

February 4, 2014
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Evesham Township Council was called to order by Mayor Brown at 4:00p.m. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the Evesham Township Municipal Complex at 984 Tuckerton Road, Marlton, NJ 08053.

Flag Salute.

Mayor Brown announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Proper notification has been given to the two official newspapers, The Central Record and The Burlington County Times, by publishing same on January 16, 2014 and January 9, 2014, respectively, and also posted in the Municipal Building on January 6, 2014, at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting. Proper notification has also been given to any person so requesting same.

ROLL CALL: Present: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli,
Mayor Brown
Absent: XXX
Also Present: Township Manager Cromie, Township
Solicitor Gillespie, Township Engineer
Staszewski, Deputy Township Manager of
Finance Shanahan (arrived at 4:10p.m.),
Deputy Township Manager of Community
Affairs Vandenberg, Director of Community
Development Jamanow, Township Clerk
Bergh, Deputy Township Clerk Schmitt

Preliminary Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

None.

WORK SESSION

**1. Amendment to Chapter 27 - Professional Service Contract
Threshold**

Township Manager Cromie opened discussion by referencing a memorandum to Mayor and Council, from Deputy Township Manager Shanahan, regarding the Township's current pay-to-play professional services contract threshold under Chapter 27 of the Township code. Mr. Cromie stated that the current threshold is \$10,000.00 which is below the State's threshold of \$17,500.00. Mr. Cromie stated that during the past year some projects have been delayed awaiting Council's approval and requested that Council consider amending Chapter 27 of the Township code to be consistent with the State pay-to-play threshold of \$17,500.00.

Discussion followed on the State's pay-to-play guidelines. Township Manager Gillespie advised Council on the guidelines

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governing Professional Service Contracts and requested Council's permission to amend Chapter 27 of the Township code.

2. Vacancies on Board and Commissions

Discussion opened on the current vacancies on Township Board and Commissions.

Mayor Brown announced a Mayoral Appointment - John Maddox to the Environmental Commission.

Resolution No. 63-2014 - Amending Resolution No.18-2014 - Appointments to the Library Committee

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Deputy Mayor D'Andrea, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-2014 inserting the name Rabbi Ilene Schneider to a one year term to expire December 31, 2014.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 64-2014- A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 19-2014 - Appointments to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Deputy Mayor D'Andrea, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-2014 inserting the names Earl Phillips, Jane Roth, and Katherine Tighe.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Council agreed to postpone the Evesham Municipal Utilities Authority appointment to the meeting of February 18th.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 45-2014 - Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations (2014-2)

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Deputy Mayor D'Andrea, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 45-2014.

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Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 46-2014 - Authorizing Transfer of Appropriation Reserves (Number 1)

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Deputy Mayor D'Andrea, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 46-2014.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 47-2014 - Award of Contract - Township Solicitor

Resolution No. 48-2014 - Award of Contract - Municipal COAH Council

Resolution No. 49-2014 - Award of Contract - Bond Counsel

Resolution No. 50-2014 - Award of Contract - Labor Council

Resolution No. 51-2014 - Award of Contract - Township Auditor

Resolution No. 52-2014 - Award of Contract - Township Engineer

Resolution No. 53-2014 - Award of Contract - Township Traffic Engineer

Resolution No. 54-2014 - Award of Contract - Township Architect

Resolution No. 55-2014 - Award of Contract - Township Financial Advisor

Resolution No. 56-2014 - Award of Contract - Township Insurance Broker

Resolution No. 57-2014 - Award of Contract - Third Party Administrator

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Resolution No. 58-2014 - Award of Contract for Professional Engineering Services 9-11 Memorial Design at the Evesham Fire Station on East Main Street

Resolution No. 59-2014 - Award of Contract for Professional Legal Services - Previous Years' Tax Appeals and General Legal Work

Resolution No. 60-2014 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of Contracts for Appraisal Services (G Boys Garden & Christmas Center; Olga's Diner; Tri-Towne Plaza)

Resolution No. 61-2014- Award of Contract for the Purchase of One (1) Tandem Axle Truck with Combination Dump Body, Snow Plow and Associated Equipment Department of Public Works

Mayor Brown called for any separations.

Deputy Mayor D'Andrea requested that Resolution No. 62-2014 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

One motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Deputy Mayor D'Andrea, it was moved to adopt Resolutions No. 47-2014 through Resolutions No. 61-2014.

Deputy Mayor D'Andrea requested that wording in Resolution No. 58-2014 be amended to remove the language referencing a LED sign.

Councilman DiEnna acknowledged the pro bono work offered by Remington and Vernick Engineers, on the 9-11 Memorial design, at the Evesham Fire Station on Main Street, and thanked the firm for their services on this project.

Councilman DiEnna inquired about increases in the professional service contracts this year.

Township Manager Cromie stated that the numbers are based on the entire year and that the figures are reasonable. Mr. Cromie also stated that the increase in the Solicitor's contract is due to the current redevelopment project and the increased number of tax appeals. Mr. Cromie assured Council that Deputy Manager of Finance Shanahan monitors all invoices for accuracy.

Mayor Brown stated that Council is always committed to staying under budget.

Recorded Vote on Resolutions No. 47-2014 through Resolutions No. 61-2014.

AYE: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown

NAYE: XXX

ABSTAIN: XXX

Motion Carried: 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

STAFF COMMENTS

Deputy Township Manager of Finance Shanahan briefed Council on the impact of the recent snow storms on the 2014 roads budget. Mr. Shanahan informed Council that currently the budget is running \$160,000.000 higher than this time last year.

Sanford Student announced that the National Draw Lacrosse Tournament could potentially conflict with the Cherokee High School graduation ceremony, if the school year was extended due to additional snow days.

Councilman DiEnna inquired as to how we can recognize Remington and Vernick's pro bono engineering services on the 9-11 Memorial Design.

Mayor Brown said that a commemorative plaque at the site would be an idea. Mayor Brown also commented that the builder's trades may want to be included in this project.

Deputy Mayor D'Andrea inquired if Solicitor Gillespie needed any additional information on the sponsorship signs for the new Baseball/Softball complex. There was some discussion on the size and cost of the signs. Solicitor Gillespie said that he would prepare an Ordinance amending the Township's Facility Use Policy for Council's consideration on a future agenda.

Resolution No. 62-2014 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, Township Council and Support Staff to Meet in Private Session and Authorizing the Exclusion of the Public from the Portion of the Meeting Dealing With Specific Issues Requiring Non-Public Discussion: Litigation

One motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Deputy Mayor D'Andrea, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-2014.

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Recorded Vote: Aye: All Ayes
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried: 5-0.

Council convened in Executive Session at 4:43p.m.

On motion by Deputy Mayor D'Andrea, seconded by Councilwoman Hackman, it was moved to come out of Executive Session.

Recorded Vote: AYE: All Ayes.
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

On motion by Deputy Mayor D'Andrea, seconded by Councilwoman Hackman, it was moved to adjourn the meeting.

Recorded Vote: AYE: All Ayes.
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:54p.m.

Mary Lou Bergh, Township Clerk

Randy Brown, Mayor

Maggie Schmitt, Deputy Township Clerk

Submitted: March 4, 2014

Approved: _____