

MINUTES

Regular Minutes of Town Council

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

A. Call to Order

Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act

Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of the Town of Morristown, held on February 24, 2015 in the council room, 200 South Street, Morristown, New Jersey, beginning at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time.

The Honorable Rebecca Feldman, Council President, presiding.

The Honorable Timothy P. Dougherty, Mayor was in attendance.

Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act:

"I, Kevin D. Harris, Town Clerk of the Town of Morristown, do hereby state that it is 7:09 pm, on February 24, 2015, and that we are at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 200 South St., Morristown, New Jersey, and that adequate notice of this meeting was provided according to law, by written notice to the Morris County *Daily Record*, the official newspaper of the Town of Morristown, and to the Newark *Star Ledger*, both more than 48 hours ago, and posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall, and filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Morristown."

"I do further state that I shall enter into the Minutes of this meeting a statement that such notice was furnished as particularly described by me in this public announcement."

B. Roll Call

The Town Clerk conducted the roll of Council Members in attendance:

PRESENT: Mr. Stefan Armington, Mr. Michael Elms, Ms. Rebecca Feldman, Ms. Toshiba Foster, Ms. Michelle Dupree Harris, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid

ABSENT: Ms. Alison Deeb

C. Executive Session

Council President Feldman moved that the Council proceed into Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Stefan P. Armington, Ms. Toshiba Foster, Ms. Michelle Dupree Harris, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Rebecca Feldman

NAYS:

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Ms. Alison Deeb

Executive Session commenced at 7:10 p.m., to discuss a litigation matters.
Council Member Deeb arrived at 7:12 p.m.. Executive Session ended at 7:47
p.m..

D. Roll Call of Council Members Prior to Resuming Regular Session

The Town Clerk conducted the roll of Council Members in attendance:

PRESENT: Mr. Stefan Armington, Ms. Alison Deeb, Mr. Michael Elms, Ms.
Rebecca Feldman, Ms. Toshiba Foster, Ms. Michelle Dupree Harris, Mrs. Raline
Smith-Reid

ABSENT: None

E. Resumption of Regular Session

Council President Feldman moved that the Council resume Regular Session.

Council Member Foster seconded and the motion passed on the following roll
call.

YEAS: Mr. Stefan P. Armington, Ms. Alison Deeb, Mr. Michael Elms, Ms.
Toshiba Foster, Ms. Michelle Dupree Harris, Mrs. Raline Smith-
Reid, Council President Rebecca Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Regular Session resumed at 7:52 p.m..

F. Moment of Silence & Salute to the Flag

Council President Feldman called first for a moment of silence.

The assembly then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

G. Consent Agenda

The Town Clerk presented the Consent Agenda, consisting of the following items:

1. Fraternal Order of Eagles #1311, Social Affairs Permit for March 14, 2015 (tabled from February 10, 2015)
2. Request of Saint Margaret of Scotland for Annual Parish Carnival – August 27 – 30, 2015
3. Request by Zufall Health Center for CDBG funding for replacement of roof on health center at 2-4 Atno Avenue.
4. Request for Approval for “Verizon Corporate Classic” – 5K Race – July 16, 2015
5. John Dempsey – Fire Bureau volunteer
6. CDBG Application Approval Request from St. Peter’s Church for an outreach program (presented February 24, 2015 at table)

With respect to Item #6, presented at table Council Member Armington asked if the matter was time sensitive. The Town Clerk responded that it was.

Council Member Armington stated that when he looked through Item #3 Application Packet, the page was blank as to the amount requested. The Town Clerk noted that the one presented to the Clerk’s Office was blank also. Ms. Turbiner from Zufall was in the audience, and addressed the Council apologizing for the submission of a blank amount. Ms. Turbiner stated that the amount applied for was \$29,195. Ms. Turbiner submitted a completed copy to the Clerk which shall be submitted to Council Members after the meeting.

Council President Feldman moved that the Items 1 through 6 on the Consent Agenda be adopted as distributed. Council Member Foster seconded and the motion passed on the following roll call.

