

MINUTES

Regular Minutes of Town Council

Tuesday, January 13, 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 January 13, 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 January 13, 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, Ms. Alison Deeb, Ms. Rebecca Feldman, Ms. Toshiba Foster, Ms. Michelle Dupree Harris, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid

ABSENT: Mr. Michael Elms

C. Executive Session

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

The motion was seconded by Ms Michelle Dupree Harris and passed on the following roll call:

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

NAYS: None
ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Mr. Michael Elms

Executive Session commenced at 7:12 p.m., to discuss a litigation matter.
Executive Session ended at 7:32 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 7:35 p.m..

F. Moment of Silence & Salute to the Flag

Mr. Harris 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. Request from Inspired to Give for permission to hold a Running on Love 5K Festival for Love – Sunday, October 11, 2015 (see material enclosed).

2. Approval of Volunteer Fire Firefighter applications for Vincent Uglialoro, Jr., Nathaniel Brown and Naim Hopkins.

Council President Feldman moved that the items 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 – prior to making his presentation; Mayor Dougherty asked that the Council and the public to remember the family of Brian Burns, Esq., an attorney who used to formerly practice in Morristown as well and former State Democratic Chairman Joseph Cryan on the passing of his mother.

Mayor Dougherty presented a Certificate of Appreciation with a Key to the Town of Morristown attached to Bill Byrnes.

- I. Report of Mayor and Town Officials

Mayor Dougherty informed the Council that on the Town's Webpage, there is a report of a fire that occurred in Town as the result of using a space heater. Mayor Dougherty spoke on the use of people heating their homes and advocated safety first among the residents.

- J. 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.

Chris Russo – asked if there was any discussion among the Council concerning a half-marathon race to be run on October 18, 2015.

Council President Feldman responded that the matter would be scheduled for the January 27, 2015 Town Council Meeting.

Susan Glover – inquired as to proposed street paving on Washington Avenue in the Spring/Summer 2015; and what residents can do to initiate traffic calming measures as traffic may increase once paving is completed. Mr. Glover asked what if anything can be done.

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

Council President Feldman asked Town Attorney Vijayant Pawar, Esq., if there was any other information on the race. Mr. Pawar stated that he would follow up and speak with Mr. Russo in the morning.

Council President Feldman further stated that she would ask that Washington Avenue street paving be placed on the agenda for the next Council Meeting when hopefully Jeff Hartke, Director of Public Works and Town Engineer may be present.

K. Council Liaison Reports

Morristown Partnership – Council Member Elms reported that the first meeting shall be tomorrow, Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Council President Feldman extended gratitude to the entire fire department and members of public safety for their response to the recent fire.

L. Regular Business

Ordinances for Introduction

The Town Clerk stated there were none on the agenda for the evening.

Ordinances for Adoption

The Town Clerk 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 as well as the item that was discussed in Executive Session which shall be Resolution No. R-33-2015.

Council President Feldman moved that Resolution No.: R-31-2015 be tabled. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith-Reid and the motion passed on the following roll call.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: Mr. Michael Elms

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-26-15

Adopted Council President Rebecca Feldman moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows “Resolution authorizing award of contract for Professional Services to the firm McManimon & Scotlan, LLC as Bond Counsel.”

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 Michelle Dupree Harris, Ms Toshiba Foster, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Rebecca Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-27-15

Adopted Council President Rebecca Feldman moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows “Resolution appointing an Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Emergency Coordinators for 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 Michelle Dupree Harris, Ms Toshiba Foster, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Rebecca Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-28-2015

Adopted: Council President Feldman moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows "Resolution authorizing and approving a contract with ATON Computing for Information Technology Support Services.

Purpose: Authorizes contract for IT Services for the year 2015 for an estimated cost of \$ 70,000.

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 Michelle Dupree Harris, Ms Toshiba Foster, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Rebecca Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-29-15

Adopted Council President Rebecca Feldman moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows "Resolution authorizing submission of a Grant Application sponsored by the American Planning Association-New Jersey Chapter's Community Planning Assistance Program."

Purpose: Authorizes submission of a grant application for professional support to create Urban Design Guidelines and Mobility Framework for the Morristown Transit Village.

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 Michelle Dupree Harris, Ms Toshiba Foster, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Rebecca Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-30-15

Adopted Council President Rebecca Feldman moved the adoption of the

following resolution: Here follows “Resolution authorizing the renewal of contract between Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc., and the Town of Morristown.”

Purpose: Authorizes the renewal of contract with Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc., to provide group dental coverage for a term effective January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

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 Michelle Dupree Harris, Ms Toshiba Foster, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Rebecca Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-32-15

Adopted Council President Rebecca Feldman moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows “Resolution authorizing the Town of Morristown to join with the Morris County Adaptive Program.”

Purpose: Authorizes the Town to join MCARP at the annual cost of \$2,460.00

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 Michelle Dupree Harris, Ms Toshiba Foster, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Rebecca Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution No. R-33-15

Adopted Council President Rebecca Feldman moved the adoption of the following resolution: Here follows “Resolution of the Town of Morristown Town Council authorizing a settlement agreement by and

among the Town of Morristown, Speedwell, LLC and the Parking Authority of 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 Michelle Dupree Harris, Ms Toshiba Foster, Mrs. Raline Smith-Reid, Council President Rebecca Feldman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

M. Unfinished (Old) Business

1. Zoning Ordinance/Form Based Code – Council President Feldman expressed that she would like to see the Morristown moving forward Master Plan and the need to have it codified into a form-based zoning ordinance. Council President asked if the Administration could provide an update of what to expect in the coming year.

Mayor Dougherty invited Council to attend the next Planning Board meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., at which time a presentation shall be made. Mayor Dougherty stated that 48 hour notice shall be given so that a quorum or more of the Council may attend.

2. Council President asked Mr. Pawar to advise the Council on establishing Council subcommittees and legislative committees.

Mr. Pawar stated that he shall research the matter as to what roll the Council may play in the Planning Board affairs and to what extend a Council subcommittee shall hopefully not intrude on the rights of the Planning Board. Mr. Pawar shall hopefully have an update by the next meeting.

N. New Business – Council President Feldman nominated Council Member Stefan Armington to be the Class III Member of the Morristown Planning Board.

No other nominations were submitted.

The motion passed on the following roll call

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

O. Adjournment

Prior to adjourning Council Member Foster notified the Council and all in attendance of an upcoming Credit and Budget Workshop sponsored by the Housing Partnership for Morristown residents to be held on February 3, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the Morristown and Morris Township Library, 1 Miller Road, Morristown. Council Member Foster encouraged all to register and attend.

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, January 13, 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