

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

**COUNCIL STAFF MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 9, 2015
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 5:00 P.M. BUDGET HEARING**

1. ROLL CALL – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT BY MAYOR

Mayor Longo called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and 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, filed with the Township Clerk, and posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building's lobby in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Present: Councilman Tanella, Zunic, Deputy Mayor Chiusolo, Mayor Longo
Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Township Clerk Stutz
Absent: Councilman O'Toole

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Executive Session – March 3, 2014

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

AYE: Councilman Tanella, Zunic, Deputy Mayor Chiusolo, Mayor Longo

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman O'Toole

b) Executive Session – October 6, 2014

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

AYE: Councilman Tanella, Zunic, Deputy Mayor Chiusolo, Mayor Longo

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman O'Toole

c) Executive Session – January 12, 2015

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

AYE: Councilman Tanella, Zunic, Deputy Mayor Chiusolo, Mayor Longo

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman O'Toole

d) Staff Meeting – January 12, 2015

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

AYE: Councilman Tanella, Zunic, Deputy Mayor Chiusolo, Mayor Longo

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman O'Toole

3. TOWNSHIP MANAGER

- a) Bond Counsel – The Manager reported that recently re-appointed Bond Counsel notified the Township that he is no longer able to provide services as he has been appointed Judge to the Superior Court. Mr. Tucci recommended that the Township solicit requests for proposals, to which the governing body concurred.
- b) 2015 Pool Membership Fees – The Manager provided the recommended 2015 pool membership fees from the Finance Director, which were also approved by the Recreation Advisory Board. Deputy Mayor Chiusolo moved to concur with the recommendation, seconded by Councilman Zunic, and agreed to unanimously.

4. TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY – No report**5. TOWNSHIP CLERK – No report****6. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Deputy Mayor Chiusolo expressed concern regarding recent action taken by the Library Board of Trustees. Deputy Mayor Chiusolo explained that the Board of Trustees authorized a 10% increase of the Library Director's salary in response to notification from Director of another job offer. Following further discussion, Deputy Mayor Chiusolo suggested that the Township Manager remind the Library Board of Trustees in writing of 2% cap imposed on municipal budgets. Deputy Mayor Chiusolo further suggested that the governing body write the State Legislature to address mandated Library funding. Discussion concluded with a consensus that the Manager request the Library Board of Trustees and Library Director to meet with the governing body in executive session on 3/2 to discuss the issue.

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Bill Resolution was read by title and amount as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that the attached summary of bills having been duly audited and found correct be and they are thereby ordered paid and that warrants be drawn on the Treasurer in the aggregate amount of \$ 5,436,394.53.

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

AYE: Councilman Tanella, Zunic, Deputy Mayor Chiusolo, Mayor Longo

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman O'Toole

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to discuss, the staff council meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by acclaim.