

Regular Meeting
July 8, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 9:00 P.M. in the Wanaque Municipal Building.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

The Mayor read the following Sunshine Statement: This is a Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council and adequate notice thereof has been given by advertising the date, time and place of the Regular meetings in the Suburban Trends and the Herald News newspapers and was e-mailed to these papers on January 4, 2019, and a notice thereof has been posted on January 8, 2019 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:

June 10, 2019.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Willse moved a motion to approve the aforementioned.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

Public Hearing of Ordinance #5-0-19:

Re: Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$980,000 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$640,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough for Various Improvements or Purposes Authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Wanaque, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Leonard and Balunis moved that Ordinance #5-0-19 be taken from the table and read by the Clerk, by title only, for consideration of final reading.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Clerk took from the table and read by title only as follows: BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$980,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$640,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY.

This Ordinance has been duly advertised in accordance with the statutes; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, a copy was available for the public to read in the Clerk's office, and copies are available for the public present here this evening.

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The Mayor opened the Public Hearing.
No one came forward.
The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Leonard and Willse moved that,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ordinance entitled: BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$980,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$640,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY pass final reading, and that said Ordinance be adopted as an Ordinance of the Borough of Wanaque; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby directed to cause said Ordinance to be published in the manner prescribed by law.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Public Hearing of Ordinance #6-0-19:

Re: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 73 of the Wanaque Borough Code to provide for Rapid Key Lock Boxes

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Leonard and Willse moved that Ordinance #6-0-19 be taken from the table and read by the Clerk, by title only, for consideration of final reading.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Clerk took from the table and read by title only as follows: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 73 OF THE WANAQUE BOROUGH CODE TO PROVIDE FOR RAPID KEY LOCK BOXES.

This Ordinance has been duly advertised in accordance with the statutes; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, a copy was available for the public to read in the Clerk's office, and copies are available for the public present here this evening.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing.
No one came forward.
The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Willse and Leonard moved that,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 73 OF THE WANAQUE BOROUGH CODE TO PROVIDE FOR RAPID KEY LOCK BOXES pass final reading, and that said Ordinance be adopted as an Ordinance of the Borough of Wanaque; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby directed to cause said Ordinance to be published in the manner prescribed by law.

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On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Introduction of Ordinance #7-0-19:

Re: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 88 of the Code of the Borough of Wanaque to Add Chapter VII Pertaining to Maintenance of Vacant and Abandoned Properties during Foreclosure

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Leonard and Balunis moved that Ordinance #7-0-19 be taken from the table and read by the Clerk, by title only, for consideration of first reading.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Clerk took from the table and read by title only as follows: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 88 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE TO ADD CHAPTER VII PERTAINING TO MAINTENANCE OF VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES DURING FORECLOSURE.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Leonard and Balunis moved that,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 88 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE TO ADD CHAPTER VII PERTAINING TO MAINTENANCE OF VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES DURING FORECLOSURE pass first reading, and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a Regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held on the 12th day of August 2019, at the Municipal Building in the Borough of Wanaque at 8:00 PM., and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be instructed to publish in the manner provided by law a copy of said Ordinance, together with introduction thereof and notice when same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The Mayor opened the Public Discussion.
No one came forward.
The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution #93-0-19:

Re: Approval to submit a FY20 Municipal aid Grant Application and execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Road Improvements to various streets within the Borough of Wanaque

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A FY20 MUNICIPAL AID GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS STREETS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF WANAUKE

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has funds available for transportation infrastructure projects through its FY20 Municipal Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, the Wanaque Borough Mayor and Council desire to construct improvements to but not limited to Ramapo Mountain Drive, Tremont Terrace, Lakeside Avenue, Father Hayes Drive, Toquet Street, approximately 1.9 miles, including pavement resurfacing, sidewalk and curb replacement if required, drainage improvements, traffic striping and traffic signs; and,

WHEREAS, the Wanaque Borough Mayor and Council desire to request aid from the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$1,130,550.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Wanaque formally approves the grant application for the above-stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2020-Variou Streets-00297 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Wanaque.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Wanaque, and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Resolution #94-0-19:

Re: Resolution Authorizing the "Pay to Play" Documentation for a Non-Fair and Open Process to First Priority Emergency Vehicles for the Calendar Year 2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE "PAY TO PLAY" DOCUMENTATION FOR A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS TO FIRST PRIORITY EMERGENCY VEHICLES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wanaque has utilized the services of First Priority Emergency Vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500 in the calendar year 2019; and,

WHEREAS, First Priority Emergency Vehicles has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a candidate or candidate committee in the Borough of Wanaque in the previous one-year, and that this contract will prohibit them from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

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WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Wanaque pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification, C.271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form, Stockholder Disclosure Form and the Determination of Value for First Priority Emergency Vehicles be placed on file with this resolution.

Resolution #95-0-19:

Re: Approval to Appoint Captain Angelo Calabro as Police Detective in the Borough of Wanaque Police Department

APPROVAL TO APPOINT CAPTAIN ANGELO CALABRO AS POLICE DETECTIVE IN THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of Police Chief Robert Kronyak that Captain Angelo Calabro is hereby appointed as a Police Detective effective July 8, 2019 at an additional Detective standby pay of \$13,979.88.

Resolution #96-0-19:

Re: Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement for the 2019 Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Hofstra Park Turf Soccer Field – Lakeside Park Improvements

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE 2019 OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the 2019 Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Agreement for the Lakeside Park Improvements between the County of Passaic and the Borough of Wanaque.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Pettet moved a motion to approve the aforementioned Consent Agenda.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

REGULAR REPORTS - PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Willse and Balunis moved that reports be received and filed; and that all monies be turned over to the Treasurer.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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Letter from James Norton - Retirement – July 1, 2019

The Mayor read the following retirement letter.

“Dear Mayor and Council, I would like to say THANK YOU to everyone and the Borough of Wanaque for giving me the opportunity to be an employee of our GREAT Borough. I was born and raised in town, graduated from our local schools, and started my employment on March 21, 1985 under the watchful eye of Larry Middleton (RIP) as my immediate supervisor. July 1, 2019 I will retire, and I wanted to say THANK YOU to all who walked this path with me in the past and in the present. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL for all the comradery and the memories made, I will treasure them forever. Most Sincerely, JIMBO James L. Norton.”

NEW BUSINESS:

Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Status Report - Lakeside Manor

Reported on at the Work Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: (Work Meeting)

FINANCE REPORT: Vouchers - Payrolls

Councilman Pettet said your Finance Committee respectfully reports that they have examined and approved the following and recommend that warrants are issued for their payment when the funds of the Borough of Wanaque are sufficient to meet them:

VOUCHERS

Recycling Trust 2019	\$	
Pre-Paid Current	\$	3,018.23
Current 2018	\$	2,160.27
Current 2019	\$	197,218.96
Pre-Paid Water	\$	534.25
Water Operating 2019	\$	68,849.92

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Sewer Operating 2019	\$	5,879.00
General Cap 2019	\$	27,682.50
Pre-Paid Recreation 2019	\$	41.80
Recreation Trust 2019	\$	13,093.95
Escrow 2019	\$	7,158.02
Animal Trust 2019	\$	34.20
Unemployment/Disability Trust	\$	761.08
Housing Trust	\$	317.90
Other Trust	\$	400.00
Voucher Total:	\$	325,671.10

PAYROLL:

Councilmen Pettet and Willse moved a resolution approving the following payrolls:

PR #12	06/14/2019	\$ 233,085.71
PR #13	06/28/2019	\$ 243,393.29
	Payroll Total:	\$ 476,479.00
	Grand Total:	\$ 802,150.10

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted and forthwith approved it.

Daniel Mahler
Mayor

ADJOURNMENT:

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Balunis moved a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On roll call, all voted yes except Councilman Willse who voted no and the Mayor declared the motion carried; meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.


Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk