

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
February 16, 2016
Regular Meeting

A REGULAR MEETING of the Stillwater Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Fisher at 7:00 p.m. noting the meeting date, time and place were duly published in the New Jersey Herald and posted at the Town Hall and advised those present that this meeting was being held in compliance with provisions of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 & 13.

Roll Call was taken and the flag was saluted.

PRESENT: Committeewoman Chamblings, Committeeman Gross, Committeeman Morrison, Deputy Mayor Scott, Mayor Fisher, Municipal Clerk Lynda Knott, Township Attorney Richard Stein.

Regular Session:

CONSENT AGENDA:

ALL MATTERS LISTED BELOW ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE IN NATURE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF ANY DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT PARTICULAR ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY ON THE REGULAR AGENDA.

REPORTS:

Tax Collector – January 2016

Building Department – January 2016

Mr. Gross made a **motion** to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Scott.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Chamblings, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mr. Morrison, yes, Mr. Scott, yes, Mayor Fisher, yes

BILLS LIST #3 \$135,946.57

RESOLUTION 2016-040 PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Scott made a **motion** to adopt Resolution 2016-040, removing PO #5565, seconded by Mr. Gross.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Chamblings, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mr. Morrison, yes, Mr. Scott, yes, Mayor Fisher, yes

Mr. Scott made a **motion** to pay PO #5565, seconded by Mr. Morrison.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Chamblings, abstain, Mr. Gross, yes, Mr. Morrison, yes, Mr. Scott, yes, Mayor Fisher, yes

Open Public Session:

At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public.

There being no members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Committee Reports:

Ms. Chamblings reported the Environmental Commission (EC) met and discussed the upcoming amphibian crossing and recycling concerns, noting E-waste disposal is no longer available. The EC has invited Renee Casapulla of SCMUA to provide a recycling presentation at their next meeting to be held on March 14th and the Township Committee is invited to attend.

Mr. Scott reported the Safety Meeting was held with Mr. Gross, the fire department, OEM and rescue squad present. DPW was out salting and sanding and he commended them on a job well done. Drains are also being checked. Planning Board meets on February 17th. Mr. Scott also reported the DPW will borrow a camera from Newton to examine the drainage pipe next door.

Mr. Gross reported the Zoning Board will meet on February 22nd.

Mayor Fisher reported on the Recycling Center - newspapers, mail and magazines no longer need to be separated; the dilapidated dumpster will be replaced; E-waste is no longer available; a charge will be incurred for waste oil; in the process of moving the two co-mingle dumpsters next to each other and a wooden decking area/stairs will be installed on one for easier access.

The Recreation Commission purchased a 20' x 40' tent for under \$1,000 for Stillwater Day. Mayor Fisher will meet with George Morville and Michele Hess on Thursday evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2016-041 Awarding Contract to Kovach Mobile Equipment Corp. for One 2016 Year Mack Granite Chassis Fire Truck Tanker with 3,000 Elliptical Tank and Associated Equipment

Mayor Fisher asked for Resolution 2016-041 to be tabled allowing time to consider purchasing the two year old tanker owned by Swartswood Fire Department and due to possible litigation.

Mr. Scott made a **motion** to adopt Resolution 2016-041, awarding the contract to Kovach Mobile Equipment Corp., seconded by Mr. Morrison.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Chammings, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mr. Morrison, yes, Mr. Scott, yes, Mayor Fisher, no
Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Land Use Board: Mr. Fisher was in favor of a land use board due to the lack of business and he noted going to one meeting per month would result in a savings of \$500 per month in secretarial fees. Mr. Scott recommended tabling the item until the March 2, 2016 meeting to allow additional input from the Planning and Zoning Boards. Mr. Morrison felt if the salary is the issue it can be adjusted; he also liked the separation of the boards keeping it non-political. Ms. Chammings asked for this matter to be resolved as soon as possible as it has been carried for months.

Mr. Scott made a **motion** to table the land use board matter to the March 2, 2016 meeting, seconded by Mr. Morrison.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Chammings, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mr. Morrison, yes, Mr. Scott, yes, Mayor Fisher, yes

Utility Truck:

Ms. Chammings asked for the Committee to consider using the utility truck as an OEM vehicle to hold the generators, pumps, and chainsaws when addressing issues during storms.

Town Hall Bay:

Mayor Fisher addressed the use of the town hall bay by the Stillwater Fire Department and explained the bays were built for the DPW, archive files, DARM files and storage for the Recreation Commission. Mr. Scott stated it was unintentional and last minute storage was needed by the department. The Committee discussed options, including off-site storage.

The Committee agreed access to the town hall bay would only be permitted during daytime hours through the office of the Clerk.

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Michele Hess, 902 Cedar Tree Road expressed concern with the Recreation Commission losing their storage space in the garage bay; one closet is not sufficient for the items that need to be stored. She understood there was a situation but felt it was unfair. A letter was submitted to the Committee from the Recreation Commission with regard to this matter. Ms. Chammings explained this was a last minute solution and once items are moved there will be more space.

Kathleen Draghi, 1016 Route 619, a member of the Zoning Board reminded the Committee that an analysis was requested by the Zoning Board Chairperson showing the cost savings achieved by forming a land use board. She asked for a decision to be made as this matter has been considered for some time.

Vincent Kornmeyer, Swartswood Volunteer Fire Department provided a background on their activities including the purchase of their own fire trucks with the exception of one; serving as a shelter during Sandy and Irene; 119 calls answered during Sandy and 38 calls during Irene and Lee; basement pump outs and generators brought to homes in need. The department responded to 77 calls during 2015 and have filled pools, watered grass at the park, lent trucks to the DPW when needed, provided a free turkey dinner and participated in Stillwater Day and Memorial Day service. There has been a lack of communication between the town hall and the department; and documents have been lost or never received. A professional audit has never been requested in all his years serving. He noted three members of the Committee serve on the Stillwater Fire Department and he returned the \$2500 check to Mayor Fisher the Committee had provided to the department in 2015.

There being no further members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Other items:

Mr. Scott informed the public there was a bad fire in Hampton and he asked for donations of clothing and household items to the family.

Ms. Chammings thanked Mr. Kornmeyer and Ms. Richardson for their help over the weekend and appreciated everyone moving forward in a difficult situation.

Attorney Report: No report

There being no further business, Mr. Scott made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m., seconded by Mr. Gross. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wunder