YEAS: Mr. Stefan P. Armington, Ms. Alison Deeb, Mr. Michael Elms, Ms. Toshiba Foster, Ms. Michelle Dupree Harris, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Rebecca Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

- H. Mayor’s Presentation – Mayor Dougherty presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Morristown Fire Bureau for participation in the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. Mayor Dougherty read a letter from the United States Marine Corps thanking the Fire Bureau for their participation. Accepting the Certificate on behalf of the Fire Bureau was Firefighter Nick Prizzi who coordinated the program and is a retired U.S. Marine. Mayor Dougherty asked that the Town Clerk that the letter be placed in the personnel file of Firefighter Prizzi with a copy forwarded to both Fire Chief Flanagan and Firefighter Prizzi.

I. Public Hearing

At this time, the Council President opened the meeting to members of the public, asking if there was anyone who wanted to address Council concerning any matter.

Connie Haigland – addressed the Council informing them that she is the owner of Boutique 161 at the corner of Elm and South Streets which opened for business at this location in December 2014. Ms. Haigland stated that they moved to the Elm Street because they believe in the Town and she commended the Council for the vibrancy of development. Ms. Haigland stated she supports the Town on continued development and is proud to be in Morristown. Ms. Haigland further stated that Boutique 161 is featured in the recent edition of “New Jersey Monthly”

With no other members of the public wishing to be heard; the Council President closed the public portion of the meeting.

J. Report of Mayor and Town Officials

Mayor Dougherty asked for a moment of silence for Chef Melody, who owned a corner building on Washington and was a “Chef to the Stars” recently passed away. Mayor Dougherty stated that she was a longtime Morristown resident and was very active and dedicated to the community and she would be surely missed.

The Assembly engaged in a moment of silence.

Mayor Dougherty informed the Council that on March 22, 2015, the Fire Departments of Morristown, Morris Township and Morris Plains would be hosting their Annual Community Mass and Breakfast. The mass shall be at 9:00 a.m., at the Church of Christ the King in New Vernon followed by the Breakfast which shall begin at 10:00 a.m., at the New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Dougherty encouraged all Council Members to attend.

Mayor Dougherty further stated that as the St. Patrick’s Day Parade season approaches March 1, 2015 shall be the first parade in Belmar, New Jersey. Mayor Dougherty was invited to, and shall be participating. His Honor invited members of Council to join him where they shall meet for breakfast then march in the St. Patrick’s Day parade with Belmar Mayor Dougherty.

Mayor Dougherty reminded all to be mindful of the cold weather and to take advantage of the heating centers. He also commended DPW and all Town workers for having to be outside performing their duties.

In closing, 1) Mayor Dougherty recognized Assumption School where he toured earlier this day to celebrate the School’s being awarded a National Blue Ribbon Award; and 2) Mayor Dougherty turned his time to Council Member Deeb who

introduced “Tim” who Council Member Deeb has had since he was 7 ½ weeks and he is now 14 months. Council Member Deeb agreed to raise and train Tim for the Seeing Eye and now Tim is going back for further training to ultimately become a Seeing Aid Dog. Council Member Deeb stated that they had a “going away” party for Tim and fundraiser and \$1650 was raised to aid with Tim’s future training. Council Member Deeb thanked all Council Members particularly Council Member Harris who sat next to Tim when he attended meetings with Council Member Deeb. Council Member Deeb stressed the importance of The Seeing Eye’s mission and the need for continued support.

Mayor Dougherty stated that the Administration is still continuing to aid victims of the Elm Street fire.

K. Council Liaison Reports

Morristown Rotary – Council Member Elms stated that the Rotary submitted a check to the Administration for \$2,500 to help aid fire victims and reported that next Monday evening, March 2, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at the Hanover Marriott on Route 10, is the Taste of Morristown which is the largest fundraiser for the Morristown Rotary. Tickets are \$60 and 38 restaurants shall be in attendance. 100% of the proceeds go to the Rotary’s support projects. Council Member Elms urged all to attend.

Parking Authority – Council President Feldman advised that the Parking Authority did not meet in the last two weeks. As such, she has no report.

Planning Board – Council Member Armington stated on Monday, there was a Long Range Planning Committee meeting where the Form Based Code was discussed further.

Council Member Deeb asked if at some point would there be a full presentation before the entire Council. Council Member Armington stated that there would be.

Housing Authority – Council Member Harris informed the Council that there was a meeting last evening and the Authority Board dealt with issues concerning the formation of a Residents Council and a partnership for the Town Wide Cleanup. In addition, Council Member Harris informed the Council that the new Executive Director Roy Rogers was in place and on the job.

L. Regular Business

Ordinances for Introduction

Council President Feldman stated there were none on the agenda for the evening.

Ordinances for Adoption

Council President Feldman stated there were none on the agenda for the evening.

Resolutions for Adoption

The Town Clerk informed the Council President of the items on the agenda for consideration.

Resolution No. R-44-15

Adopted Council President Rebecca Feldman moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows "Resolution authorizing the Appropriations Reserve Transfer."

Purpose: Self-explanatory.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Stefan P. Armington, Ms. Alison Deeb, Mr. Michael Elms, Ms. Toshiba Foster, Ms. Michelle Dupree Harris, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Rebecca Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-45-15

Adopted Council President Rebecca Feldman moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows "Resolution authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$3,000,000 Tax Anticipation Notes of 2015 of the Town of Morristown, in the County of Morris, New Jersey"

Purpose: Self-explanatory.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Stefan P. Armington, Ms. Alison Deeb, Mr. Michael Elms, Ms. Toshiba Foster, Ms. Michelle Dupree Harris, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Rebecca Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-46-15

Adopted Council President Rebecca Feldman moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows "Resolution authorizing purchases from the General Services Administration Federal Supply Schedules."

Purpose: Authorizes the purchase of a 1992 Ford 350 Utility Truck at no cost to the Town through the Federal Supply Schedule of the General Services Administration.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Stefan P. Armington, Ms. Alison Deeb, Mr. Michael Elms, Ms. Toshiba Foster, Ms. Michelle Dupree Harris, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Rebecca Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-47-15

Adopted Council President Rebecca Feldman moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows "Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds for the purchase of police vehicles."

Purpose: Authorizes the purchase of four (4) police vehicles from Cherry Hill Winner Ford via State Contract # A82925 in the amount of \$99,560.00.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Stefan P. Armington, Ms. Alison Deeb, Mr. Michael Elms, Ms. Toshiba Foster, Ms. Michelle Dupree Harris, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Rebecca Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-48-15

Adopted Council President Rebecca Feldman moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows “Resolution awarding bid to Yannuzzi Group, Inc., for the building, demolition and site restoration at 7 Coal Avenue.”

Purpose: Awards bid in the amount of \$33,640.00 to Yannuzzi Group, Inc., for the building, demolition and site restoration at 7 Coal Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Stefan P. Armington, Ms. Alison Deeb, Mr. Michael Elms, Ms. Toshiba Foster, Ms. Michelle Dupree Harris, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Rebecca Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-49-15

Adopted Council President Rebecca Feldman moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows “Resolution accepting a grant from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund for the restoration of the Lidgerwood Park Softball Field.”

Purpose: Accepts grants from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund for the renovation of the Lidgerwood Park Softball Field in the amount of \$34,015.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Stefan P. Armington, Ms. Alison Deeb, Mr. Michael Elms, Ms. Toshiba Foster, Ms. Michelle Dupree Harris, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Rebecca Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-50-15

Adopted Council President Rebecca Feldman moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows "Resolution Extending Congratulations to Dawn Alexander on the occasion of her retirement from the Town of Morristown."

Purpose: Self-explanatory.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and passed on the following roll call:

YEAS: Mr. Stefan P. Armington, Ms. Alison Deeb, Mr. Michael Elms, Ms. Toshiba Foster, Ms. Michelle Dupree Harris, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Rebecca Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

M. Unfinished (Old) Business – None was offered for the evening.

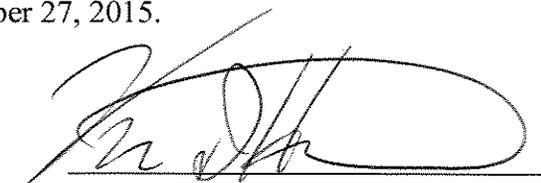
N. New Business – None was offered for the evening.

O. Adjournment

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Council President Rebecca Feldman, seconded by Council Members Foster and Smith Reid and passed unanimously by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m..

I, Kevin D. Harris, Town Clerk of the Town of Morristown, hereby certify that the above reflect the true and accurate minutes from the Morristown Town Council Meeting, held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 and approved by the Morristown Town Council at the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday, October 27, 2015.

Date: October 28, 2015



KEVIN D. HARRIS, Town Clerk