAYS: None

Tax Refunds – Resolution No. 16- 93 and 16-94 – Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor.

NAYS: None

Resolution No. 16-93 – Authorize refund of tax payment for year 2016 for exempt property known as Block 62, Lot 2.

R 16-93

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING TO APPROVE AND/OR REFUND TAX
PAYMENT FOR THE TAX YEAR 2016 ON EXEMPT PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that warrants be drawn to the property owner listed below in the designated amounts representing tax payments made on exempt property as follows for the tax year 2016; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Eckhardt, Jr. of 212 South Second Street, Block 62, Lot 2 has provided documentation to the Tax Assessor from the Department of Veterans Affairs confirming 100% Veteran's Disability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey have approved the 100% Disabled Veterans Exemption with the effective date of February 12, 2016, which is homeowners approval date from VA and the Tax Collectors Office can refund necessary overpayments already paid on the account based on the effective date.

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 Wednesday, July 6, 2015.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 16-94 – Authorize refund of tax payment for year 2016 for exempt property known as Block 130, Lot 14.

R 16-94

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING TO APPROVE AND/OR REFUND TAX PAYMENT FOR THE TAX YEAR 2016 ON EXEMPT PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that warrants be drawn to the property owner listed below in the designated amounts representing tax payments made on exempt property as follows for the tax year 2016; and

WHEREAS, William Clax, Jr. of 23 Kyle Drive, Block 130, Lot 14 has provided documentation to the Tax Assessor from the Department of Veterans Affairs confirming 100% Veteran's Disability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey have approved the 100% Disabled Veterans Exemption with the effective date of June 3, 2016 which is homeowners approval date from VA and the Tax Collectors Office can refund necessary overpayments already paid on the account based on the effective date.

CERTIFICATION

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Resolution No. 16-95 – Authorizing redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2015-027 and Premium on Block 121, Lot 1 in the amount of \$8,482.46.

R16-95

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE

NO. 2015-027 ON BLOCK 121, LOT 1

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on September 23, 2015, a lien was sold on Block 121, Lot 1 also known as 15 Saw Mill Road for 2014 delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2015-027 was sold to US Bank Cust for BV001 Trust for a Premium of \$4,000.00 and recorded with the Warren County Clerk's Office December 8, 2015 in Book 6236, Page 326; and

WHEREAS, Superior Data Services, Inc., on behalf of the lender, has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2015-027 in the amount of \$4,481.46.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 6th day of April 2016, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$4,482.46 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2015-027 to:

US Bank Cust for BV001 Trust
50 South 16th Street Suite 1950
Philadelphia, PA 19102

CERTIFICATION

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Motion by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor.
NAYS: None

Resolution No. 16-96 – Authorizing cancellation of Municipal Certificate of Sale No. 2011-010 on Block 93, Lot 23.02.

R 16-96

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF MUNICIPAL
CERTIFICATE OF SALE

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale No. 2011-010 was issued to the Township of Lopatcong for delinquent taxes on Block 93, Lot 23.02, Jessamine Lane, at a tax sale held on October 21, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the assessed owner has redeemed Certificate No. 2011-010 by paying the full amount of the delinquency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby of the Township of Lopatcong are hereby authorized to endorse Certificate of Sale No. 2011-010 for cancellation.

CERTIFICATION

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Motion by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council
President Pryor.
NAYS: None

Resolution No. 16-97 – Authorizing refund of tax payment for exempt property for year 2016 on
Block 85.05, Lot 9.

R 16-97

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING TO APPROVE AND/OR REFUND TAX
PAYMENT FOR THE TAX YEAR 2016 ON EXEMPT PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New
Jersey that warrants be drawn to the property owner listed below in the designated amounts
representing tax payments made on exempt property as follows for the tax year 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mario J. Spagnola of 27 Sylvia Street, Block 85.05, Lot 9 has provided
documentation to the Tax Assessor from the Department of Veterans Affairs confirming 100%
Veterans' Disability.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Township of Lopatcong,
County of Warren and State of New Jersey have approved the 100% Disabled Veterans
Exemption with the effective date of June 30, 2016 which is homeowners deed date of purchase
of home in Lopatcong and the Tax Collector's Office can refund necessary overpayments already
paid on the account based on the effective date.

CERTIFICATION

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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 Wednesday, July 6, 2016.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council
President Pryor.
NAYS: None

Resolution No. 16-98 – Authorizing correction of 2016 assessment on Block 90, Lot 19.

R 16-98

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CORRECTION OF A 2016 ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS, the Collector of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New
Jersey has informed Council of a 2016 Assessment Correction on Block 90, Lot 19; and

WHEREAS, this correction was to be made before the 2016 file was printed and the property did
not accurately change for 2016; and

WHEREAS, the following corrections for the year 2016 are required:

Block 90, Lot 29 – Patricia, Michael P & Jennifer L

Original 2016 Tax Duplicate - \$177,000 Land - \$200 Improvement = \$177,200 Total Assessment

Corrected 2016 Assessment - \$0 Land - \$200 Improvement = \$200 Total Assessment

Land Assessment is already billed on Block 90, Lot 19 Q0065

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assessor and the Tax Collector of the Township of Lopatcong are hereby authorized to make the necessary corrections as listed above.

