

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

COUNCIL STAFF MEETING

**MINUTES
7:00 P.M.**

MARCH 20, 2017

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

1. ROLL CALL – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT BY MAYOR

Mayor Tanella called the meeting to order at 7:25 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 Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Township Attorney Zielinski, Township Clerk Stutz

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Staff Meeting – February 27, 2017

Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed unanimously.

b) Executive Session – February 27, 2017

Councilman Cicala moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Kumburis, and passed unanimously.

3. TOWNSHIP MANAGER – The Manager reported that K. Hovnanian has provided three different designs for a proposed ballfield on LRP property. Mayor Tanella recommended that the Mayor and Township Manager meet with Board of Education officials to review the plans.

4. TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY – No report

5. TOWNSHIP CLERK – No report.

6. COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Maffucci commented that the Environmental Commission completed its update of the Township's Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI). The Manager explained that a resolution is required to adopt the ERI for Sustainable New Jersey certification purposes. There was consensus to consider the resolution at the 4/3 meeting. Deputy Mayor Maffucci also

announced a joint clean-up of the West Essex Bikeway with the Environmental Commissions from Verona and Cedar Grove.

The Manager addressed Councilman Kumburis's inquiry regarding rental of the Robert O'Toole Community Center. Mr. Tucci explained that non-profit groups/organizations should contact the Township's Recreation Director for schedule availability and private rentals should contact County directly. Councilman Kumburis reported that a flood gauge was installed on the Peckman River in Verona. Councilman Kumburis also commented that he had attended the recent TREPS marketplace at Memorial Middle School.

The Manager responded to Councilman Longo's inquiry concerning the status of the pedestrian footbridge replacement at the Library.

Councilman Cicala suggested that a follow-up letter be sent to the City of Newark regarding the Township's interest in acquiring certain reservoir property (tract from Ridge Road to Bowden Road) to maintained as open space. Councilman Cicala also suggested that Township officials meet with Green Acres to seek funding for acquisition of the reservoir property, to which the governing body agreed. Councilman Cicala also suggested that the governing body adopt a resolution stating its intention to purchase the reservoir property and forward the resolution to the Governor's Office, to which the governing body agreed. There was consensus that the Township Attorney prepare the resolution. Councilman Cicala suggested that the Township seek Open Space Trust Funds to improve trails within the Township.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) To consider resolution concerning cancellation of outstanding checks

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

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court and Bail Account account reconciliations reflect the following stale dated outstanding checks:

MUNICIPAL COURT

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4740	10-13-15	\$1.00
4762	2-26-16	2.00
4767	3-16-16	1.00
4773	4-11-16	1.00
4789	7-25-16	<u>1.00</u>
		<u>\$6.00</u>

BAIL ACCOUNT

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8677	12-2-15	<u>\$136.00</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, that the above listed checks are hereby voided and cancelled.

Councilman Longo moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Kumburis and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

b) To consider resolution concerning cancellation of tax levy

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

WHEREAS, the 2016 Extended Tax Duplicate listed a parcel of property owned by Cedar Grove Engine Co. #3 located at 158 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ, Block – 26 Lot – 29 with an assessed valuation of \$349,900 with an outstanding 2016 tax levy balance in the amount of \$4,111.32; and

WHEREAS, the parcel of property owned by Cedar Grove Engine Co. #3 located at 158 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ, Block - 26 Lot – 29 is now tax exempt and it is necessary to cancel the 2016 tax levy balance in the amount of the \$4,111.32; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the required tax cancellation be made:

2016 Tax Levy Cancellation

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner & Location</u>	<u>Tax Cancellation</u>
26	29	Cedar Grove Engine Co. #3 158 Pompton Avenue Cedar Grove, NJ 07009	\$4,111.32

