

**LOGAN TOWNSHIP
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2010**

Mayor Frank W. Minor called the regular meeting of the Logan Township Council to order at 7:00pm on the above date. The meeting was held in the Logan Township Municipal Building located at 125 Main Street, Bridgeport, NJ.

The flag salute and moment of silence were observed.

Mayor Minor offered thanks and prayers to the military for their daily sacrifice and asked everyone to keep the people of Haiti in prayer as they deal with the devastating tragedy.

The Open Public Meeting Act was read by the Mayor.

Roll Call showed the following in attendance: Councilperson: Lyman Barnes, Doris Hall, Bernadine Jackson, Mayor Minor. Others in attendance were: Solicitor Brian Duffield, Engineer Annina Hogan, Officer Joseph Lombardo, CFO Robert Best and Municipal Clerk Linda Oswald.

Councilperson Christopher Morris was absent due to illness.

ORDINANCE #1-2010: Introduction/First Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 99 ENTITLED "GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN

*(Amending to read "Garbage, **Recycling**, Rubbish and Refuse")*

Jackson motioned to introduce Ordinance #1-2010 on first reading and set a public hearing for February 2, 2010, second Barnes. Roll Call: Councilperson: Barnes, Hall, Jackson, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Barnes motioned to pay all duly authorized bills, second Jackson. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson: Barnes, Hall, Jackson, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #47-2010:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE SOCIETY TO PROTECT ANIMALS TO CONDUCT A DOG CENSUS

Barnes motioned to adopt Resolution #47-2010, second Jackson. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson: Barnes, Hall, Jackson, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #48-2010:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN APPOINTING CONFLICT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS

Barnes motioned to adopt Resolution #48-2010, second Hall. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson: Barnes, Hall, Jackson, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #49-2010:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN INCREASE IN CHANGE FUND AMOUNT FOR THE LOGAN TOWNSHIP TAX OFFICE (*\$100.00*)

Jackson motioned to adopt Resolution #49-2010, second Barnes. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson: Barnes, Hall, Jackson, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #50-2010:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN ADOPTING TAX FORECLOSURE LIST AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMENCEMENT OF TAX FORECLOSURES

Hall motioned to adopt Resolution #50-2010, second Jackson. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson: Barnes, Hall, Jackson, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #51-2010:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN APPROVING PAYMENT (#3) TO RAY ANGELINI, INC. FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT 2009

Barnes motioned to adopt Resolution #51-2010, second Hall. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson: Barnes, Hall, Jackson, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #52-2010:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND; CASH BOND AND ESCROW FUNDS PROVIDED BY ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, INC. AFFECTING A PARCEL KNOWN AS BLOCK 3001, LOT 15.02 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF LOGAN TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION NO. 100-06

Hall motioned to adopt Resolution #52-2010, second Jackson. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson: Barnes, Hall, Jackson, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #53-2010:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE SURETY BOND, CASH BOND AND ESCROW FUNDS, AND REQUIRING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE BY GEORGE YOUNG COMPANY AFFECTING THE PARCEL KNOWN AS 509 HERON DRIVE, BLOCK 2903, LOT 15 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF LOGAN TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RELATING TO PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION NO. 101-09

Barnes motioned to adopt Resolution #53-2010, second Jackson. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson: Barnes, Hall, Jackson, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #54-2010:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

(Edward Bickerdyke, Lynn Williams)

Hall motioned to adopt Resolution #54-2010, second Barnes. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson: Barnes, Hall, Jackson, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Minor went on record to thank both Ed and Lynn for continuing to serve on the board and commended them for their outstanding service to the township.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Barnes – BPU to conduct inspection of solar panels system 9am on January 21st; will then be ready to hook up to the grid and turn power on. Thanked engineer for all her efforts on this project. Final 2008 versus 2009 trash numbers in; trash disposal volume for 2009 was 15.23% less than 2008, recycling volume was up 9.4%, yard waste remained the same. First full year of in-house trash and recycle collection performed as anticipated. For the record, thanked Public Works for all of their hard work, and the residents in dealing with the transition. Raccoon Creek Group site suitability hearing is in progress. The township is well represented at the hearing. Governor signed the long-term tax exemption bill A3657/ companion Senate Bill #S2514 into law January 11th; allows the township to extend the Keystone PILOT Agreement for another 15 years. We are very appreciative of Senator Sweeney, Assemblyman Burzichelli and Governor Corzine for their support on this bill.

Mayor Minor also thanked Senator Rice for his support of the legislation affecting the Keystone Agreement, a PILOT program with the co-generation plant, which is the largest tax ratable in the township.

The PILOT agreement extension generates \$40 million over 15 years. It brings financial stability for the township and due to the recently enacted legislation that Logan initiated, averts what could have been a 37 cent tax increase to the residents. Barnes added that a share of the money, 5%, now goes to the County under the new law. That will result in a revenue reduction for Logan for the first two years, \$60,000. It does, however, provide a very stable, long term revenue source that is a significant component of the township's revenue base.

On other budget topics, some meaningful amount of State Aid will likely be lost this year. Meetings will be held with Department Heads to discuss the budget and budget cutting measures.

Hall – JIF 20th Safety Kick-Off Breakfast being held at 8:30am on February 25th at Nicolosi's in Woodbury.

Jackson – Township newsletter is due to go out mid-February. Departmental information for newsletter due by January 29th. Next month will be forming the Logan Day committee.

Morris – absent

Mayor Minor – Bikeway Program Grant application has been denied by the State. A thank you letter was sent to Mayor and Council from a resident at 31 Hamilton Street for the Christmas Basket. The township has been awarded a \$7,000.00 Stimulus Grant 2009 from the DEP, Department of Parks and Forestry; thanks given to Engineer Hogan and Councilperson Doris Hall for their work on this grant. Clean Harbors has made application to the Planning Board to install a 1.6 mega watt solar panel field on the existing landfill area on Route 322 to generate revenue for their facility. It is an environmentally advantageous project. The Mayor congratulated Clean Harbors on their project.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Public Works – No report.

Engineer – see attached report. Discussion on Orleans Hidden Creek Estates. There is a 9am meeting on Friday with the Engineer, Remington & Vernick Inspector and Kevin Moran of Orleans to discuss front section issues.

Solicitor – no report.

Police – see attached report.

Fire Company – see attached. Established a Smoke Detector Homeowner Liability Form. Being awarded a 2009 SEBA Grant in the amount of \$94,600.00 to upgrade equipment. Mayor thanked all those involved with the grant application.

Municipal Fire Chief – combined with above report.

JIF Safety Coordinator – no report.

Zoning Officer – see attached.

OLD BUSINESS:

Foxhound Village regarding High Hill Road detour. Sidewalk will be done in spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership Application – Logan Township Fire Company

James Carty

Jackson motioned to accept the membership application of James Carty to the Logan Township Fire Company, second Hall. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson: Barnes, Hall, Jackson, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gloucester County Parks and Recreation

Partnership invitation to hold a free musical concert this summer in Logan Township. Letter received by Barnes. Council did not have any objections. Barnes will pursue with the County.

Hall motioned to open to the public, second Barnes. All were in favor.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No public comment.

Hall motioned to close to the public, second Barnes. All were in favor.

CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC

Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting, second Jackson. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Oswald, RMC,CMR
Municipal Clerk

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