

**LOGAN TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011  
(Minutes approved 10/4/2011)**

Mayor Frank W. Minor called the Regular Meeting of the Logan Township Council to order at 7:05pm on the above date. The meeting was held in the Logan Township Municipal Building located at 125 Main Street, Bridgeport, New Jersey

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Thanked all serving in the military for their daily sacrifice for our freedom. He then read the Open Public Meeting Act.

Roll Call showed the following in attendance: Councilperson: Stephen Dougherty, Doris Hall, Bernadine Jackson, Christopher Morris, Mayor Frank W. Minor. Others in attendance were: Solicitor Brian Duffield, Engineer Annina Hogan, Chief James Schmidt, CMFO Robert Best, Administrator Lyman Barnes, Municipal Clerk Linda Oswald, Police Department Officers and Family of Robert Taylor, Jr.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**August 16, 2011, September 06, 2011, September 12, 2011 (Special Meeting)**

Hall motioned to approve Council Meeting minutes of August 16, September 6 and September 12 (Special), 2011, second Dougherty. Roll Call: Ayes: Dougherty, Hall, Jackson (abstained from 9/12/11), Morris (abstained from 9/12/11), Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

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

**RESOLUTION #171-2011:**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF ROBERT S. TAYLOR, JR. AS PATROL OFFICER 5<sup>TH</sup> CLASS, TIER A FOR THE LOGAN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Mayor Minor read the resolution in full. He added that it is with honor to act on the hiring of Robert Taylor to this position as a police officer. The Mayor complimented the Taylor Family for raising a son like Robert, who has done all the right things that have

led him to this point in his life. He has been through the Police Academy and has served in the volunteer fire company.

Jackson motioned to adopt Resolution #171-2011, second Hall. Roll Call: Ayes: Dougherty, Hall, Jackson, Morris, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Robert S. Taylor, Jr. was sworn in as Patrol Officer 5<sup>th</sup> Class, Tier A by Mayor Minor, with his wife and parents by his side.**

*A 5 minute recess was taken at this time to allow Robert Taylor, his family and friends to leave the meeting.*

**RESOLUTION #172-2011:**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY *(Chris Carle)*

**RESOLUTION #173-2011:**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING KAREN CASELLA AS BACK-UP ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF LOGAN TOWNSHIP

Mayor Minor thanked Deputy Mayor Hall for her efforts in finding someone to serve on the Environmental Commission.

Hall motioned to adopt Resolutions #172 & #173-2011, second Morris. Roll Call: Ayes: Dougherty, Hall, Jackson, Morris, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION #174-2011:**

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REAL ESTATE TAXES AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS REFUNDS *(3 properties totaling \$1986.72)*

**RESOLUTION #175-2011:**

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION *(Clean Communities Program \$11,366.98)*

**RESOLUTION #176-2011:**

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION (*Recycling Tonnage Grant \$66,226.25*)

**RESOLUTION #177-2011:**

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, CASH BOND AND ESCROW FUNDS, AND REQUIRING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE BY STONEFIRE, L.L.C. AFFECTING THE PARCEL KNOWN AS BLOCK 1701, LOT 4.04 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF LOGAN TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ZONING BOARD APPLICATION NO. 06-09Z

**RESOLUTION #178-2011:**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2012 MUNICIPAL STATE AID PROGRAM FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF HERON DRIVE – PHASE I

Dougherty motioned to adopt Resolution #174 thru #178-2011, second Hall. Roll Call: Ayes: Dougherty, Hall, Jackson, Morris, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**COUNCIL UPDATES:**

**Dougherty** – no update.

**Hall** – No update.

**Jackson** – Newsletter for Logan Day will be going out soon. Reminded everyone that Logan Day is October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Morris** – no update.

**Mayor Minor** – No update.

**REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Public Works** – PW took items to Household Special Waste Collection on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Greg Gomez will begin servicing all the fire trucks. HVAC needed new

compressor. Repaired storm drain on Beckett Road. Cleaned up trees, yard waste and grass due to the recent storm. Ordered the two new pickup trucks and three trash trucks. FCR reimbursing \$52.45 per ton for single stream recycling for the month of September; up from \$48.58 last month.

**Engineer** – see attached. Commented that the Grant Application for Reconstruction of Heron Drive has a letter of support from the Police Department and the local Senate Assembly Office.

**Solicitor** – no report.

**Police** – Thanked Mayor and Council for the hiring of Robert Taylor and for their commitment in allowing the hiring of personnel to maintain the level of service that is provided. The weekend of August 27th, the Police Department along with OEM, Fire and Public Works successfully managed a series of weather related emergencies. The Emergency Operations Room was staffed to coordinate personnel. Police Vehicle #15 was damaged when struck by a tree while on a traffic post. The vehicle has been totaled by our JIF insurance. Captain Leash, Sergeant Lombardo and Detective Frey attended a 2-day Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Conference. Police investigated a “carjacking” on August 23<sup>rd</sup> that occurred on Main Street. The vehicle was recovered on Steelman Avenue and the incident is still under investigation. The Department conducted its annual voluntary fitness assessment on September 6 and September 8. 13 Officers participated in the assessment.

**Municipal Fire Chief** – The old FM-18-1 car was re-assigned to the Deputy Municipal Fire Chief. The old Deputy Municipal Chiefs car was assigned to station 18-3 the Beckett Road Station. The support car at station 18-2 Repaupo Station was taken out of service. The Volunteer Chief’s car was re-assigned as the support vehicle at station 18-2 Repaupo Station. All apparatus is scheduled for the yearly engine maintenance at the end of September and beginning of October. With Greg Gomez of Public Works doing all the mechanical work on the fire trucks is a tremendous cost savings; outside labor charge is approximately \$145.00 an hour.

**JIF Safety Coordinator** – JIF audited the township books and paperwork this summer and all was found to be in order. An EJIF (Environmental JIF) inspection was done on the Public Works Garage and Municipal Building, which resulted in 98 points out of a possible 100. The Right To Know Survey was completed and turned in on time.

**Zoning Officer** – see attached.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Letter of Retirement from Sgt. George McErlain  
effective 10/01/2011 from the Logan Twp. Police Department  
25 years of service with the Logan Twp. Police Department**

Hall motioned to accept Letter of Retirement from Sgt. George McErlain as Police Officer for Logan Township effective 10/01/2011, second Morris. Roll Call: Ayes: Dougherty, Hall, Jackson, Morris, Mayor Minor. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Meeting was opened to the public at 7:29pm.**

No public comment.

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

**Meeting was closed to the public.**

Morris motioned to adjourn meeting, second Dougherty. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Oswald, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk