

**MINUTES
GREEN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phillips called the October 3, 2022, meeting of the Green Township Committee to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. James Chirip, James DeYoung, Mr. Bader Qarmout, Mr. Virginia "Ginnie" Raffay, and Mayor Margaret "Peg" Phillips

Also present: Mr. Mark Zschack, Township Clerk/Administrator; Mr. Angelo Bolcato, Township Attorney; and Mrs. Patty DeClesis, Deputy Clerk

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1 Mayor Phillips opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments concerning items on the agenda for which no public discussion is provided. Mayor Phillips noted that no public members were present at this time and closed Open Public Session #1.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **RESOLUTIONS:** (Approval of the Following)
None
2. **CORRESPONDENCE:** (Acceptance for Filing of the Following)
 - a. Board of County Commissioners Resolution Adopted September 14, 2022, In Support of the Restoration of Passenger Rail Service Between New York City and Scranton, PA by Way of a Fully Reconstructed Lackawanna Cut-Off Rail Line
 - b. Sandyston Township Resolution Adopted on September 20, 2022, Opposing Tier A Designation
 - c. Township of Fredon Ordinance Introduced September 22, 2022, Amending the Zoning Ordinances to Add the Definition of "Solar Roof Tile" and Permit Solar Energy Devices in All Residential Districts Subject to Certain Criteria
 - d. Email from Marcia Rittie Concerning the Continuing of Noise Complaints on Fox Hollow Way
3. **REPORTS:** (Acceptance for Filing of the Following)
 - a. Treasurer's Report - August 31, 2022

Qarmout requested to remove Correspondence item 2d

Chirip motioned to move Consent Agenda minus Correspondence item 2d

Seconded: DeYoung

Discussion: None

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Chirip, DeYoung, Qarmout, Raffay, Phillips

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Qarmout motioned to move Consent Agenda Correspondence item 2d

Seconded: Raffay

Discussion: Qarmout noted the email from Marcia Rittie indicating her dissatisfaction with the Township Committee's handling of the noise issue and asked if there is more information on this issue. The Township

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Attorney replied that a court date is scheduled for November depending on the State Trooper's availability. A discussion ensued concerning the issue and the pending trial. The Committee directed Mr. Zschack to respond to Mrs. Rittie's email with an update and that a trial will likely be scheduled in November. The Committee will continue to monitor the situation.

Ayes: Chirip, DeYoung, Qarmout, Raffay, Phillips

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

DISCUSSIONS: State Health Benefits Plan Proposed Increase - Mayor Phillips stated there has been no updates from the State, therefore the discussion will be carried to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Resolution 2022-156 - Bills List (09/15/2022 to 09/26/2022)

Motion: Qarmout

Seconded: Raffay

Discussion: None

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Chirip, DeYoung, Qarmout, Raffay, Phillips

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

b. Resolution 2022-157 - In Opposition to the Reassignment by the NJDEP from Tier B to Tier A

Motion: Chirip

Seconded: Raffay

Discussion: Raffay commented that the resolution from Sandyston sounds much stronger than the model resolutions from other municipalities. A discussion ensued regarding preferred verbiage in the resolution. The Committee would like to stress the negative impact on the residents of Green Township in order to comply with these unfunded mandates. Revisions will be made and will be sent to the Committee for review.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: None

Nays: Chirip, DeYoung, Qarmout, Raffay, Phillips

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

c. Minutes ready for approval - September 19, 2022, Regular Meeting and Executive Session

Motion: Raffay

Seconded: Chirip

Discussion: None

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Chirip, DeYoung, Qarmout, Raffay, Phillips

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

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MATTERS FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK: Mr. Zschack noted the following matters:

Pequest Road DOT Repaving Project - The milling and paving project on Pequest Road was completed last Thursday except for the line stripping. The Township Engineer and the Superintendent of Public Works have offered some concerns about one seam and the amount of oil that remains in one area. The Township Engineer is following up with the contractor. Kudos goes out to the DPW for a job well done with traffic control and additional duties. We have received just a few concerns from residents that will be followed-up on.

Cape Seal - The second phase of the cape seal project on Quaker Road and Old Forge Lane was completed on Friday. There was a slight issue with the contractor not ordering enough product therefore the process was extended by a few hours. Even with this extension of time, I am not aware of any complaints from the public. Currently the road surface appears a little rough, but we are assured that this will smooth out over time. Once again kudos goes out to the DPW for their demeanor and professionalism while dealing with the public during the closure of these roads.

MATTERS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY: Mr. Chirip thanked the Recreation Committee and the DPW employees for one of the best Green Township Days.

Mr. Qarmout stated although he was unable to attend Green Township Day, he had heard positive feedback and thanked everyone.

Mrs. Raffay also heard positive feedback on Green Township Day. Mrs. Raffay spoke with some people that attended with their dog. They were all very pleased with the decision to allow dogs in the park

Mayor Phillips gave kudos to the Recreation Committee and kudos to the DPW for the coordination of the unveiling of the sign and plaque for the pavilion.

Mayor Phillips attended the Sussex County League of Municipalities virtual meeting on September 22, 2022. One of the topic items was a presentation of possibly having a Sussex County Municipal Court Regionalization. Assemblyman Parker Space has pushed through a bill that will allow for counties to regionalize their county courts and save expenses for the municipalities. Mayor Phillips will forward information she received to the Committee.

MATTERS FROM THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY: Mr. Bolcato stated that he has a few matters for discussion in Executive Session.

MATTERS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Not in attendance.

WEEKEND BAG PROGRAM: Dawn, Olivia and Magdalen Costello provided an update on the Weekend Bag Program and asked if the Township can offer any help to spread the word on the Program. Mayor Phillips requested that a donation box be put out in the foyer of the municipal building and mentioned in the Green Grapevine to be bring attention to the program. The Committee thanked the Weekend Bag Program for the wonderful job they have done.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #2: Mayor Phillips noted that no public members were present at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Resolution ES2022-21 - Contract Negotiations - Fire Coverage Services

- Litigation - Block 16, Lot 21.02
- Litigation - Wolosky Litigation
- Contract Negotiations - Greendell Post Office Lease

Raffay motioned to enter Executive Session at 8:02 p.m.

Seconded: Qarmout

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Discussion: None
All were in favor.

The Committee returned to Open Public Session at 8:58 p.m.

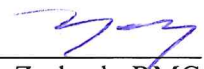
Raffay motioned to adjourn Executive Session and return to Open Public Session
Seconded: Qarmout
Discussion: None
All were in favor.

Mayor Phillips noted the next Township Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chirip motioned to adjourn at 8:59 p.m.
Seconded: DeYoung
Discussion: None
All were in favor.

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



Mark Zschack, RMC
Township Clerk

Date Approved: October 17, 2022

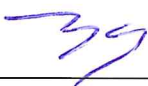
RESOLUTION 2022-156
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF GREEN
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NJ

BILLS LIST (09/15/2022 to 09/26/2022)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREEN IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the List of Bills dated from 09/15/2022 to 09/26/2022 attached to and made a part of this Resolution is hereby accepted and approved for payment.

DATED: October 3, 2022

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 regular meeting held on October 3, 2022.



Mark Zschack, RMC, Township Clerk

Record of Vote:

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

List of Bills - CLEARING ACCOUNT (FUND 01 02 04 12 19)

Meeting Date: 10/03/2022 For bills from 09/15/2022 to 09/26/2022

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
11511	1993 - ACF Landscape Design, Inc.	PO 15556 2022 Mowing and Trimming	6,460.00	6,460.00
11512	1940 - Amazon	PO 15695 Acrylic sign holders	38.69	38.69
11513	498 - Blue Ridge Lumber Co., Inc.	PO 15384 Hardware Supplies	773.99	773.99
11514	2017 - Hard Rock Hotel & Casino	PO 15660 Conference for Penny Holenstein	480.00	480.00
11515	188 - Home Depot Credit Services	PO 15385 Supplies	302.91	302.91
11516	108 - Honeywell International Inc.	PO 15319 2022 Contract Acct#530721	1,719.67	1,719.67
11517	190 - JCP& L	PO 15426 Airport Electric Bill 2022	4.09	
		PO 15463 Street Lighting 2022	41.25	45.34
11518	1632 - Laddey, Clark & Ryan LLP	PO 15692 Legal Services for August 2022	4,206.00	4,206.00
11519	1960 - Navitend	PO 15299 2022 Agreement Office 365	820.00	820.00
11520	2141 - Primepoint, LLC	PO 15305 Time & Labor Management Program	117.50	117.50
11521	2016 - Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP	PO 15454 2022 Tax Appeals	140.18	140.18
11522	330 - State of New Jersey	PO 15696 2021 Unemployment Disability Assessment	126.65	126.65
11523	114 - Sussex County MUA	PO 15397 Municipal/Household Waste	8,232.00	8,232.00
11524	179 - Sussex County Rental Center	PO 15393 Equipment Rentals	233.80	233.80
11525	148 - Tropicana Casino & Resort	PO 15679 NJLM Conference - Miller #7308	252.00	252.00
11526	34 - Verizon	PO 15697 September Phone Bill 2022	991.52	991.52
11527	2034 - Wielkotez & Company LLC	PO 15686 FAST system - Audit	650.00	650.00
TOTAL				25,590.25

Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND

25,590.25

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Checks Previously Disbursed

990	Chase NYC ABA021000021	PO# 15488 Bond Interest	7,077.50	9/15/2022
991	Chase NYC ABA021000021	PO# 15488 Bond Interest <i>Principal</i>	175,000.00	9/15/2022
11509	Dam Event And Equipment Rental LLC	PO# 15655 Rentals for Green Twp Day 2022	1,025.00	9/21/2022
				183,102.50

Totals by fund	Previous Checks/Voids	Current Payments	Total
Fund 01 CURRENT FUND	183,102.50	25,590.25	208,692.75
BILLS LIST TOTALS	183,102.50	25,590.25	208,692.75

RESOLUTION ES 2022-21
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;

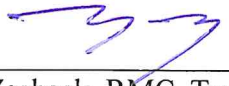
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

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 Negotiation ☐ 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.

Dated: September 19, 2022

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Mark Zschack, RMC, Township Clerk

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Mayor Phillips			√			