

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
July 12, 2017**

This meeting was advertised in the Hunterdon County Democrat, notice posted in the Alexandria Township Municipal Offices and the Alexandria Township Website, (www.alexandrianj.gov) as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

Meeting Called to order at 7:46 PM.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Committeewoman Garay, Committeeman Pfefferle (via phone), Mayor Abraham, Township Attorney Dragan

ABSENT: None

FLAG SALUTE:

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT REPORTS:

Environmental Commission/Health Dept. Oversight-Comm. Garay

- Environmental Commission met on June 20th. Discussed Community Day and will be meeting with an expert on the Emerald Ash Borer.

Personnel/Park & Rec Oversight-Mayor Abraham

- The Girl Scouts who held Community Day were present. The Park/Rec Commission thanked the girls for their hard work. The Township Committee will invite the girls to the August 9th meeting and will present them with a Proclamation as well. The Alexandria School PTO President will take over Community Day for next year.
- Discussed the Emerald Ash Borer and members of the Park/Rec Commission will try to attend the Environmental Commission meeting.

Finance/DPW Oversight-Comm. Pfefferle

- DPW Foreman Griffith read the following report:

Park Maintenance:

Grass mowing	66 Hrs.
Weed Whacking	3 Hrs.
Garbage and Recycling	5 Hrs.
Park Equipment Maintenance	8 Hrs.

Met with Matt LaCourte about the disc golf. Matt requested a couple of changes to mowing the disc golf fairways

Brush hogged the back of the park and old Pepe property

Tree Maintenance:

Large Oak Tree on Mt. Salem Rd.

Lot of tree branches fell onto the roadway throughout the Township that needed to be cleaned up due to windy conditions

Watering the 21 Blue Spruce trees in front of the garage

Gravel Roads:

Heavy rains, down pours and thunderstorms are causing wash outs and product loss to our gravel roads. Graded Goritz Rd. plus added 150 tons of product (D.G.A.). Drainage pipes on Goritz Rd. needed to be cleaned out, entrance and exit, lot of stone washing down into the system from heavy rains.

Graded Mt. Salem Rd.

Spot graded Whitehall Rd.

Senator Stout Road:

Started the widening and road base repairs to the Township. Required 24' wide finished asphalt width Tapered high soil bank along roadway to accommodate the new width of the future roadway plus to make future maintenance easier, length of the tapering project 1400'. Finished by York raking, Grass seed, fertilizer and mulched

Oil and Chip Program:

Start the crack filling repairs in the asphalt along the Belgium block on Jeremiah Lane and the top portion of Shy Creek Road

First step is to blow out the cracks in the asphalt with compressed air to remove all the dirt and debris

Second step is to fill the cracks with hot tar

Roads to be Oil/Chipped for 2017:

Stone being used ¼"

- 1) Jeremiah Lane 2,600' x 25'
7,200 sq. yds. Double 14,400 sq. yds.
- 2) Weston Dr. 1,500' x 25' with 2 cul-de-sac 100' each
4,200 sq. yds. Double 8,400 sq. yds. 1,800 sq. yds. for the 2 cul-de-sac
- 3) Shy Creek 1,425' x 25' Jeremiah to Emily
3,950 sq. yds.
- 4) Senator Stout 2,800' x 25' Rt. 519 to second driveway of the High School
7,800 sq. yds.
- 5) Rick Rd. 4,900' x avg. 21.5' Rt. 519 to Schoolhouse Rd.
11,700 sq. yds.
- 6) Rick Rd. 2,250' x 25' Schoolhouse to Hemingway
6,250 sq. yds.

- 7) Schoolhouse Rd. 100' x 25' Intersection of Rick Rd.
280 sq. yds.
- 8) Kappus Rd. 975' x 22' Staments Rd. side
2,400 sq. yds.
- 9) Maple Spring 1,925' x 24' with (1) 80' cul-de-sac (single application)
5,200 sq. yds. Double 10,400 sq. yds. 575 sq. yds. for 1 cul-de-sac