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

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

c) To consider resolution concerning Distracted Driving 2017 Crackdown

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

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable: and

WHEREAS, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and

WHEREAS, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 3,179 deaths and 431,000 injuries on our nation's roads; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in more than 800,000 crashes between 2010-2014; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Distracted Driving 2017 Crackdown* from April 1-21, 2017 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the national slogan for the campaign is *U Drive, U Text, U Pay*; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Cedar Grove declares its support for the *Distracted Driving 2017 Crackdown* both locally and nationally from April 1-21, 2017 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

Councilman Longo moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

- d) To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle applications – St. Vincent Nursing Home Auxiliary

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

WHEREAS applications for a raffle license has been received from:

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>EVENT, DATE, TIME, AND PLACE</u>
St. Vincent Nursing Home Aux. 315 E. Lindsley Rd. Cedar Grove, NJ 07009	Merchandise Raffle on May 25, 2017 at Noon to 3:00 p.m. at 315 E. Lindlsey Rd., Cedar Grove NJ
St. Vincent Nursing Home Aux. 315 E. Lindsley Rd. Cedar Grove, NJ 07009	On-Premise 50/50 on May 25, 2017 at Noon – 3:00 p.m. at 315 E. Lindsley Rd., Cedar Grove NJ

WHEREAS the fee has been paid, the applications have 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 Maffucci moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Kumburis and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

- e) To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle applications – CGHS Lacrosse Booster Club

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

WHEREAS applications for raffle licenses have been received from:

APPLICANT

CGHS Lacrosse Booster Club
17 Old Quarry Rd.
Cedar Grove NJ 07009

EVENT, DATE, TIME, AND PLACE

On-Premise 50/50 Raffle
4/1/17 at 10:00–12:00 p.m., 4/4 and
4/11/17 at 5:30–7:30 p.m., 4/12/17 at
7:00–9:00 p.m., 4/20/17 at 5:30–7:30 pm,
4/22/17 at 2:00–4:00 pm, 5/2/17 at 5:30-7:30 pm,
5/9/17 at 6:30-8:30 p.m., 5/11/17 at 5:30-7:30 pm
at 90 Rugby Road Athletic Field

CGHS Lacrosse Booster Club
17 Old Quarry Rd.
Cedar Grove NJ 07009

On-Premise 50/50 Raffle
3/25/17 at 10:00 am-12:00 noon, 3/30/17 at
at 4:00-6:00 pm, 4/1/17 at 1:00-3:00 pm,
4/10/17 at 7:00–9:00 pm, 4/12 and 4/17/17 at
4:00 – 6:00 pm, 4/22/17 at 12:00-2:00 pm,
4/26/17 at 4:00-6:00 pm, 5/8/17 at 7:00-8:00 pm,
5/10/17 at 6:30-8:30 pm at 90 Rugby Road
Athletic Field

WHEREAS the fees have been paid, the applications have 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 applications.

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

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

- f) To consider resolution concerning submission of application for Body-Worn Camera Assistance Program

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL
JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ACCEPTANCE
OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE 2016 BODY-WORN CAMERA ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove Police Department wishes to apply for funding for a project under the State of New Jersey 2016 Body-Worn Camera Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Cedar Grove has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Township of Cedar Grove Police Department for the purpose described in the application; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Law and Public Safety has awarded the Township of Cedar Grove Police Department a Subaward amount of \$15,000 Federal with a match of \$0 for a total amount of \$15,000, part of Subaward Number JAG-BWC7-16 for the Subaward Period of 1/9/2017 to 1/8/2018;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the mayor and council of the Township of Cedar Grove that:

1. As a matter of public policy that the Township of Cedar Grove Police Department wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety.
2. The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
3. The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the application for said funds.
4. The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.
5. The Township of Cedar Grove Police Department is authorized to accept the Subaward.
6. The Township of Cedar Grove Police Department is accepting the specific grant funds for the purpose described in the application.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Longo and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

8. 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 \$ 2,641,868.74.

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

AYE: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Charles Dovico – Mr. Dovico advised that a building remediation program is anticipated to commence shortly as a result of the 4 Seasons Homeowners Assoc. lawsuit against K. Hovnanian.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to discuss, the staff council meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by acclaim.