

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
May 10, 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 7:37 PM.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Committeewoman Garay, Committeeman Pfefferle, Mayor Abraham, Township Attorney Dragan, CFO Hart, Township Auditor Colantano

ABSENT: None

FLAG SALUTE:

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT REPORTS:

Environmental Commission/Health Dept. Oversight-Comm. Garay

- Well Testing Kit Distribution-60 kits were reserved and 100 walk-ins
- Stream clean-up on Creek Road was very successful
- Chair Arancio has been a liaison with the Park/Rec Commission for Community Day

Personnel/Park & Rec Oversight-Mayor Abraham

- The Park/Rec Commission has been heavily focused on Community Day

Finance/DPW Oversight-Comm. Pfefferle

- Working on Senator Stout Road. Road work is on schedule
- Better breakdown of hours on what the DPW is doing was submitted by DPW Foreman Griffith in his monthly report
- Township Committee praised work performed by DPW Employee Mike Hammerstone on a 1997 truck repair

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA RELATED MATTERS ONLY:

Atty. Danzo representing the Weeast Family addressed the Township Committee regarding the release of cash bonds for B-14, L-13. There is a buyer interested in purchasing the 72 acre property and the buyer wants to keep the property as one parcel and doesn't wish to move forward with any type of subdivision. The Township Committee will address this matter further in Executive Session.

BUDGET ADOPTION:

Public Hearing:

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to open public comment for the 2017 Budget.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Mayor Abraham noted that the Township will be raising taxes by 1 cent this year. It costs approximately \$2.9 million annually to run the Township. Controllable expenditures are approximately \$1.8 million dollars and personnel changes can reduce these costs. The Capital Program will include the following:

- 1.) Senator Stout Work- Cost is approximately \$300,000.00
- 2.) Oil/Chip-Cost is approximately \$100,000.00
- 3.) 40,000 gallon water tank to be installed inside the Township Park- Cost is approximately \$ 75,000.00. (There are no water tanks for fire emergencies in the area. There is a water tank located at Ramshorn Road but it is failing. A recent house fire on Hickory Corner Road required tanker trucks to go to Foster Wheeler to obtain water.) The water tank will be located in the island between the parking lot by the baseball fields and the road.

The tax rate increase will be \$48.00 on a \$500,000.00 home. Mayor Abraham also noted that the Township is using approximately \$540,000.00 in surplus annually.

Township Resident Bill Fritsche asked if Holland Township would use the water tank once it's installed and if so would they be willing to pay towards it. Mayor Abraham will reach out to Mayor Bush of Holland Township to see if that is a possibility.

Township Resident Jim Kiernan asked if there are grants available to pay for the water tank. OEM Coordinator Dale Harding will look into seeing if any are offered.

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to close open public comment for the 2017 Budget.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Budget Amendment:

Township Auditor Bill Colantano noted that the 2017 budget needs to be amended due to the fact that matching funds for the Municipal Alliance in the amount of \$5,194.25 were not placed in the original budget.

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to amend the 2017 budget.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Adoption:

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to adopt the 2017 Budget.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

- Penneast Pipeline

Environmental Commission Member Freedman noted the following:

- As of December 16th only 17 out of 300 property owners signed on with Penn East.
- 2 FERC Commissioners were appointed but approval is still needed
- A third FERC Commissioner has stepped down
- On April 27th, the Army Corp. of Engineers along with the NJDEP sent Penn East's application back for non-compliance. Penn East has 60 days to re-submit with corrections.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Presentation from Rehabco-Affordbale Housing

No Presentation was made

- Resolution 2017-049 Road Material Contract Extension with Holland & Bethlehem Townships

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to approve Resolution 2017-049.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2017-049

Extending the 2016 Agreement Between Bethlehem Township, Alexandria Township, Holland Township and H & K Group, Inc. and Stavola Construction Materials, Inc. for Road Materials in 2017 as Allowed in the 2016 Contract

WHEREAS, Holland Township received bids on April 6, 2016 for the purchase of maintenance and repair materials, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bethlehem and the Township of Alexandria are included in this bid; and

WHEREAS, the bids were awarded in 2016 with an option to extend the contract for an additional year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Alexandria Township Committee that Holland Township be authorized to exercise the option to extend contract an additional year with H & K Group, Inc. for the following items:

Mot Mix Asphalt, Mix I-4, Surface Course (FOB)	200 Tons Holland 200 Tons Bethlehem 200 Tons Alexandria	\$46.70 Per Ton	\$9,340.00 \$9,340.00 \$9,340.00
Hot Mix Asphalt, Mix I-4 Surface Course (FDS)	200 Tons Holland 200 Tons Bethlehem 200 Tons Alexandria	\$56.00 Per Ton	\$11,200.00 \$11,200.00 \$11,200.00
Hot Mix Asphalt, Mix I-5 Surface Course (FOB)	800 Tons Holland 600 Tons	\$46.70 Per Ton	\$37,360.00 \$28,020.00

