

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
COUNCIL MEETING
4:00 pm

October 25, 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 Palitto, Councilman Belcaro, Council President Pryor, and Mayor Mengucci. Also present was Attorney Campbell.

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

R 18-261

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:

1. Personnel – Tax Collector resignation.

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 the Reorganization Meeting held on Wednesday, October 25, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

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

Business:

Resignation - Accept resignation of Rachellyn Mosher as Tax and Sewer Collector. The resignation reads – I, Rachellyn Mosher, hereby, unconditionally and permanently resign from my position as Lopatcong Township Tax Collector and Sewer Collector effective immediately. Motion by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Belcaro to accept the resignation. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Consent Agenda:

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Palitto. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Resolution No. 18-222 – Amended to make further correction to Tax Account for Block 138, Lot 14.

R 18-222 Amended

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE TAX ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 138, LOT 14

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided the receipts for payments to the tax account for Block 138, Lot 14, which were not applied to the taxpayer’s account; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to apply these payments to the account and cancel any interest associated with failure to timely post these payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office to apply the following payments to the tax account for Block 138, Lot 14:

1 st Qtr. 2017	\$2183.15
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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that warrants be drawn to the mortgage company listed below in the designated amounts representing tax payments overpaid.

<u>Block & Lot</u>	<u>Name of Payee/Mortgage</u>	<u>Amount</u>
138/14	Quicken Loan	\$613.34

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lopatcong Township Tax Office shall cancel any and all interest resulting from the failure to timely post these payments.

CERTIFICATION

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-262 – Correct Sewer Account for Block 120, Lot 4.

R 18-262

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE SEWER ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 120,

LOT 4

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided the receipts for payments to the sewer account for Block 120, Lot 4, which were not applied to the taxpayer's account; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to apply these payments to the account and cancel any interest associated with the failure to timely post these payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office to apply the following payments to the sewer account for Block 120, Lot 4:

Payment Date 7/25/2017	\$212.82
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lopatcong Township Tax Office shall cancel any and all interest resulting from the failure to timely post these payments.

CERTIFICATION

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-263 – Correct Sewer Account for Block 133, Lot 7.

R 18-263

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE SEWER ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 133,
LOT 7

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided the receipts for payments to the sewer account for Block 133, Lot 7 which were not applied to the taxpayer's account; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to apply these payments to the account and cancel any interest associated with the failure to timely post these payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office to apply the following payments to the sewer account for Block 133, Lot 7.

Payment Date – 1/5/2018	\$200.00
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lopatcong Township Tax Office shall cancel any and all interest resulting from the failure to timely post these payments.

CERTIFICATION

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-264 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-088 on Block 124, Lot 11 in the amount of \$1245.48.

R 18-264

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2017-088 ON BLOCK 124, LOT 11

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 6, 2017, a lien was sold on Block 124, Lot 11 also known as 25 Hardwick Road for 2016 delinquent sewer/taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-088 was sold to US Bank Cust for BV002; and

WHEREAS, Roundpoint Mortgage, mortgage company for property owners, has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2017-088 in the amount of \$1245.48, Premium \$0.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 25 day of October 2018 that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1245.48 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-088 to:

US Bank Cust for BV002
50 S. 16th St., Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

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, October 25, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-265 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-098 on Block 134, Lot 10 in the amount of \$441.42.

R 18-265

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2017-098 ON BLOCK 134, LOT 10

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Tax Sale held on December 6, 2017 a lien was sold on Block 134, Lot 10 also known as 19 Lauren Lane for 2016 delinquent sewer/taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-098 was sold to US Bank Cust for BV002; and

WHEREAS, Lereta, mortgage company for property owners, has satisfied the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-098 in the amount of \$441.42, Premium \$0.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 25th day of October, 2018 that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$441.42 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-098 to:

US Bank Cust for BV002
50 S. 16th St., Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

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, October 25, 2018.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 18-266 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-099 on Block 138, Lot 12 in the amount of \$992.72.

R 18-266

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 2017-099 ON BLOCK 138, LOT 12

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 6, 2017, a lien was sold on Block 138, Lot 12 also known as 9 Haze Way for 2016 delinquent sewer/taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-099 was sold to US Bank Cust for BV002; and

WHEREAS, Lereta, mortgage company for property owners, has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2017-099 in the amount of \$992.72, Premium \$0.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 25th day of October 2018, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$992.72 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-099 to:

US Bank Cust for BV002
50 S. 16th St., Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

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Resolution No. 18-267 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-097 on Block 133, Lot 49 in the amount of \$775.69.

R 18-267

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2017-097 ON BLOCK 133, LOT 49

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 6, 2017, a lien was sold on Block 133, Lot 49 also known as 59 Buckley Hill Dr. for 2016 delinquent sewer/taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-097 was sold to US Bank Cust for BV002; and

WHEREAS, LoanCare, mortgage company for property owners, has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2017-097 in the amount of \$775.69, Premium \$0.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 25th day of October 2018 that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$775.69 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-097 to:

US Bank Cust for BV002
50 S. 16th St., Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

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Payment of Bills: Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilman Palitto. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Audience Participation:

No questions from the public.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts
Clerk/Administrator

James E. Mengucci
Mayor