

**TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING**

February 10, 2009

Public Invited – Public Participation

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Council President Cesaro at 7:32 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Roll Call:	Mr. Barberio	-	Present
	Mr. dePierro	-	Absent
	Mr. Fox	-	Present
	Ms. Grossi	-	Present
	Mr. Cesaro	-	Present

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Lim, Business Administrator; J. Verrone, Township Attorney; J. Silver, Township Clerk

The purpose of this meeting is to set the Agenda for the Regular Township Council Meeting of February 24, 2009

FORMAL ACTION MAY OR MAY NOT BE TAKEN.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law by filing the notice in the Office of the Township Clerk and by posting the meeting notice on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on December 2, 2008 where it has remained posted since that date. A legal notice appeared in both the Daily Record and the Star Ledger on December 9, 2008. The 2009 meeting schedule was forwarded by fax to other local newspapers and local radio stations on December 2, 2008.

Council President Cesaro asked if the Council Members are in agreement with moving forward with the videotaping of Council Meetings. Mr. Barberio questioned if the “glitches” have been addressed, noting the quality of the last tape he viewed was not good. Both Mr. Fox and Ms. Grossi agreed that the quality is horrible. Ms. Grossi suggested that the vendor address the problems. Ms. Lim noted that the vendor “tweaked” the system a little, but part of the problem is the lighting in the room. Ms. Lim explained that the Video Committee decided that it didn’t want to spend a lot of money on an expensive camera. Ms. Lim advised that the vendor indicated that he could install a ceiling mount, which might help. Council President Cesaro expressed his view that glitches in terms of lighting, etc. should not be an issue, noting that many municipalities’ videos on television are not of good quality. Council President Cesaro asked Ms. Lim to contact the vendor to see what else can be done to address the Council Members’ concerns.

ORDINANCES

Second Reading(s) and Public Hearing(s) – 2/24/09 ON

Acquiring By Purchase Additional Road Right of Way Over a Portion of Property Known As Block 721, Lot 8 In Connection With the Reconstruction of Vail Road Phase I (09:01)

Authorizing a Lease Agreement with Troy Hills Memorial Post #10184, Veterans of Foreign Wars (09:02)

Status of Adopted Ordinances:

<u>Ordinance Title and Number</u>	<u>Adopted Date</u>	<u>Mayoral Action</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
None			

DISCUSSION/REMINDERS

Scheduled Meetings

2/24/09 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Regular Meeting
Public Invited – Public Participation**

3/10/09 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Agenda Meeting
Public Invited – Public Participation**

Minutes for Approval:

Organization Meeting of 1/6/09 ON*

Agenda Meeting of 1/6/09 ON*

Regular Meeting of 1/13/09 ON*

Resolution(s):

Supporting Morris County’s PARIS Grant Application (2/09) A motion was made by Ms. Grossi, seconded by Council President Cesaro to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has launched its pioneering Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) Grants Program to meet the strategic records management, preservation, and storage needs of county and municipal governments; and

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WHEREAS, a top priority of the PARIS Grants Program is to achieve efficiencies of cost and operation through shared services and to create a service structure for municipalities that do not have the resources to create one for themselves; and

WHEREAS, in the 2009-2010 grant cycle, priority funding will be given to county projects to perform imaging for all of their municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills desires to collaborate with the County of Morris in the performance of imaging business critical records; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills is acknowledging that its eligible funding of \$140,000 will be leveraged with the County of Morris; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills is further acknowledging that the County of Morris would be both the lead agency and the applicant for such a proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, that the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills does support and commit to cooperation and participation in the PARIS Grants Program for the purposes set forth above, and to execute and deliver all documents required incident thereto.

Roll Call:	Mr. Barberio	-	Yes
	Mr. dePierro	-	Absent
	Mr. Fox	-	Yes
	Ms. Grossi	-	Yes
	Mr. Cesaro	-	Yes

Resolution Adopted.