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Motion by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor.

NAYS: None

Phillipsburg High School – The street name is being reviewed by the postmaster. Phillipsburg School District asked to name the road “Stateliner Boulevard”. Council President Pryor asked for a motion to approve the name “Stateliner Boulevard” subject to the post master and 911 approvals. Motion by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor.

NAYS: None

Community Day – The Recreation Committee organizes this event for the Township and they have requested, so far, \$5250.00 for expenses. Council President Pryor made a motion to authorize the requested amount of \$5250.00, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor.

NAYS: None

Litigation McKay vs. Township et. al. – Attorney Campbell stated the Council needs to authorize the action discussed in Executive Session regarding McKay vs. Township. Council President Pryor made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor.

NAYS: None

OPRA Complaint – Authorize Attorney Steven Gruenberg to file the answer to this OPRA complaint. This OPRA complaint was filed by a gentleman who is suing a number of towns in Warren County along with the Tax Board. The cap amount on this would be \$5,000.00. Motion by Council President Pryor to retain Attorney Gruenberg, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor.

NAYS: None

Council Reports:

Video Position – 37:08

Councilwoman McCabe – LAA finalized their paperwork to become a 501C3 and are moving forward with their plans. There was a contract in place that will be finalized in the near future. Additionally for LAA, they have appointed a new wrestling director Todd Burdette and that needs to be ratified here by Council. Motion by Councilwoman McCabe, seconded by Council

President Pryor. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor.

NAYS: None

Bldgs. and Grounds – The DPW reports that everything is going smoothly. Both Movies at the Pool and Music at the Park start this evening and the schedule is posted on the website.

Councilwoman Reitemeyer – No report – just received her assignments.

Councilman Belcaro – DPW Superintendent Brian Weeks has interviewed for two replacements in his department and would like Council to hire the candidates he selected. Councilman Belcaro asked for a motion to hire the two gentlemen. Motion by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor.

NAYS: None

Council President Pryor – Reported that there is a gentleman who is interested in working with the Rec. Committee to build a tennis program from youth to seniors and he would pass his contact information along to the committee.

Council President Pryor reported that he attended a presentation by the County Prosecutor and Warren County is trying to implement a security system that would focus on schools, municipal buildings and can be extended to big box stores, malls and so on. The first focus would be schools and municipal facilities. What it involves is aerial views and plans that would be overlaid onto the photo. The third layer would be color coded to identify specifics if they would have to respond to an emergency. This is available thru phones, tablets and hard copy which the commander of the event would be able to track the location of his team members. The cost would be spread out by the number of municipalities and school boards in the County which could amount to less than \$2,000.00. The facilities would run \$800 to \$1,000 per floor. The town would control access to the program. Chief of Police Jason Garcia said this was very sophisticated and would be worthwhile to implement, especially for the schools.

Engineer Sterbenz – Safe Routes to School Grant application was filed by his office with the DOT on June 24th. The application was for approximately \$400,000.00 to do three separate sidewalk improvement projects; two on Belvidere Road and one on Stryker's Road.

The Dept. of Transportation approved the Ordinance for a four-way stop at South First and Baltimore Streets. He would be meeting with Brian Weeks to coordinate the placement of these signs.

North Prospect Sewer Line Project – This project will be completed tomorrow and final cleanup will be conducted also. The project costs are to be reimbursed through the USDA loan.

Phillipsburg Roadway Improvement Project – Essentially this is in the second phase of work. It took a while to get the utility companies out there. All work should be done by August 31st.

Chief Garcia – Recognized Officer Dana as the newest member of the Police Dept.

Department Reports – Motion to approve by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. All in favor.

Payment of Bills – CFO Saponaro reported LAA bills that would need to be added. A new bills list would be emailed tomorrow. Motion by Councilwoman McCabe, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor.

NAYS: None

Audience Participation:

Video Position - 56:54

John Betz – Brakeley Gardens – Question regarding the security cloud and who would have

access?

Doug Mace – 198 Lynnfield Terrace – Sewer Budget questions and also First Baptist Church sewer bill.

Ed Schuster – S. Sixth Street -

Motion to go back into Executive Session by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. All in favor.

R 16-99

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, there are presently pending matters to be considered in Executive Session concerning possible matters listed:

Personnel – Grievances
Personnel Matter

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and the State of New Jersey that the Council is authorized to hold an Executive Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Lopatcong will make said matters public within approximately 30 days of said meeting or until such a time as confidentiality of the matters is no longer required.

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 Wednesday, July 6, 2016.

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Motion to resume Regular Session by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. All in favor.

Attorney Campbell reported the Council was in Executive Session from 8:41 to 10:27 to discuss grievances and personnel matters.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts
Clerk/Administrator

Joseph Pryor
Council President