Total Sq. Yds. 66,155 sq. yds. @ \$1.49 per sq. yds. \$98,570.95

OPEN SPACE-AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Chair Evans noted that reports will only be submitted if there is any update with applications for preservation. There are currently three members that are on the commission and two vacancies. Chair Evans would like Mayor Abraham to appoint April Daley to the Commission. Ms. Daley works for the New Jersey Department of Agriculture and has a lot to offer with her expertise to the Commission. Chair Evans noted that three prospective candidates are being looked at for the remaining vacancy.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA RELATED MATTERS ONLY:

- Resident Bill Fritsche would like the Township Committee to use another auctioneer for the sale B-11/L-16 instead of Max Spann.
- Resident Ed Matko questioned what the Township Committee would be discussing in Executive Session pertaining to auctioning of Township Parcels and a status update regarding Delaware River Tubing. Mayor Abraham noted that the Township owns a few parcels that are of no use to the Township. The properties are land locked and could be purchased by the neighboring property owner. A civil suit has been on going with Delaware River Tubing and was dismissed in favor of the Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Penneast Pipeline
Environmental Commission meeting member Jackie Freedman noted that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection closed the Penn East Pipeline application and denied a sixty day extension. Waiting on FERC to make a third nomination for a Commission Member. New Jersey Highlands is getting involved.
- Appointment of members to the Land Use Board
Tabled at this time.
- Election Locations
Beth Thompson from the Hunterdon County Board of Elections visited the DPW Garage located on Hickory Corner Road and found the garage would not be suitable for elections. Mayor Abraham and Township Clerk Bobrowski will attend the August 10, 2017 Alexandria School Board meeting with Beth Thompson to discuss the

possibility of continuing to hold elections at the Alexandria Middle School as long as the School Board can accommodate elections and not have events at the school during the elections.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Max Spann Auctions/B-11, L-16

Maxx Span was present to answer questions that the Township Committee had regarding the auction process and costs associated with an auction. Mr. Spann noted that the Township will not incur any costs for the auction. Max Spann will do all the advertising by mailers, social media, a data base of over 100,000 clients, and live auction. The buyer will pay a 10% buyer's premium. The Township has utilized the services of Max Spann in the past. The Township Committee has two choices moving forward with this auction; they can use an auction company or can do in house. Mr. Spann indicated that the Township can set a reserve and if the reserve is not met or the price is not what the Township is willing to sell for the Township can walk away from the bid and not be charged any costs. Once the auction has taken place, the Township Committee can decide at a meeting if they will move forward with the sale. Resident Bill Fritsche noted that the Township Committee should proceed with holding the auction themselves and not use the services of Max Spann. Mr. Fritsche noted that 70 to 80 acre farmettes are very viable and the real estate market is hot right now in selling parcels of this size. Mr. Fritsche indicated that the Township will not have any problems selling this size property by themselves. Comm. Pfefferle would like to obtain additional quotes from other auctioneer companies before a decision is made. The Township Committee will decide on how and whom will auction off this property at the August 9, 2017 Township Committee meeting.

- Ordinance 2017-6 Joint Land Use Board Amendment-**1st Reading**

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to approve Ordinance 2017-006 on 1st Reading. **Public Hearing will be on August 9, 2017 at 7:35 PM.**

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

**TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2017-001 AMENDING CHAPTER 115 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA ENTITLED "LAND USE" AND PROVIDING FOR THE PLANNING BOARD TO ASSUME ALL OF THE POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND NAMING THE COMBINED BOARD AS "THE ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP LAND USE BOARD" TO EXTEND THE EFFECTIVE DATE

Ordinance # 2017-6

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows

SECTION 1. The effective date of Ordinance #2017-001 entitled "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 115 of the Code of the Township of Alexandria Entitled "Land Use" and Providing for the Planning Board to Assume All of the Powers, Duties and Responsibilities of the Alexandria Township Board of Adjustment and Naming the Combined Board as "The Alexandria Township Land Use Board" is hereby amended to September 30, 2017.

SECTION 2. All sections of the all prior Ordinances of the Land Use section of the Alexandria Township Code or any other Township ordinance, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law and upon filing with the Hunterdon County Planning Board.