Granting Exempt Firemen Certificates to Arden Birth, Robert J. Koegler and Thomas G. Strunck – Fire District 3 (1/09) ON*

Discussion:

Sewer Fee Tax Deduction (7/08) NEXT AGENDA

Status of Chief's Police Car Policy/Other Police Related Issues (7/08) NEXT AGENDA

Forge Pond/Wetlands Issues (8/08) NEXT AGENDA

Transparency in Government Act – Municipal (10/08) NEXT AGENDA

Economic Development Advisory Committee (12/08) Ms. Grossi advised that Ms. Verrone suggested that some revisions be made to the draft ordinance submitted to her for review.

NEXT AGENDA

Municipal Vehicle Use Ordinance (1/09) Council President Cesaro directed the Township Clerk to remove this item from the agenda at this time.

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Municipal Budget (1/09) Ms. Lim indicated that she is hoping to submit the Budget to the Council at the February 24, 2009 Meeting. **NEXT AGENDA**

Greystone – Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund (1/09) Ms. Lim explained that, in order to obtain funding under the Historic Preservation Trust Fund, the municipality would need to be the owner or owner assurances would be required. She pointed out that the funds available through the Trust Fund would not even put a dent in the amount needed to restore the building. Council President Cesaro directed the Township Clerk to remove this item from the agenda.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Annual Report (1/09) Ms. Lim advised that she asked Ms. Collins (Director of the Dept. of Planning, Zoning and Construction Inspections) to work on some type of report to the Council. It will take a couple of weeks to compile the data. **NEXT AGENDA**

Auto Crash Tax (1/09) **NEXT AGENDA**

Presentation(s):

Library Board of Trustees (2/09) Herb Levine, President of the Library Board of Trustees, noted that the following individuals are present in the audience on behalf of the Library: Robert Chopko, Vice-President of the Board of Trustees; Jerry Moses, Secretary of the Board of Trustees; and Board Members Rosemarie Merola, Joe Weisberg, Ellen Waldman, Jeff Dickerson and Jane Rauen, liaison to the Board of Education.

Mr. Levine explained that the Board asked to appear before the Council this evening to give the Council Members some idea of the kinds of things that the library is doing to help our citizens in this current economic situation. He noted that the number of library users has dramatically increased. Enrollment, for example, increased by 16.7% in 2008 and the amount of materials being borrowed is up over 7.6% over last year. People who are looking for jobs, looking to change careers, or who are looking for free entertainment are coming to the library in greater numbers. The library is trying to provide as many services as possible such as basic computer instruction, assistance with on-line job applications, and information classes on interview communication skills, career planning, resume preparation, etc. The library, per Mr. Levine, is putting forth great effort to assist residents who are unemployed. Additionally, he noted that people are rediscovering the library as a form of entertainment, a place where people don't have to spend money.

Folders entitled "The Economic Downturn: How the Parsippany Library System Helps Our Citizens" were provided to the members of the Council.

Mr. Levine pointed out that yesterday the State Assembly introduced a bill which would reduce the tax levy for libraries from one-third of a mil (per each dollar of assessed property value) to one-sixth of a mil, which would cut library budgets in half. He noted that there has already been negative reaction to this legislation. The Board of Trustees plans on writing to our legislators to

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let them know what kind of impact this will have and it hopes that the Township Council will oppose this legislation as well.

Winners of Municipal Alliance Committee's Logo and Slogan Contest - Certificates to be Presented at the 2/24/09 Regular Meeting (2/09) ON

Boy Scout Report to Community – 2/24/09 Regular Meeting (2/09) ON

MAYOR

No Agenda Items

ADMINISTRATION

BID(S)

Taken:

1/15/09

Reconstruction of Roosevelt Avenue – Phase I (from Lake Shore Drive to Hiawatha Boulevard) AWARD*

2/5/09

Reconstruction of Arlington Avenue (from Fairview Place to Park Road), Prospect Avenue (from Dead End to Cottage Place), and a Portion of Fairview Place NEXT AGENDA

To Be Taken:

2/19/09 @ 11:00 a.m.

One New 2009 Roll-Off Truck and Hoist, One New 2009 International Model 7500SBA 6x4 Chassis with Leach 25 Yard Packer Body and Two New 2009 International Model 7500SBA 6x4 Chassis with Leach 29 Yard Packer Bodies

QUOTATION(S)/PROPOSAL(S)/QUALIFICATION(S)

Received:

9/24/08

Risk Management Consultant/Liability Insurance Broker of Record Services
Ms. Lim advised that the Administration is continuing to recommend the award of this contract to Brown and Brown. Mr. Fox advised that he still has concerns about Brown and Brown relative to a potential conflict or the appearance thereof. Mr. Fox asked if anyone has heard anything about potential litigation from another broker. Ms Lim responded that she has not. Ms. Grossi commented that she doesn't think the Council can wait to see whether there is litigation on this

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issue to make a decision, noting that the Township needs a broker. Ms. Grossi felt that there is no longer a conflict with Brown and Brown. Mr. Fox stated that he will not support the Administration's recommendation. The resolution will be listed as "non-consent" on the February 24, 2009 Meeting Agenda. Council President Cesaro confirmed that the potential conflict has been obviated.

ON

1/22/09 Labor Counsel Legal Services Ms. Lim indicated that the Administration recommends that labor counsel legal services be awarded to Fred Knapp's Firm.

ON*

Requested:

2/11/09 @ 11:00 a.m.

Operation of Indoor Tennis Facility and Provision of Tennis Director/Professional and Related Services at Parsippany Community Center

Discussion/Recommendations:

PSE&G High Voltage Power Lines (8/08) Ms. Lim noted her memo of February 3, 2009 to the Council, which included copies of documents distributed at a meeting she and the Mayor attended about two weeks ago. She explained that the Coalition of Concerned Municipalities would like to formalize its status via resolutions adopted by the various governing bodies. Currently, there is no financial commitment. **RESOLUTION - ON***

Ms. Lim further advised that PSE&G agreed to attend the February 24, 2009 Council Meeting. She asked if the Council wants PSE&G to attend this meeting or schedule a separate meeting regarding the PSE&G Susquehanna-Roseland power line project. Ms. Grossi felt this should be done at a separate meeting because, if the project is reviewed and discussed at a council meeting, residents would falsely get the impression that the Council can do something about the project and we can't. The Council doesn't have that authority. This would really be an informational session allowing affected individuals to hear what PSE&G has to say. She, for one, does not want to be put in the position of having to control the meeting. This is not what a council meeting should be used for. She further commented that she feels there will be a huge number of people attending; this is an issue that should stand on its own and not be part of a meeting. Ms. Grossi and Mr. Barberio, on behalf of the Council, agreed to attend the meeting. Ms. Lim will arrange for the meeting to be held at the Parsippany Library. Mr. Fox felt that more than two Council Members should be able to attend this open public meeting. Ms. Verrone explained that this would not be the Council's open public meeting. If the entire Council attends an open public meeting of another body, then it is subject to the Open Public Meetings Law requirements as well. **NEXT AGENDA**

Shared Municipal Court (2/09) Ms. Lim advised that Mountain Lakes Borough asked if Parsippany would consider sharing municipal court. Discussions have taken place with Mountain Lakes, the Town of Boonton and Linda Murphy, the shared services coordinator for Morris County, who is willing to help us study whether this is feasible. Ms. Lim indicated that

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Boonton Township has also agreed to be part of the study and she believes Ms. Murphy has also reached out to Morris Plains, but has not received a response as of yet. Ms. Murphy is willing to give a presentation to the Council. Mr. Fox agreed that he would be willing to hear the presentation, but noted that our Municipal Court workload is phenomenal. He questioned how we could help another community. Ms. Lim indicated that there are a lot of potential scenarios. Council Members agreed that, financially, this arrangement would have to be to our advantage. Ms. Lim commented that it would have to be to everyone's advantage. **NEXT AGENDA**

Ordinance(s):

Amending and Supplementing Chapter 57, Personnel Policies, Article IV, Defined Contribution Retirement Program of the Code, Section 2 – Municipal Court Administrator (2/09) INTRODUCTION - ON

**Amending Article XV, Administration Generally, of Chapter 4, Administration of Government – Amending Fees Charged by Police for Electronic Records (2/09)
Amending and Supplementing Chapter 290, Parks, Recreation Areas and Public Lands, Article II, Use Regulations; Permit Requirements of the Code (2/09) INTRODUCTION - ON**