	Bethlehem 1,000 Tons Alexandria		\$46,700.00
Hot Mix Asphalt, Mix I-5 Surface Course (FDS)	800 Tons Holland 600 Tons Bethlehem 1,000 Tons Alexandria	\$56.00 Per Ton	\$44,800.00 \$33,600.00 \$56,000.00
Hot Mix Asphalt, Mix I-2 Base Course (FOB)	300 Tons Holland 400 Tons Bethlehem 200 Tons Alexandria	\$44.00 Per Ton	\$13,200.00 \$17,600.00 \$8,800.00
Hot Mix Asphalt, Mix I-2, Base Course (FDS)	300 Tons Holland 400 Tons Bethlehem 200 Tons Alexandria	\$53.30 Per Ton	\$15,990.00 \$21,320.00 \$10,660.00
Densely Graded Aggregate (DGA) (FOB)	500 Tons Holland	\$16.75 Per Ton	\$8,375.00
1 ½" Quarry Process/Road Blend (FDS)	200 Tons Holland	\$17.30 Per Ton	\$3,460.00
2 ½" Quarry Process/Road Blend (FDS)	200 Tons Holland	\$17.30 Per Ton	\$3,460.00
¾" Clean Crushed Stone (FOB)	200 Tons Holland	\$19.05 Per Ton	\$3,810.00
1 ½" Clean Crushed Stone (FDS)	200 Tons Holland	\$18.55 Per Ton	\$3,710.00
2 ½" Clean Crushed Stone (FDS)	200 Tons Holland	\$18.55 Per Ton	\$3,710.00
Rip Rap, R-4 6"-8" Clean (FDS)	200 Tons Holland 300 Tons Bethlehem 200 Tons Alexandria	\$22.80 Per Ton	\$4,560.00 \$6,840.00 \$4,560.00
Gabion Stone 4"-7" clean (FDS)	200 Tons Holland	\$22.80 Per Ton	\$4,560.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Holland Township be authorized to exercise the option to extend the contract an additional year with Stavola Construction Materials, Inc. for the following items:

Densely Graded Aggregate (DGA) (FOB)	500 Tons Holland 900 Tons	\$10.00 Per Ton	\$5,000.00 \$9,000.00
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	Bethlehem 1,000 Tons Alexandria		\$10,000.00
Densely Graded Aggregate (DGA) (FDS)	900 Tons Bethlehem 1,000 Tons Alexandria	\$15.25 Per Ton	\$13,725.00 \$15,250.00
1 ½" Quarry Process/Road Blend (FOB)	200 Tons Holland	\$10.00 Per Ton	\$2,000.00
2 ½" Quarry Process/Road Blend (FOB)	200 Tons Holland	\$14.00 Per Ton	\$2,800.00
¾" Clean Crushed Stone (FOB)	200 Tons Holland 400 Tons Bethlehem 400 Tons Alexandria	\$13.00 Per Ton	\$2,600.00 \$5,200.00 \$5,200.00
¾" Clean Crushed Stone (FDS)	400 Tons Bethlehem 400 Tons Alexandria	\$18.25 Per Ton	\$7,300.00 \$7,300.00
1 ½" Clean Crushed Stone (FOB)	200 Tons Holland	\$14.00 Per Ton	\$2,800.00
2 ½" Clean Crushed Stone (FOB)	200 Tons Holland	\$14.00 Per Ton	\$2,800.00

BILL LIST:

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to approve the attached bill list with the exceptions of payment to:

- 1.) Ed Horsfall in the amount of \$400.00
- 2.) David Banisch in the amount of \$9611.80
- 3.) Law Offices of Scholl, Whittlesey, and Gruenberg, LLC in the amount of \$420.50

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No report was filed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- April 12, 2017 Executive Session Minutes
- April 12, 2017 Township Committee Meeting Minutes

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay 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 and Alexandria Equestrian Association Member Judy Tucker noted that the Barn Tour will be on July 16th. Tickets will be on sale shortly. There are six very interesting barns for people to visit and a trail pace will be held going out of the park towards Grow-A-Row.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Save the Date:** June 10, 2017 Girl Scout Troop 80385 will be holding a Community Day at the Park from 4 PM to 10 PM. Fun Activities to include a DJ, Movie, Vendors, Games
- Join the NJTPA and Hunterdon County for a public meeting to gather input for Plan 2045 on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Route 12 County Complex at 314 Route 12, Flemington. The discussion will be regarding long range transportation plans that covers the next 20 years.

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle 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
Solid Waste Bid
LSRP

Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
Tax Liens
Escrows
Fire Coverage
Township Properties

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

_____ 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.

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

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to authorize Township Attorney Dragan to send a letter to Weeast Atty.-Atty. Danzo outlining conditions to determine if deeds and conservation easements exist. If Atty. Danzo can prove the removal of all development rights than the cash bond will be returned to the Weeast's.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to advertise a position for finance personnel.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The following matters were discussed in Executive Session:

- Weeast B-13, L-14

Need to determine if deeds and conservation easements were filed. Township Atty. Dragan to send a letter to Weeast Attorney-Atty. Danzo for verification.

- Mt. Laurel Housing

No update

- Delaware River Tubing

Matter to Stay in Executive Session

- Joan Kramer COAH Loan

Township Committee will not pursue

- Wickel COAH Loan

Township Committee will not pursue

- LSRP

Township Clerk Bobrowski will reach out to Robert Schwarzkopf of Najarian Associates, LLC to obtain a proposal for his services for the remainder of 2017.

- Solid Waste Bid

Will table at this time. DPW Foreman Griffith has been keeping costs down by using less dumpsters each month and calling for pick-ups when the dumpsters are completely full.

- Tax Liens

Tax Collector Griffiths provided a list to the Township Committee of tax liens that no one bought.

- Township Properties

Township Committee will try to move forward and sell off parcels of land owned.

- Fire Coverage

The County is looking into having paid firemen staffed at various locations throughout the County.

- Escrows

Township Clerk Bobrowski will contact former CFO Rees to see if he would be interested in assisting with old escrow accounts.

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 9:27 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted:
Michele Bobrowski, RMC
Township Clerk**

I hereby certify that I have reviewed these Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting of May 10, 2017 and certify that said Minutes were approved unanimously by the Township Committee on the 14th day of June 2017.

Paul Abraham, Mayor

Dated: _____