- Farmland/Open Space Advisory Commission Appointment
Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to appoint April Daley to the Farmland/Open Space Advisory Commission to fill one of two vacancies.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

BILL LIST:

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve the attached bill list including an invoice for Hoops in the amount of \$1,365.00 for padding around the basketball nets.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Motion Carried

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Kastrud was present and noted that he and DPW Foreman Griffith have been working on a design for the walking bridge at the park. DPW Foreman Griffith is looking into a slip resistant material. Engineer Kastrud issued a few driveway permits and met with the developer of Pond View Estates regarding outstanding site plan issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- June 14, 2017 Executive Session Minutes
- June 14, 2017 Township Committee Meeting Minutes
- June 22, 2017 Executive Session Minutes
- June 22, 2017 Township Committee Meeting Minutes
- June 29, 2017 Township Committee Meeting Minutes

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to approve the above Township Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT ON GENERAL MATTERS:

Resident Jackie Freedman wanted to know the status update of the County Bridge repair in Mt. Pleasant. Work was to begin June of this year. The Township Committee noted that the County is running behind on their projects. No start date has been given yet.

Resident Ed Matko asked when did the Township Committee start placing padding around the basketball posts. Mayor Abraham noted that the padding is an insurance requirement.

Resident Bill Fritsche questioned a private lane called Brandywine that is located on his property. He wanted confirmation of the lane being a private or public road. The Salvation Army approached Mr. Fritsche regarding their concerns of the road being public and people accessing the Salvation Army from this road. Mr. Fritsche recalls the

County may be responsible for the road and will reach out to them. Twp. Atty. Dragan recommended that Mr. Fritsche hire a title company to research the history of the road. Mr. Fritsche indicated that he did that previously and that the title company could not make a determination from their findings if the road was private or public.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The 4 Day Walking Pilgrimage from Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Great Meadows, NJ to the Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, Doylestown, PA is scheduled for Friday, August 11, 2017. Walkers will be on the following roads:
 - 1.) Mechlin Corner Road (Rt. 579)
 - 2.) Hog Hollow Road
 - 3.) Palmyra Corner Road
 - 4.) Creek Road
 - 5.) Across bridge in Frenchtown, NJ to Tinicum County, PA

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to move to Executive Session.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle
Nay: None
Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Open Public Meetings Act RESOLUTION- Executive Session

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2:4-12, Open Public Meetings Act, 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:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - _____ A confidential or excluded matter under Federal or State Law or Court Rule.
 - _____ A matter involving information that may impair the Township's rights to receive funds from the United States Government.
 - _____ A matter constituting an unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy rights.
 - _____ Collective Bargaining Agreement or negotiation of the Agreement.

Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds which it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion were disclosed.

Mt. Laurel Housing

Tactics and techniques to protect the safety and property of the public, including investigations of violations or potential violations of the law.

Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is or may become a party.

Delaware River Tubing

Auction of Township Parcels

Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.

Personnel matters involving a specific employee or officer of the Township.
Township Committee Meetings

Township Clerk

Township Engineer

CFO Position

Planning Board/BOA Office

Deliberations of the Township occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific penalty or suspension or loss of a license or permit.

3. It is anticipated at this time that the above matter will be made public: at the conclusion of the litigation and at such time as attorney client confidentiality is no longer needed to protect confidentiality and litigation strategy.
4. The executive session minutes will be placed on file in the township clerk's office, and will be available to the public as provided for by New Jersey law.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to return to Public Session.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The following matters were discussed in Executive Session:

- Township Engineer

Township Engineer Kastrud informed the Township Committee that he would resign effective today and a letter would be forthcoming. Township Engineer Kastrud will work with the new Township Engineer during the transition. Township Committee received a proposal from Tom Decker of Van Cleef Engineering for Township Engineer. Hourly rate is \$135.00.

- Planning Board/BOA Office

Ms. Knapp will be sent a Rice Notice for the Aug. 9th meeting to discuss additional duties

- Mt. Laurel Housing

No Update

- Delaware River Tubing

Matter to Stay in Executive Session

- Auction of Township Parcels

Township Committee discussed options for an auction. Twp. Atty. Dragan will draft an auction package for review.

- Township Clerk

Matter to Stay Executive Session

- CFO Position

Township Committee reviewed resumes submitted. Three candidates will be interviewed on Wednesday, August 9th.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to adjourn.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 11:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michele Bobrowski, RMC
Township Clerk

I hereby certify that I have reviewed these Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting of July 12, 2017 and certify that said Minutes were approved unanimously by the Township Committee on the 9th day of August 2017.

Paul Abraham, Mayor

Dated: _____