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Bonnie S. Yearsley, CMC
Township Clerk

Dorothy, New Jersey
April 20, 2016

This Regular Meeting of the Weymouth Township Committee was called to order by Chairman Kenneth R. Haeser who led the assembly in the Salute to our Nation's Flag and a moment of silence. The Deputy Township Clerk then read aloud the "Sunshine Law Statement" and called the roll.

Roll Call: Doyle-Present, Keiffenheim-Present, Haeser-Present . Also present at this meeting were Township Solicitor, Michael Peacock, Township Clerk Bonnie Yearsley, Deputy Township Clerk, Dorothy Jo Ayres, Judson Moore, Township Chief Financial Officer, Fred Caltabiano, Township Auditor and Michael Fralinger, Township Engineer.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim, that Weymouth Township **Resolution No. 36-2016** to move the meeting into a Closed Session for Contract Negotiation for Dorothy-Jo Ayres be accepted.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim, that the meeting be brought back into an Open Session.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Haeser announced that the local Elementary School is learning how to grow produce and will be holding a Farmers Market outside of the Municipal Building on five Wednesdays during the Summer. With the help of their Green Team, they will also be holding a "Green Festival later this Spring at the School which will be open to the public.

He also said that he has contacted Atlantic County Executive, Dennis Levinson to discuss the problems at the 11th Avenue and Tuckahoe Road Intersection. The County will be doing another traffic assessment and count to determine what other safety measures might be considered for this location.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim, that the meeting be opened for Public Comment.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Ed Zebedies requested that the Township Committee consider the adoption of an Ordinance which would require all door to door vendors within the municipality to register with the Township Clerk's Office so that scams and the like can be reduced. The Committee asked Solicitor, Michael Peacock will look at ordinances from other municipalities in this regard and advise the committee accordingly.

Henry Goldsmith questioned the Committee in regard to the Contract currently being negotiated for the Deputy Clerk who will be taking over for the current Township Clerk at her retirement in June. The Solicitor advised that until the contract was executed, its contents could not be discussed in an Open Session.

Mr. Goldsmith asked for some assurance that the Township Committee would not hire a new Deputy Clerk when the change occurs in June.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim that a Resolution be adopted supporting an Ordinance Amendment to be introduced in June which will eliminate the position of Deputy Clerk.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

There was further discussion regarding contracts in general.

Cricket Cohen, Weymouth Township Economic Development Chairperson reported that she has been attending meetings sponsored by the Atlantic County Improvement Authority regarding Economic possibilities / grants. She will continue to keep the Township updated on forthcoming information.

Mayor Haeser recognized New Jersey State Trooper Campagna who gave the February and March report of police activity within Weymouth Township. The Trooper urged all residents to be alert and to report any activity they feel is suspicious.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim, that the meeting be closed to Public Comment.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Motion by Doyle seconded by Keiffenheim, that the Tax Collector's Uncollectible Tax Report for the Year of 2016 be accepted as read and filed.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim, that the Engineer's Report be accepted as discussed and filed.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

There was no Public Works Report available at this time for discussion.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim, that the Minutes for the Weymouth Township Committee Meeting of April 6, 2016 be approved and bound into the minute book.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. George Taylor IV- Offer to gift land to Weymouth Township
2. Lori DeFeo-Complaint regarding the School Bus Accident at the 11th Avenue, Tuckahoe Road intersection.
3. Callaghan Thompson & Thompson, P.A.-Attorney representing the Acorn Assn. at The Oaks of Weymouth, Re: Municipal Service Fees
4. Town of Hammonton - Resolution Opposing Licensed Casinos Outside of Atlantic City, NJ.
5. Meghan Hooper-Notice of the 1st Annual Weymouth Township School Green Fest.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim, that the Correspondence be approved as discussed and filed.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim- Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim, that the Township accept the Officer from George Taylor IV for the gift of land to Weymouth Township and that the Township Attorney draw up the necessary deed of transfer for this property.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Motion by Doyle Seconded by Keiffenheim that the Hammonton Resolution listed in #4 of Correspondence above be mirrored and adopted by the Township of Weymouth.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim that the meeting stand in recess for five minutes.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim that the meeting be brought back into order.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Ed Norton wished to update the Committee in regard to several homes within The Oaks which are experiencing problems with water damage under their homes due to poor drainage of storm water adjacent to their lots. The problem is still on-going and management is making some attempts to correct some of the issues, however residents are still urging further corrections.

VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT:

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim, that the Bill List in the amount of \$ 30,846.16 and the Vouchers for Payment be approved and payment rendered.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim, that Resolution – Budget Read by Title only, be adopted as read by the Deputy Clerk.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim, that the Public Hearing for the 2016 Weymouth Township Municipal Budget now be opened.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Henry Goldsmith questioned the Township Auditor regarding why the \$3.00 Fire District Fee currently being charged as part of the Municipal Service Fee does not show within the budget document as coming in and going out.

Frank Craig asked if the Township had placed money in the current budget to resolve any Tax Appeal reimbursements. The Auditor answered that any money to resolve the Tax Appeal cases would need to be bonded.

There was also a discussion regarding the use of Surplus to off-set the tax rate and the “Best Practices” policy regarding the use of Surplus.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim that the Public Hearing for the 2016 Municipal Budget be closed.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim that the Resolution to Adopt 2016 Municipal Budget be adopted.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim, that **Resolution No. 35-2016 Cancel Tax Lien** be accepted as read by the Township Deputy Clerk.

Roll Call: Doyle- Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim that the Contract Agreement for Dorothy-Jo Ayres for the Title of Acting Municipal Clerk, to commence on June 1, 2016 be approved and executed by the Mayor.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim, that 2016 **Salary Resolution No. 34-2016** be accepted as read by the Township Deputy Clerk.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim, that Weymouth Township **Ordinance No. 547-2016** be given its First Reading by Title.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim, that **Resolution No. 39-2016 Tonnage Grant Application** be accepted as read by the Township Deputy Clerk.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim, that the meeting now be opened for Public Comment.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim, Haeser-Yes.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Anthony Bannister asked if the Township Committee will be considering a reduction in the Municipal Service Fees currently being paid by the residents of The Oaks.

Jill Baxter requested that a Robo Call be made to notify the residents about a Clean Up scheduled for Sunday the 23rd of April. They will be meeting at the Old Belcoville Fire House at 9:30 AM.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim that the above Robo Call be approved and the Clerk directed to carry this out.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Keiffenheim, that the meeting stand adjourned at 9:30PM.

Roll Call: Doyle-Yes, Keiffenheim-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Approved: