

**TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE
ESSEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY**

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

JANUARY 5, 2015

1. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Longo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilman O'Toole, Tanella, Zunic, Deputy Mayor Chiusolo, Mayor Longo

Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Township Attorney Scrivo, and Township Clerk Stutz

The invocation was given by Rev. David Snyder of Community Church followed by the flag salute by Mayor Longo.

Mayor Longo made the required announcement concerning the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Adequate notice of this meeting was duly provided to the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger on January 1, 2015, filed with the Township Clerk, and posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building Lobby in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- (a) To consider approval of regular public meeting minutes of December 1, 2014

Deputy Mayor Chiusolo moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Zunic, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman O'Toole, Tanella, Zunic, Deputy Mayor Chiusolo, Mayor Longo

NO: None

- (b) To consider approval of minutes of special public meeting of December 15, 2014

Councilman Zunic moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman O'Toole, Tanella, Zunic, Deputy Mayor Chiusolo, Mayor Longo

NO: None

3. AWARD OF BID

- (a) To consider resolution awarding bid for removal of liquid sludge

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertising duly made, bids were received for Removal of Liquid Sludge and were publicly opened and read by the Township Clerk on December 3, 2014 as follows:

BIDDER	Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission		Spectraserv, Inc	
	1-year	2-year	1-year	2-year
R & D Trucking Inc. West Milford NJ 07480	.028/gal	.029/gal	.028/gal	.029/gal
Spectraserv So. Kearny NJ 07032	.031/gal	.031/gal	.031/gal	.031/gal
Accurate Waste Systems Lake Hopatcong NJ 07849	.031/gal	.031/gal	.031/gal	.031/gal
Russell Reid Keasbey NJ 08832	.0346/gal	.0346/gal	.0346/gal	.0346/gal

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer and the Township Manager have reviewed the bids and recommend awarding the bid for a two-year contract to R & D Trucking in the bid amount of \$0.029/gallon; and

WHEREAS, funds are available to satisfy our obligations under this contract in the 2015 Sewer Utility – Other Expenses Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the award of the bid be made to R & D Trucking of West Milford, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officials be instructed to execute a contract on behalf of the Township.

Councilman Zunic moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman O’Toole, Tanella, Zunic, Deputy Mayor Chiusolo, Mayor Longo

NO: None

4. MEETING OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP WISHING TO BE HEARD ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Longo opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard on any item on the agenda. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Longo closed this portion of the meeting.

5. REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

(a) Township Manager – The Manager read a letter on behalf of Councilman O’Toole regarding Cedar Grove police officer presence at the funeral services of New York Police Office Liu.

(b) Township Clerk – The Clerk announced that a municipal election will be conducted on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 for two (2) Council seats. The Clerk further announced that candidate packets are available in the Township Clerk’s Office and must be submitted by March 9, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. The Clerk also noted (3) letters of interest received for Environmental Commission vacancies. There was consensus to schedule interviews for executive session January 12th at 6:30 p.m.

(c) Township Attorney – No report

(d) Other Reports

Deputy Mayor Chiusolo cited recent controversial police related events that occurred throughout the country and requested residents to treat police officers, particularly Cedar Grove police officers with respect. Deputy Mayor Chiusolo announced that developer K. Hovnanian will make a presentation at the January 12th staff meeting of its proposal for redevelopment of the Hilltop property.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

7. NEW BUSINESS

(a) To consider resolution concerning submission of 2015 CDBG application

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby authorizes the Township Manager and the Township Engineer to submit applications for funding under the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program to the Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, as required by the Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development that projects for which applications will be submitted are approved in the following priority order:

1. Barrier-Free Pedestrian Seating at Panther Park

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development.

Councilman Zunic moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman O’Toole, Tanella, Zunic, Deputy Mayor Chiusolo, Mayor Longo

NO: None

(b) To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle application – St. Catherine of Siena Church

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS an application for a raffle license has been received from:

APPLICANT

EVENT, DATE, TIME, AND PLACE

St. Catherine of Siena Church
339 Pompton Ave.
Cedar Grove NJ 07009

Off-premise 50/50 draw raffle on
May 31, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at
339 Pompton Ave. Cedar Grove NJ 07009

WHEREAS the fees have been paid, the application has been reviewed by the Township Clerk and found acceptable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that it does hereby approve said application.

Deputy Mayor Chiusolo moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zunic, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman O’Toole, Tanella, Zunic, Deputy Mayor Chiusolo, Mayor Longo

NO: None

(c) To consider resolution concerning re-appointment of Township Auditor

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the appointment of a Township Auditor for the Township of Cedar Grove, and funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 states "no local unit shall be required to advertise for bids for professional services" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4, the annual audit and

WHEREAS, the firm of Nisivoccia & Company is a registered municipal accounting firm in the State of New Jersey and comes under the "professional services" provision of the Local Public Contracts Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that it does hereby appoint Nisivoccia & Company to serve as Township Auditor for the calendar year 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this appointment shall be published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

Councilman Zunic moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman O’Toole, Tanella, Zunic, Deputy Mayor Chiusolo, Mayor Longo

NO: None

(d) To consider resolution concerning re-appointment of Bond Counsel

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for specialized legal services in connection with the authorization and the issuance of bonds or notes of the Township of Cedar Grove, and funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, such services were solicited pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.. under a fair and open process; and

WHEREAS, qualifications/proposal for said appointment were received and publicly opened by the Township Clerk on November 13, 2014; as follows

John Hudak, Esq. LLC	Linden, NJ
John L. Kraft, Esq. LLC	Edison, NJ

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that the law firm of John G. Hudak, Esq. LLC, of Linden, New Jersey is hereby re-appointed for the calendar year 2015 to provide the specialized legal services necessary in connection with the authorization and the issuance of bonds or notes by the Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution and agreement can be reviewed in the Township Clerk's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law of New Jersey shall be published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times.

Councilman Zunic moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman O'Toole, Tanella, Zunic, Deputy Mayor Chiusolo, Mayor Longo

NO: None

8. MEETING OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP WISHING TO BE HEARD ON ANY ITEM ON OR OFF THE AGENDA CONCERNING TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

Mayor Longo opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard.

The following residents expressed their support for expansion of the Library building to provide a community room to accommodate both Library programs, community programs, and use by community organizations:

Bill Oswald; 23 Longview Rd.
Bob Cunniff; 35 Hillcrest Rd.
Joan Weiss; 606 Holly Lane
Karen Hagen; 371 Fairview Ave.
Vicky Augustine; 160 Myrtle Ave.

There being no one else present wishing to be heard, Mayor Longo closed this portion of the meeting

9.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Chiusolo moved adjournment of the public council meeting, seconded by Councilman Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman O'Toole, Tanella, Zunic, Deputy Mayor Chiusolo, Mayor Longo

NO: None

E. ROMEO LONGO MAYOR

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN R. STUTZ MUNICIPAL CLERK