

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
6:30 pm

March 22, 2018

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

A moment of silence was offered followed by the Oath of Allegiance.

Mayor Mengucci 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 Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.

**Public Comment:** No comments from the public.

**Old Business:**

**Resolution No. 18-62** – Approve Governor’s Fiscal Grant Cycle – July 2014 – June 2019 on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for South Warren Municipal Alliance Grant Strategic Plan.

R 18-62

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM  
AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2014-JUNE 2019

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse establishing the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of the alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Warren;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the South Warren Municipal Alliance Grant for fiscal year 2019 in the amount of
2. DEDR \$7,584  
Cash Match \$2,275  
In-Kind \$5,688
3. The Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance Grant including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

James E. Mengucci

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 Thursday, March 22, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Belcaro. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.  
NAYS: None

**Resolution No. 18-63** – Authorizing Transfers between 2017 Budget Appropriation Reserves in the amount of \$1,100.00.

R 18-63

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING TRANSFER BETWEEN THE 2017 BUDGT APPROPRIATION RESERVES

WHEREAS, various 2017 bills have been presented for payment this year which bills represent obligations of the prior fiscal year and were not covered by order number and/or recorded at the time transfers between the 2017 Budget in the last two months of 2017; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the fiscal year are available until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year and allow transfers to be made from the unexpended balances to those which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months of the succeeding year.

NOW, THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey (2/3 of the majority of the full membership concurring herein) that the transfers in the amount of \$1,100.00 be made between the 2017 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

ACCOUNT:	FROM:	TO:
SALARIES AND WAGES		
Financial Administration	\$1,100.00	
Rev. Admin. – Tax Collector		
OTHER EXPENSES		
Computer Service		
Rev. Admin.-Tax Collector		
Planning Board		
Zoning Board		
Rent Board		
Fire Company No. 2		\$1,100.00
Police		
Telephone		

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Motion by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Palitto. Roll call vote:  
AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor,  
Mayor Mengucci.  
NAYS: None

**2018 Budget** – Council discussed the budget along with CFO Browne. CFO Browne provided a detailed analysis for each department as well as revenues. She thought the budget was fair and represented the needs of Lopatcong for 2018. Capital Budget was addressed also. Some adjustments were considered – next budget meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2018.

**Payment of Bills** - Council President Pryor recused himself from all bills submitted for payment by JMT. Total bills are \$1,396,986.53. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilman Palitto. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor,  
Mayor Mengucci.  
NAYS: None

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

Respectfully,

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC  
Clerk/Administrator

James E. Mengucci  
Mayor