**Amending and Supplementing Chapter 214, Housing Certificates, of the Code (2/09)
INTRODUCTION - ON**

Amending and Supplementing Chapter 213, Housing and Property Maintenance, of the Code (2/09) INTRODUCTION - ON

Amending and Supplementing the Code to Add a New Chapter 129, Charitable Clothing Bins (2/09) INTRODUCTION - ON

Resolution(s):

Appointing an Administrator for the Township's Third Party Payment Plan for Emergency Medical Services (2/09) ON*

Authorizing Settlement Agreement Between the Township and Douglas Miller, Joseph Delisi, Jr. and Statewide Insurance Fund in Connection with the Action Entitled Delisi Vs. Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills Et. Al. (2/09) ON*

Supporting Craftsman Farms Foundation's Filing of an Application to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund for Funding of Restoration Work on the North and South Cottages (2/09) ON*

Authorizing an Agreement with ACACIA Financial Group, Inc. for Financial Advisory Services (2/09) ON*

Awarding a Contract for Insurance Services (Administration of Claims Processing for Workers' Compensation) to D & H Alternative Risk Solutions (2/09) ON*

Authorizing an Agreement with Saint Clare's Community Care, A Member of Saint Clare's Health Services, for the Provision of Certain Health Clinic Services (2/09) ON*

Authorizing an Application for a Loan from the N.J. Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program in Connection with the Redesign and Upgrade of 16MGD Wastewater Treatment Plant (Loan Number S340886-01) (2/09) ON*

Authorizing an Application for a Loan from the N.J. Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program in Connection with the Replacement of the South Beverwyck Road #1 Pump Station (2/09) ON*

Authorizing an Application for a Loan from the N.J. Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program in Connection with the Repainting of the I-287/Pomeroy Road Water Tank (2/09) ON*

Authorizing an Application for a Loan from the N.J. Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program in Connection with the Installation of a 16-Inch Diameter Transmission Water Main (2/09) ON*

Green Acres Enabling Resolution - Authorizing an Application for Additional Funding (2/09) ON*

Regarding Purchases of Goods and Services Utilizing N.J. Cooperative Purchasing Program and Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (2/09) ON*

ENGINEERING

Update/Recommendation(s):

Italicized comments below are excerpts from a February 5, 2009 memo from Mr. Lizza, Municipal Engineer, to Ms. Lim:

Train Horns at Intersections – “Quiet Zones” (3/06) *I spoke with Todd Hirt of NJDOT concerning the Quiet Zone for Powder Mill Road, Docket # W 01-2009 P. He provided (the) information for arranging the field meeting and this office will begin the process of preparing an invitation to all interested parties to discuss the Township's proposal for a quiet zone. This meeting will be scheduled for early to mid March of 2009. NEXT AGENDA*

Status of Road Resurfacing – Puddingstone Area (8/07) No change in status. **NEXT AGENDA**

Recommendations Relative to Mr. and Mrs. Lau's Concerns – Escrow Requirement in Connection with Sidewalk Repair (10/07) *Former Township Engineer Michael Pucilowski did not get a chance to draft changes to the ordinance to reduce the amount of escrow required for work performed between the property line and the edge of pavement in the Township right-of-way. The ordinance will be reviewed and recommendations presented within the next several months.* **NEXT AGENDA**

Camp Meeting Association Angle Parking Simpson Avenue (8/08) No change in status. **NEXT AGENDA**

Troy Brook through the Hills of Troy (11/08) No change in status. **NEXT AGENDA**

Feintuch Property Corner of Littleton Road/Parsippany Boulevard (11/08) *Christopher Vitz of the Morris County Engineering Department has contacted this office to further discuss the purchase of the Feintuch property. He indicated that the County of Morris was looking for the Township's assistance in the amount of \$150,000. Former Township Engineer Michael Pucilowski indicated that the current capital accounts of the Engineering Division have sufficient funds to lend to the County toward the purchase of the Feintuch property and that the Township Council had not raised an objection to an agreement between the County of Morris and the Township. Mr. Vitz indicated that a letter will be sent shortly to the Township requesting assistance in this matter. This letter has not yet been received, although we did receive a letter from him indicating that the project was included in the County's list of projects for the Federal Economic Stimulus package. I am reaching out to Mr. Vitz to set up a meeting to review this project.* **NEXT AGENDA**

