



Evesham Township

Council Matters

January, February 2016

Ordinances, Resolutions, and Motions

Massage Parlors: On May 26th, 2015, Township Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-5-2015 by a vote of 4-0. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate massage establishments within the municipality. Since the massage business affects public health, safety, and the general welfare of residents, this ordinance requires that all massage establishments be annually licensed with the township through the Police Department and approved by Council. This legislation excludes licensed physicians, osteopathy, chiropractors, and physical therapists.

Neighborhood Sign Program: In September 2015, Township Council approved Ordinance No. 24-9-2015, which established the neighborhood sign grant program. The program enables the township to give \$500 per sign for each neighborhood looking to improve their entranceway signs who might not have the means to do so. Two neighborhoods have successfully completed the program since its implementation.

2015 Annual Report: On February 23rd, Township Council adopted Evesham Township's 2015 Annual Report. The Annual Report reflects the accomplishments and challenges faced by each department in 2015 and highlights goals and objectives for 2016. This report also includes a financial overview for the township as a whole, examining the 2015 budget, debt structure, and the municipality's role as a tax collector for regional governments. Also in this report, residents will find a summary of the 2015 capital projects and an overall performance review based on resident satisfaction. The 2015 Annual Report can be found online at www.evesham-nj.org.

EMUA/Township Integration: In an ongoing effort to save community resources and improve services, the Township Council directed the Township Manager to study the merits of integrating the water and sewer services as a water and sewer department of the township. It is currently run as an independent entity known as the Evesham Municipal Utilities Authority. In order for a consolidation to occur, the Township Council would need to obtain approval from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs. Once the state has reviewed the materials, the Township Council will review the matter again along with any input and requirements from the state before deciding on a final course of action. A video presentation, PowerPoint slides, and FAQs are available on the township's website.

Council's Corner

Councilman Ken D'Andrea was nominated and appointed to the position of Deputy Mayor by a vote of 3-0 at the January 4 Reorganization Meeting. Mr. D'Andrea has been a member of Township Council since 2011 and was previously appointed to the Deputy Mayor position in 2012.



A lifelong member of Evesham Township, Mr. D'Andrea is also active in the community as President and Co-Founder of the Evesham Celebrations Foundation, and Commissioner of Marlton Soccer.

Pictured: Mayor Brown swearing in Mr. D'Andrea as Deputy Mayor at the January 4th Council Meeting.

At the January 4th meeting, Mr. D'Andrea thanked Councilman Bob DiEnna for his service as Deputy Mayor for 2015. Mr. D'Andrea stated that he was honored to once again serve the Evesham community as Deputy Mayor. As Deputy Mayor, his ultimate goal is to unite the community one event at a time. Mr. D'Andrea mirrored Mayor Brown's comments about implementing and sustaining township projects to further grow and improve the community. You can reach Deputy Mayor D'Andrea at:

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Grant Applications

The township applies for numerous grants throughout the year. The following grants have been awarded and are currently being utilized for various projects and improvements to enhance the community.

Municipal Aid Funding, State Grant: The township received \$196,000 for the repaving of Greentree Road, including roadways, curbs, sidewalks, and the implementation of traffic calming measures. Work will be completed in Spring 2016.

2013 County Grant: The township received \$187,000 for the improvement of local parks. This grant was used for improvements of various local parks throughout the township. The remaining funds will be used to further improve area parks in 2016.

2014 County Grant: The township was awarded \$250,000 from this grant.

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Boards and Commissions

At the January and February Council Meetings, the following individuals were placed to serve on the township's various boards and commissions.

Environmental Commission: John Volpa and Gary Toothman were re-appointed as regular members. Dominick Mondì has been placed as a regular member, and Ray McAvaddy has been appointed as alternate #1.

Senior Advisory Board: Barbara Kanjo was appointed to serve on the board and is their newest member.

Zoning Board: Linda Hughes has been appointed as a regular member, and Greg Amato has been appointed as Alternate #1. New member, Phillip Wessner, was appointed as Alternate #2. Marilyn Williamson, a long time board member and former chairwoman, has retired from her position. We wish her the best of luck and thank her for her service to the Zoning Board.

The Zoning Board is accepting applications for new members. If interested, or know someone who would be interested, please contact the Township Clerk's Office for more information at 856-983-2900.

Congratulations again to John, Gary, Dominick, Ray, Barbara, Linda, Greg, and Phillip on their appointments to the various boards and commissions.

Upcoming Meetings

March 22nd, 6:30 pm

April 12th, 6:30 pm

April 26th, 4:00 pm

All meetings are held in the Courtroom in the Municipal Building, located at 984 Tuckerton Road.

Grants (Con't)

2014 County Grant: The funds received were used in 2015 for the paving of the Evesboro Downs Park. Additional funds from this grant will be used to install a playground at Evesboro Downs in Spring 2016. The remaining funds have been set aside for the creation of a dog park at the Municipal Complex.

Recreational Trails Grant— Friends of the Black Run preserve received \$24,000 from the DEP Green Acres Program to improve the trails for recreational use at the Black Run Preserve.



Brushhollow Park was given new paving, benches, and equipment as part of the 2013 Municipal Grant.

Did You Know?

Chapter 102: Maintenance of Property

The Township Code addresses many areas that are meant to improve the community. Residents and businesses alike are expected to abide by the Township Code. As the winter turns to spring, and the weather grows warmer, many residents will begin to improve landscaping. Chapter 102, discusses the township rules for maintaining property.

§ 102-10 Landscaping: Section 10 of Chapter 102 requires that all landscaping on residential and commercial properties be appropriately maintained. All grass, lawns, hedges, bushes, and plants should be kept trimmed and orderly. All forms of landscaping are to be kept from becoming overgrown and unsightly. Any fallen or dead trees, grass, shrubs, and other plantings should be replaced. If the property is located at a site triangle, the property owner is responsible for ensuring that the area is free of obstructions or other growth that would prevent safe travel by motor vehicles.

§ 102-15 Maintenance of sidewalks, curbs and paved areas: Section 15 of Chapter 102 states that the owner, occupant, or resident of a commercial or residential property is responsible for removing litter and debris from the sidewalk or any other pedestrian area. The areas should be swept as often as necessary to maintain it free of litter and other debris. Residents are also responsible for maintaining the buffer strip between the sidewalk and the curb line. This includes the trimming and cutting of overgrown grass.

Section 15 also addresses other paved areas and driveways. Similar to sidewalks, driveways must be clear of litter and debris and kept in a good state of repair. For commercial and industrial areas, the driveways, loading areas, or other paved surfaces are bound by the same requirements.

The township reserves the right to enforce this code. Property owners that do not abide by any items stipulated in Chapter 102 will be subjected to penalties.

The Township Code can be found on the township's website at www.evesham-nj.org

About

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