

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
January 4, 2011
Regular Meeting**

A REGULAR MEETING of the Stillwater Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Scott at 6:04 p.m. noting the meeting schedule was 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: Mayor Scott, Deputy Mayor Fisher, Committeeman Gross, Committeeman Morrison, Municipal Clerk Judy Fisher and Attorney Larry Cohen

Mr. Fisher arrived at 6:10 p.m.

After the reading of the following Resolution to enter into Executive Session, a **motion** was made by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Gross and unanimously carried by roll call vote to adopt the resolution permitting the Committee to go into Executive Session at 6:06 p.m.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater, in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: Personnel: Interviews for Committeeperson
3. As nearly as can now be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

There being no further business to attend to, a **motion** was made by Mr. Gross, seconded by Mr. Fisher to conclude the Executive Session at 7:08 p.m., unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Regular Session:

Committeeperson Appointment: Mr. Gross made a **motion** to appoint Anita Straway as Committeeperson, seconded by Mr. Fisher.

Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Fisher, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mr. Morrison, yes, Mayor Scott, yes Mrs. Straway sworn in by Clerk Fisher.

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 SEPERATELY ON THE REGULAR AGENDA.

Minutes: Regular Meeting: December 21, 2010; Executive Session: December 21, 2010; Re-organization Meeting: January 1, 2011

Resolutions:

2011-12 Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council

2011-13 Authorize Tax Assessor & Township Attorney to Handle Tax Appeals

2011-14 2011 Open Space Trust Fund

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

Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Fisher, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mr. Morrison, yes, Mrs. Straway, abstain, Mayor Scott, yes

Bill List Cycle #1: \$685,039.69

Mr. Morrison made a **motion** to approve Bill List Cycle #1, seconded by Mr. Gross.

Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Fisher, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mr. Morrison, yes, Mrs. Straway, abstain, Mayor Scott, yes

Amendments to the Agenda:

The following items were added to the agenda under New Business: Andy Martin - request for a leave of absence; Amend 2011 holiday list

Committeeperson Reports:

Mr. Fisher reported the Recreation Commission met on January 3, 2011, reviewed their budget and decreased it to \$14,860, cutting clay costs by using the Co-op. The RC discussed aerating the clay and planning three bus trips during the year. Ms. Chamings was elected the Chairperson and Mrs. Murch was elected as Vice-Chairperson.

Mr. Scott reported he received an invitation from the Stillwater Fire Department for Mrs. Straway to attend the installation of officers dinner on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at the firehouse. He also reported that he and Mr. Hendershot will be conducting interviews for the DPW position. Mr. Scott stated the DPW has been working on their budget and the Condo law "budget" with respect to salt and grit use at this point.

Open Public Session (agenda items only)

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

Old Business:

Township Liaison Appointments:

George Scott	Legal/Attorney; Town Hall; Planning Board Class I; DPW; Safety/OEM;
Statewide Insurance	
William Morrison	Auditor; Engineering; Planning Board Class II
Charles Gross	Recycling; Zoning; Board of Health; Court; League of Municipalities
Timmy Fisher	Recreation; Clean Communities; PSE&G; Fire/EMS
Anita Straway	COAH; Environmental Commission; Gypsy Moth; School Board
Geraldine Pflugh	208 Water Quality

Planning Board Appointments (Mayor's Appointment):

Mayor Scott made the following appointments to the Planning Board:

Don Donofrio, Class IV – term expiration 12/31/12

Geraldine Pflugh, Class IV – term expiration 12/31/12

Zoning Board of Adjustment Appointments:

Mayor Scott made a **motion** to appoint Richard Sarni as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a term expiration of 12/31/14; and to move Bruce Daingerfield from the Alternate #1 position to a regular member, filling the unexpired term of Jamie Moore to 12/31/12, seconded by Mr. Fisher.

Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Fisher, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mr. Morrison, yes, Mrs. Straway, yes, Mayor Scott, yes

Environmental Commission Appointment: Moved to the January 18, 2011 agenda

Recreation Commission Appointment: Moved to the January 18, 2011 agenda

New Business:

Andrew Martin – Leave of Absence: Mr. Fisher made a **motion** granting a leave of absence to Andrew Martin, seconded by Mrs. Straway

Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Fisher, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mr. Morrison, yes, Mrs. Straway, yes, Mayor Scott, yes

Amendment to the 2011 Holiday List: Mr. Fisher made a **motion** to add Lincoln's Birthday, February 11, 2011, to the 2011 holiday list, in accordance with Civil Service, seconded by Mrs. Gross.

Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Fisher, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mr. Morrison, yes, Mrs. Straway, yes, Mayor Scott, yes

Following a brief discussion, the Committee agreed to re-address the day after Thanksgiving in November.

Open Public Session:

Lee Hammond, 904 Maple Lane thanked the Committee for their service. He expressed concern with the donation of the police vehicles and tax situation, and he felt the vehicles should have been sold to provide revenue, noting there were other ways to aid the fire departments. He also expressed concern with the Length of Service Award Plan (LOSAP) program. Mr. Gross stated the LOSAP program was approved by referendum. Mr. Morrison explained it is not a pension, it is an account and when a fire member department leaves they only get the amount that the township has deposited in the account, it is not a pension.

Michele Adamski, 972 Route 521 asked about the property revaluation. Mr. Gross stated it will be conducted during 2011. Following the revaluation, a resident will have an opportunity to meet with the evaluators to discuss the result.

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

Attorney Report: Mr. Cohen thanked the Committee for his reappointment. Mr. Scott asked if the Clerk is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) until June, noting she has been appointed as Acting CFO until June. Mrs. Fisher stated there was no date placed on the appointment. Attorney Cohen would research the matter.

Mr. Scott provided the following 2011 Election Day information:

April 27 – School Board Elections
May 10 – Vernon Municipal Elections
June 7 - Primary Election Day
November 8 – General Election Day

Correspondence:

Mayor's Advisory Correspondence is available for review in the Correspondence Binder.

Executive Session:

After the reading of the following Resolution to enter into Executive Session, a **motion** was made by Mr. Gross, seconded by Mr. Morrison and unanimously carried by roll call vote to adopt the resolution permitting the Committee to go into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m.

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There being no further business to attend to, a **motion** was made by Mayor Scott, seconded by Mr. Fisher to conclude the Executive Session at 8:07 p.m., unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Following the Executive Session, Mrs. Straway made a **motion** to hold a Special Meeting on January 11, 2011 at 7 p.m. for the purpose of conducting interviews for the position of Chief Financial Officer, seconded by Mr. Fisher.

Roll Call Vote: Deputy Mayor Fisher, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mr. Morrison, yes, Mrs. Straway, yes, Mayor Scott, yes

There being no further business, Mr. Morrison made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fisher. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wunder