711 Park Road – Fairview Estates (11/08) No change in status. **NEXT AGENDA**

Route 287 Bridge Improvements Over Route 46 (2/09) *The NJDOT is planning to rehabilitate the concrete bridge deck on Route 287 north over Route 46. The project is presently in design. The NJDOT anticipates construction to begin shortly after Memorial Day and be completed in October or November. (For informational purposes only; no Council action required.)*

Rte. 287/Route 80 Ramp Improvements (2/09) *The NJDOT has awarded a project to improve the ramp from Route 287 north to Route 80 west and the ramp from Route 287 south to Route 80 west. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in March; however, a pre-construction meeting has not yet been scheduled. (For informational purposes only; no Council action required.)*

Release of Performance Guarantee/Acceptance of Maintenance Bond - Parsippany Campus Realty Associates, L.L.C., Mack-Cali Business Campus Traffic Signals, Block 202, Lots 1.13 and 1.14 (Formerly Lot 7.01) (2/09) *The developer has requested a release of its performance guarantee and acceptance of a two-year maintenance bond for the work associated with the traffic signals. This office has provided construction inspection and finds that the signals have been installed and completed. Therefore, this office recommends release of the performance guarantee and acceptance of the maintenance bond.* **RESOLUTION – ON***

Reduction of Performance Guarantee – Parsippany Campus Realty Associates, L.L.C., Mack-Cali/Wyndham Worldwide, Block 202, Lots 1.13 and 1.14 (2/09) *The developer has requested a reduction of the performance guarantee for the Wyndham project at 22 Sylvan Way. This office has conducted site inspections and verified the quantities of construction items completed. Therefore this office has approved the reduction of the guarantee from \$6,883,203.60 to \$2,041,914.00.* **RESOLUTION – ON***

Authorizing the Termination of a Traffic Signal Agreement with the NJDOT for Fanny Road/Parsippany Blvd. (U.S. Route 202) (2/09) *Former Township Engineer Michael Pucilowski has requested that the existing traffic signal agreement with NJDOT be terminated for this intersection. The Township recently completed upgrades to the signal and recent inspections revealed the signal to be in conformance. Therefore, the Township will have full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the signal.* **RESOLUTION – ON***

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Resolution(s):

Tax Appeal Settlement – HGF Parsippany Blvd., LLC, 1160 Parsippany Blvd., Block 410, Lot 22.01 (2/09) **ON***

Tax Appeal Settlement – Teachers Insurance Assoc., 400 Interpace Pkwy., Block 136, Lot 43.5 (2/09) **ON***

Tax Appeal Settlement – Benenson Par, LLC, 169 Lackawanna Avenue, Block 136, Lot 33 (2/09) **ON***

Tax Appeal Settlement – OLP-Falk US Property, 45 Waterview Blvd., Block 421.4, Lot 1 (2/09) **ON***

Tax Appeal Settlement – Parsippany Lodging Assoc., 299 Smith Road, Block 735.02, Lot 1 (2/09) **ON***

Transfer of Appropriation Reserves – Current Fund (2/09) **ON***

Application to the Local Finance Board Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51 (2/09) **ON***

Ordinance(s):

Refunding Bond Ordinance – General Improvement (2/09) *Ms. Lim noted that this was discussed with the Council last fall; we are ready to proceed and it looks like we will still get at least 3% savings by refunding.* **INTRODUCTION - ON**

Refunding Bond Ordinance – Water Utility (2/09) **INTRODUCTION - ON**

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Refunding Bond Ordinance – Sewer Utility (2/09) INTRODUCTION - ON

Refunding Bond Ordinance – Golf Course Utility (2/09) INTRODUCTION - ON

ATTORNEY

Discussion:

Request for Extension of Developer’s Agreement - Morris Corporate V/VI Amended Preliminary and Final Site Plan (8/08) Ms. Verrone updated the Council on the status of the request, noting that the attorney for the developer is not agreeable to certain conditions. She responded in writing to the attorney on February 6, 2009, but has not received a final response.

