

GREEN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MARCH 6, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phillips called the March 6, 2017, meeting of the Green Township Committee to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADEQUATE NOTICE: Mr. Zschack read the statement of adequate notice.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Daniel Conkling, Mrs. Ginnie Raffay, and Mayor Peg Phillips

Absent: Mr. James Chirip and Mr. Bader Qarmout

Also present: Mr. Mark Zschack, Clerk/Administrator; Mrs. Ursula Leo, Township Attorney; and Mr. Watson Perigo, Municipal Department head

Mr. Conkling motioned to excuse the absent members.

Seconded: Mrs. Raffay

Discussion: None

All were in favor.

DISCUSSIONS:

New Jersey Government Energy Aggregation Program – Ms. Wendy Molner, Concord Energy Services and Lisa Hibbs, Commercial Utility Consultants offered a slide presentation concerning their Community Energy Aggregation program. Committee members offered questions and comments concerning this program. The following residents also provided questions and/or comments:

Mrs. Josephine Fracasso, 111 Hibler Road

Ms. Faith Vohden, 239 Pequest Road

Mr. Ron Bottoni, 105 Wolfs Corner Road

Ms. Marie Bilik, 30 Highland Ave

After addressing questions and comments from residents and Committee members, Lisa Hibbs suggested that Commercial Utility Consultants hold a public outreach meeting with Township residents to gauge their interest in such a program.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. RESOLUTIONS: (Approval of the Following)

- Resolution 2017-51 - To Read the 2017 Municipal Budget by Title Only

2. CORRESPONDENCE: (Acceptance for Filing of the Following)

- Letter of resignation from Nick Ciccone dated February 21, 2017
- Letter of resignation from Heidi Conkling dated March 1, 2017

3. REPORTS: (Acceptance for Filing of the Following)

- Trinca Airport – February 16 and 23, 2017
- Sussex County Planning Board Minutes of January 9, 2017
- Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2017
- Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2017
- Tax Collector – January and February 2017

4. APPLICATIONS: (Approval of the Following)

None

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5. MINUTES:

1. Minutes ready for approval – February 22, 2017, regular session

Mr. Conkling motioned to approve the Consent Agenda dated March 6, 2017

Seconded: Mrs. Raffay

Discussion: None

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip				X
Mr. Conkling	X			
Mr. Qarmout				X
Mrs. Raffay	X			
Mrs. Phillips	X			

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was discussed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Resolution 2017-52 - Introduce the 2017 Municipal Budget

Motion: Mr. Conkling

Seconded: Mrs. Raffay

Discussion: None

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip				X
Mr. Conkling	X			
Mr. Qarmout				X
Mrs. Raffay	X			
Mrs. Phillips	X			

MATTERS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY:

Mr. Conkling stated that he feels that the First Aid Squad should have received more funding than the ten percent authorized. Ms. Raffay and Mayor Philips offered no report at this time.

MATTERS FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Zschack offered the following report:

- The Municipal Building has experienced intermittent internet service. To correct this problem, we are switching to a cable based service with PenTeleData.
- Clean Communities cleanup is scheduled for April 22nd. As usual local organizations, will be involved in the cleanup of garbage along Township roads and properties. Additionally, the Road Department collects tires, car batteries and metal. This year the collection of E-Waste will also be added.
- Student Government Day is scheduled for May 1st. Students arrive in the morning for a short program then take a guided tour of the Township. Lunch is provided and all students return at night to join the Township Committee for the regular meeting. All members of the Township Committee are encouraged to participate in the daytime program.
- The Township submitted an application for a grant to receive tree seedlings. These trees will not be available to distribute on Clean Communities Day but will be dispensed on Spring Yard Sale Day which is scheduled for May 6th.

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- The additional survey at the intersection of CR 517 and Scenic Drive is complete and was forwarded to the County. This survey will determine the number of trees that will be removed to expand the sight distance to increase safety. Once this area is marked out we encourage all Township Committee members to visit the site.
- A couple of fillable documents have been launched on the Township's website. The goal, over the next few weeks, is to provide all forms that are in use by the Township to be fillable.
- The Natural Gas Survey, from Elizabethtown Gas, should be received by all Township residents around March 15th.
- As previously reported, Township Planner Jessica Caldwell has drafted a report describing areas for the Township to consider in the Expansion of Non-Residential Zones. Please review this report and visit the properties with a discussion to take place at the March 20th meeting. Mrs. Caldwell will be in attendance.

MATTERS FROM THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY: None

MATTERS FROM THE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT HEAD: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS: Mayor Phillips opened the meeting to the public

Mrs. Josephine Fracasso, 111 Hibler Road, thanked Mr. Conkling for recognizing the First Aid Squad and their funding needs.

As there were no further public comments, Mayor Phillips closed the meeting to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Resolution ES2017-03 to discuss potential litigation

Mr. Conkling motioned to enter Executive Session at 8:13 p.m.

Seconded: Mrs. Raffay

Discussion: None

All were in favor.

Mayor Phillips announced that no expectation of any further action at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mrs. Raffay motioned to adjourn Executive session at 8:43 p.m.

Seconded: Mr. Conkling

Discussion: None

All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:


Mr. Conkling motioned to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

Seconded: Mrs. Raffay

Discussion: None

All were in favor.

***ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THESE MINUTES**



Mark Zschack, RMC
Clerk/Administrator

Date Approved: March 20, 2017

**RESOLUTION 2017-51
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF GREEN
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

A RESOLUTION TO READ THE 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing, a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection; and

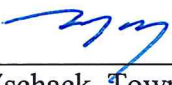
WHEREAS, the conditions required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 will be satisfied for the 2017 Municipal Budget by Township Officials.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Green in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, that the 2017 Municipal Budget shall be read by title only at the Public Hearing on April 3, 2017.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

DATED: March 6, 2017

I, Mark Zschack, Township Clerk of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on March 6, 2017.



Mark Zschack, Township Clerk

Record of Vote:

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip						√
Mr. Conkling	√		√			
Mr. Qarmout						√
Mrs. Raffay		√	√			
Mrs. Phillips			√			

RESOLUTION 2017-52
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF GREEN
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCE 2017 BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the Local Municipal budget of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, New Jersey for the fiscal year 2017 be approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Green, and the Clerk is hereby instructed to advertise in the New Jersey Herald on March 17, 2017 and that a final public hearing before passage will be held on April 3, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building and that said budget shall authorize total general appropriations of \$3,567,167.80 and the anticipated revenues of \$1,059,978.65 leaving an amount to be raised by taxes for municipal purposes of \$2,507,189.15.

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Mr. Conkling	√		√			
Mr. Qarmout						√
Mrs. Raffay		√	√			
Mrs. Phillips			√			

RESOLUTION ES 2017-03
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF GREEN
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NJ

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 (N.J.S.A. 10:13-12) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 requires the adoption of a resolution prior to the Township Committee going into Closed Session stating the general nature of the subject matter to be discussed and generally the time and circumstances under which the discussion conducted in Closed Session can be disclosed to the public;


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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon and hereinafter specified subject matter(s)
2. The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is as follows:

☐ Personnel ☐ Contract ☐ Real Property
☐ Public Safety ☒ Litigation/Potential Litigation ☐ Attorney-Client
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter(s) will be made public at the conclusion of each individual specified subject matter.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately

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Mr. Qarmout						√
Mrs. Raffay		√	√			
Mrs. Phillips			√			