

Work Meeting  
February 11, 2013

A Work Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, February 11, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. in the Wanaque Municipal Building.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

On roll call, the following Council Members responded: Balunis, Leonard, Pasquariello, Pettet and Willse. Councilman Cortellessa was absent. The Mayor declared a quorum. The Borough Attorney and Borough Engineer were present. The Borough Administrator was absent.

The Mayor read the following Sunshine Statement: This is a Work meeting of the Mayor and Council and adequate notice thereof has been given by advertising the date, time and place of the Work meetings in the Suburban Trends and the Herald News newspapers and was e-mailed to these papers on December 28, 2012, and a notice thereof has been posted on December 28, 2012 on the bulletin board in the Wanaque Municipal Building, 579 Ringwood Avenue, Wanaque, New Jersey and a copy thereof has been on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

MINUTES:

January 14, 2013

PRESENTATIONS:

Sports Award Certificates – Cheerleading Champs – 7:00 P.M.

The Mayor presented the Sports Awards Certificates.

The Mayor said we'll take a five minute break 7:15 P.M.

On roll call, the following responded: Councilman Balunis, Councilman Leonard, Councilman Pasquariello, Councilman Pettet and Councilman Willse 7:20 P.M.

PROCLAMATION:

Teachers Award – 7:00 P.M.

The Mayor read the following Proclamation.

WHEREAS, March 12, 2012 the town of Henryville, Indiana was devastated by a succession of two tornados, a hailstorm, rain and then snow; and

WHEREAS, this three square mile town of 2,000 residents saw its three school campus of K-12 wrecked, leaving the children of Henryville without a school and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the students and parents of Wanaque School, under the leadership of teachers Deidre Marshall and Dawn Sudol, began collecting school supplies to be donated to the students in Henryville; and

WHEREAS, through their efforts, Deidre Marshall and Dawn Sudol were able to make an 800 mile trip to Henryville, Indiana to deliver a U-Haul truck full of school supplies to the temporary classrooms set up for the students; and

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WHEREAS, when tragedy happened closer to home with Superstorm Sandy, Deirdre Marshall and Dawn Sudol spearheaded a donation drive at Wanaque School, collecting supplies, gift cards and money which was donated to the Frog Pond Elementary School in Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANIEL MAHLER, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE, do hereby issue this proclamation honoring Deidre Marshall and Dawn Sudol for teaching the students of Wanaque School about helping others in time of need, and for their leadership in being a positive role model for their students and the entire community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby directed to spread this Proclamation in full in the official minutes, forever memorializing the good deeds of Deidre Marshall, Dawn Sudol, and the Wanaque School community.

ORDINANCES:

Public Hearing of Ord. #1-0-13:

Re: Appropriating CDBG Funds and Sewer Capital Funds – Monroe Street and Jefferson Street Sewer Upgrade

Introduction of Ord. #2-0-13:

Re: Amend Ordinance #15-0-12 “Water” Clarify effective date

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Balunis:

Councilman Balunis reported the First Aid Squad statistics for the year end are calls one thousand eight total, eleven thousand three hundred seventy seven hours year end, January ninety four calls and eight hundred seventy seven and three quarters hours. They had a joint training session last week for Blood Borne Pathogens training with the Fire Department. Presentation of Volunteer of the Year Award Karen Cisco and Lois Maskley. Frances Garbarino passed away and he served in two wars and I would like to have a moment of silence at the regular meeting.

Councilman Cortellessa:

Councilman Cortellessa was absent.

Councilman Leonard:

Councilman Leonard said I have nothing to report.

Councilman Pasquariello:

Councilman Pasquariello read the police report.

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Councilman Pettet:

Councilman Pettet reported that the Finance Committee met with the First Aid Squad members regarding concerns to validate and we are making recommendations and looking into fact finding to take action.

Councilman Willse:

Councilman Willse reported there is no Fire Department report. The Fire Department dinner is Saturday night and I will have the statistics for next month.

The Borough Engineer said on Fourth Avenue AJM Contractors is working to get finished soon and the paperwork will also be completed.

The Borough Administrator was absent.

The Borough Attorney said there is a request for property donation which is an isolated lot with access off of the Elks property. The Department of Transportation owns the property and it is land locked. I wrote to the Tax Assessor for the valuation amount. If it is a donation to the Borough it just gets done and if it is adjacent to the property the Borough already owns you turn the property over and it comes off the tax rolls. We will do a title search and proceed with that. We will have an Ordinance for next month and get a statement from the Tax Assessor of the value of the property.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The Mayor opened the Public Discussion.

Kenneth Ambruster, 6 Gardella Place, Haskell said at the town center there are several properties that have not shoveled out the sidewalks. Will the town take action and also by the Subway, Brake-O-Rama and CVS and other locations.

The Mayor said the Building Inspector is to enforce that and I will speak to him tomorrow.

Alan Kaplan, 3118 Warrens Way, Wanaque said the appraisals from Ridgewood, Hoptacong and other towns are using three years and Wanaque only has one year.

The Mayor said we can ask that question and find out why.

Alan Kaplan said the company is getting a lot of calls from Wanaque. It is a tight economy and taxes are going up and it is hard times.

The Mayor said they are getting paid for answering questions and they should keep up with updates.

Alan Kaplan said is there a law they have to go by.

The Borough Attorney said there is a law and they have up to a year to October 1<sup>st</sup>. Should have better comparables and it is a question of their methodology.

Alan Kaplan said Wanaque didn't discuss the amount of time with them.

The Mayor said not that I'm aware of. I will ask the appraisal company.

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Alan Kaplan said can I get a copy of the budget for 2005.  
The Mayor said yes.

The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution #30-0-13:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #10-00022 for Block 317, Lot 5.12 in the amount of \$2,733.96

Resolution #31-0-13:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00023 for Block 410, Lot 25 in the amount of \$7,464.04

Four (4) Applications for Raffle Licenses:

Re: 1) Wanaque First Aid Squad Auxiliary – RA:830, 2) Saint Francis Home School Association – RA:831 and 3) Wanaque School PTA – RA:832 and RA:833

Two (2) Applications for Bingo Licenses:

Re: 1) Wanaque First Aid Squad Auxiliary – BA:195 and 2) Wanaque Reserve Senior Citizens – BA:196

Payment to County of Passaic:

Re: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Taxes for the Year 2013 in the amount of \$2,102,936.83

Payment to County of Passaic:

Re: Open Space Taxes for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Year 2013 in the amount of \$33,675.47

Resolution #32-0-13:

Re: Special Emergency Note Resolution - \$225,000

Resolution #33-0-13:

Re: Bond Anticipation Note Resolution - \$5,054,115

Resolution #34-0-13:

Re: Budgetary Transfers

Resolution #35-0-13:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #10-00025 for Block 425, Lot 3 in the amount of \$2,756.43

Resolution #36-0-13:

Re: Appointment of Michael Pellegrino, 130 High Mountain Road, Ringwood as a Class 1 Special Police Officer effective immediately

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REGULAR REPORTS - PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

1. Clerk's Receipts for January 2013 -
2. Police Department Report for January 2013 -
3. Tax Collector's Report for January 2013 -
4. Municipal Court Report for January 2013 -

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter from Raffaele Chirico:

Re: Donation of property to Borough of Wanaque – 9 Algonquin Path, Haskell

Ordinance to be done for the next meeting.

Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Application for Amusement Machine License:

Re: Diego Rosario – “Roar of the Crowd”, 72 Haskell Avenue, Haskell

RESOLUTIONS: None.

FINANCE REPORT:

ADJOURNMENT:

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Leonard and Pettet moved a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

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Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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