NEXT AGENDA

TOWNSHIP OFFICES / COMMITTEES

No Agenda Items

COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence:

Ron LaRoy – Inquiring if Block 693, Lot 14 (196-198-200 Route 46) May Be Included in the Adjoining Route 46 Corridor Redevelopment Area “A Zoning” (1/14/09) The Township Clerk was directed to forward the request to the Planning Board for consideration.

Aida G. Visakay – Regarding Running for the Board of Education (1/27/09) NOTED

Tom Wyka – Recommending Adoption of Municipal Pay to Play Reform Ordinance (2/9/09) Mr. Fox asked if the Township is statutorily required to adopt its own ordinance. Ms. Lim replied “no,” advising that we are subject to the State “Pay to Play” Laws. Ms. Verrone explained that a local ordinance would have to be consistent with the State Statute and follow the “themes” of that legislation.

Resolution(s):

Randolph Township – Calling for the Immediate Adoption of A-3570, Which Abolishes the Council on Affordable Housing for its Failure to Comply with Legislative Directives Council President Cesaro asked the Township Clerk to draft a similar resolution.

RESOLUTION - ON*

Morristown – (1) Urging the New Jersey Legislature to Support the Municipal Revenue Restoration Act of 2008; (2) In Support of A-2760 and S-1785, Known as the Court Security Enhancement Fund and (3) Opposing the Sale of Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital Property to a Developer NOTED

Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders – Opposing Proposed Legislation That Would Require Deferral of Half a Billion Dollars in Pension Payments Consensus of the Council was to adopt a similar resolution. **RESOLUTION - ON***

APPLICATION(S):

License(s): None

***Consent Agenda**

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Cesaro opened the meeting to the public to speak on any topic, noting a five-minute time limit per speaker.

Roy Messmer, 10 Drumlin Drive, commented:

- That the public should have the opportunity to speak after a presentation such as the one given this evening by the Library Board of Trustees;
- That because pornography (via the internet) can be watched at all public libraries, at a minimum, there should be a separate room for “adults only”;
- That, since the Blue Collar contract still has not been settled, interest should be paid on Blue Collar employees’ back wages;
- That all elected officials should provide copies of their political contribution filing reports because of the difficulty of obtaining these reports from the internet;
- That there was involvement by the Morris County Prosecutor’s Office several years ago regarding the nephew of Betty Lou (DeCrose), who performed community service by working in her office (Roxbury Township) and receiving a paycheck; he will provide copies of the newspaper article to the Council;
- That the Mayor doesn’t have a Township decal on his vehicle; and

- That he hopes that the political affair held at the Parsippany Library doesn't set a precedent as he doesn't think events of that nature should be held at the Library.

Additionally, Mr. Messmer questioned why we are paying a Risk Management Company when we are in the Morris County JIF. Ms. Lim explained that the fee that is paid to the Risk Manager is part of the \$1.2 million. The JIF, per Ms. Lim, would pay the Risk Management Company.

Tom Wyka, 1 Bennett Court, asked the Council to consider adopting a municipal "Pay to Play" Ordinance. Governor Corzine, in his State of the State Address, expressed his view that the legislature should be passing more stringent "pay to play" legislation that everyone in the State would need to follow. The Daily Record recently commented that we don't have to wait for the State Legislature to pass more stringent "pay to play" reform; it can be done at the local level. With this in mind, he indicated that he presented a model ordinance to Council President Cesaro, copies of which were provided to the members of the Council, for consideration. This model ordinance, adopted by more than 60 New Jersey municipalities, is promoted by Citizens' Campaign, which is a non-partisan citizens' empowerment group. He felt that the adoption of this model ordinance is a tremendous way to show the voters of Parsippany how serious we are about government reform.

Mr. Barberio noted that one of his concerns is that this ordinance doesn't include "political committees." Discussion ensued. Mr. Wyka indicated that, relative to the adoption of local legislation, he would like to try to address some of the concerns expressed.

He noted that if the citizens of Parsippany want to see a local ordinance in place, they could do so because we are an "initiative and referendum" municipality. This would be a great way to get people mobilized around an issue. He pointed out, however, that he would rather see the Council adopt this legislation itself.

