

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

August 17, 2017

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

A Prayer followed by Oath of Allegiance

Mayor McKay 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.”

Present: Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

Public Comment: Motion to open for Public Comment by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Palitto. All in favor. No comment from the public. Motion to close by Councilman Wright, seconded by Council President Pryor. All in favor.

Business:

MOU Rutgers University – Dr. Obropta discussed the Rain Garden Project which is to be located at the Municipal Pool. The DPW will be needed to lend a backhoe to do some digging. Council President Pryor recommended signing of the MOU. Motion by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Wright. All in favor.

Jersey Professional Management Compensation Plan – Mr. Tim Gordon and Mr. Fred Carr were present to discuss the list of towns they would use to provide a comparison for the analysis. Towns were picked within the county and the adjacent counties.

Payment of Bills – Motion to approve by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.
NAYS: None

Morris Canal Greenway Corridor Study – The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority has invited Lopatcong and other towns to participate in a regional planning effort of the Morris Canal. Council President Pryor referred the mayor to call the County Engineer David Dech to see what his input is with regards to this authority as Mayor McKay said he would attend the meeting.

Phillipsburg Senior Center – Sent a letter requesting a donation of \$2,500.00. Attorney Campbell reminded the Council that the law does not allow the Township to consider the donation.

Resolution No. 17-91 – Memorialize the hire of two Police Officer Dean Berrigan and Kaleb Wisner.

R 17-91

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS OF DEAN BERRIGAN AND KALEB WISNER AS POLICE OFFICERS 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 appointments of Dean Berrigan and Kaleb Wisner as Police Officers in the Police Department per Certified List of Eligibles from the Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, Dean Berrigan and Kaleb Wisner will be paid a salary according to the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that Dean Berrigan and Kaleb Wisner are hereby appointed

Police Officers in the Police Department pursuant to the 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, August 17, 2017.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 17-101 – Reappoint George Duckworth III, a Class II Officer in the Police Department.

R 17-101

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REAPPOINTING GEORGE H. DUCKWORTH III, AS A PART-TIME CLASS II POLICE OFFICER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey hereby reappoint George Duckworth III, as a part-time Class II Police Officer in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, George H. Duckworth shall be paid a salary of \$25.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey hereby reappoint George H. Duckworth III, as a part-time Class II Police Officer in the Police Department and shall be paid an hourly rate of \$25.00 per hour.

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Resolution No. 17-102 – Authorize hire of Donald Obley as a Class III Police Officer in the Police Department.

R 17-102

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY MEMORIALIZING THE HIRE OF DONALD OBLEY PART-TIME AS A CLASS III POLICE OFFICER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey hereby authorize the hire of a part-time Class III Police Officer in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Donald Obley shall be paid a salary of \$25.00 per hour; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey hereby approve the hire of Donald Obley part-time as Class III Police Officer in the Police Department and shall be paid an hourly rate of \$25.00 per hour.

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Motion to go into Executive Session by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Palitto. All in favor.

Motion to resume Regular Session by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Palitto. All in favor.

Motion to approve settlement amount as discussed in Executive Session by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Palitto, seconded by Council President Pryor. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts
Clerk/Administrator

Thomas M. McKay
Mayor