Joseph Weisberg, 4 Camelot Way, addressed two issues noted this evening. The first, relative to the pension plan, he confirmed that, during the Whitman Administration, the assumption was made and publicly stated that the money being withdrawn would be easily made up because the pension plan was investing in the Stock Market and was making lots of money. The Pension System was drained based on the wrong assumptions. Secondly, he urged the Council to be very careful about dealing with COAH. His recollection goes back over twenty years. Our original COAH obligation was 22,000 units in this town and it has been brought down and down and down. Now, he noticed that COAH's calculations are based on open spaces, rivers, streets, etc. This is insane, but not much different than what COAH did twenty years ago, when he was on the Township Council. The "stories" never seemed to match; there are different stories from different sources. As far as he is concerned, COAH is a duplicitous agency. You will never get the straight story. He does not know whether we can legislate COAH out of existence, but it must be dealt with carefully.

Rob Nanfro, 100 Stockton Court, asked how to get answering machines in all municipal departments, including the Mayor's Office. Council Members felt this is a good idea, but Ms. Grossi noted that this would be an administrative decision. Ms. Grossi suggested that answering machines should be operative during off hours to allow members of the public, who cannot call during working hours to leave messages.

Carol Trapp, 11 Bridgeton Drive, supported Tom Wyka's proposition for a local "pay to play" ordinance. She indicated that she is very much in favor of transparency; the more transparency the better.

Mr. Barberio pointed out that the "pay to play" we have is new. The "Pay to Play" State Law became effective in 2006.

Ms. Trapp expressed her view that clarification is required and penalties put in place.

Pat Petaccia, 182 Hawkins Avenue, asked if the Council has been kept informed as to the status of the Sewer Plant upgrades and the money appropriated for this purpose. Ms. Lim indicated that consultants are working on the specifications for the redesign project. The specs should be nearly completed by March 2009. She reviewed the possible bid dates relative to the Infrastructure Trust Fund Application.

With regard to the Mayor's car, Ms. Petaccia stated that she checked two weeks ago and noticed that it did not have a Township insignia. She felt that the Mayor should not expect any preferential treatment. Ms. Grossi indicated that the Mayor's Office interpreted that the ordinance didn't require the Mayor to put a Township emblem on his car. The Council, however, interpreted the ordinance differently. If need be, she is willing to put specific language in the ordinance requiring the Mayor to put a Township emblem on his vehicle.

Regarding the proposed PSE&G presentation, Ms. Petaccia felt she is not sure it would be wise to have it at the Library. Her concern is that there would be no controls in place to assure that the presentation is conducted in an orderly manner. Ms. Grossi indicated that the Library has a security guard and the police, if needed, would respond.

Ms. Petaccia expressed her hope that the Administration would be fiscally responsible in the preparation of the Township's Budget, specifically by keeping raises at a minimum. Ms. Grossi noted that the Mayor, in his address to the Chamber of Commerce, indicated that his budget would be lean. Ms. Petaccia also expressed her view that the public should no longer be supporting pensions.

Seeing no one else come forward to speak, Council President Cesaro closed the public portion of the meeting.

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Mr. Fox took this opportunity to ask Ms. Lim when she anticipates that the **Police Department Study**, being conducted by the Department of Community Affairs, will be completed. Ms. Lim advised that she thinks the Township will receive an official copy in May. Mr. Fox reported that there are horrendous rumors circulating in the Police Department which are causing some morale problems. Ms. Lim reminded the Council that the Township was able to obtain this study, free of charge, from the Department of Community Affairs.

Council President Cesaro commented that he is very pleased that **P.L. 2008, c. 110** was passed. He explained that this State Statute permits municipalities and counties to make certain traffic engineering decisions without NJDOT approval. Many traffic regulations, such as altering speed limits and designating stop intersections, can now be quickly accomplished by ordinance. This Statute cuts “red-tape,” limits government, and gives us more control over traffic management at the local level.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Mr. Barberio

SECONDED BY: Mr. Fox

Roll Call:	Mr. Barberio	-	Yes
	Mr. dePierro	-	Absent
	Mr. Fox	-	Yes
	Ms. Grossi	-	Yes
	Mr. Cesaro	-	Yes

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:55 p.m.

Minutes approved: March 17, 2009