

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

**COUNCIL STAFF MEETING**

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

**APRIL 16, 2018**

**1. ROLL CALL – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT BY MAYOR**

Mayor Tanella called the meeting to order at 7:00 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: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Mayor Tanella

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

Absent: Deputy Mayor Cicala

**2. TOWNSHIP MANAGER – No report**

**3. TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY – No report**

**4. TOWNSHIP CLERK –** The Clerk noted a vacancy on the Planning Board and Library Board of Trustees and corresponding resident letters of interest. Mayor Tanella requested consent from the governing body to appoint Komal Choudhry to the Library Board of Trustees. Councilman Vargo recused himself from discussion of appointment to Planning Board. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Kumburis recommended appointment of John Borgese to the Planning Board vacancy, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and agreed to by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Mayor Tanella

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Cicala

ABSTAIN: Councilman Vargo

**5. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilwoman Peterson commended Councilman Vargo on the recent Artwalk event sponsored by the Downtown Advisory Committee.

Councilman Vargo provided information on the follow-up event "Cedar de Mayo" scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at LRP school grounds.

Councilman Vargo also noted that he had received follow-up information from the family of Bill Fearon regarding the location of memorial at Panther Park.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) To consider resolution approval of raffle application – CG Elks Club

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

**WHEREAS**, application for raffle license has been received from:

**APPLICANTS**

**EVENTS, DATES TIMES & PLACE**

Cedar Grove Elks Lodge #2237  
 405 Bowden Rd.  
 Cedar Grove NJ 07009

Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held  
 July 14, 2018 at 4:30 pm at  
 405 Bowden Rd., Cedar Grove NJ 07009

**WHEREAS**, the fees have been paid, and 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.

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

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Cicala

- b) To consider resolution concerning cancellation of sewer charges and penalties

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

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined upon investigation of the Township Manger that the sewer charges and penalties assessed to the account listed herein should be cancelled:

<u>Name &amp; Address</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Sewer Penalties</u>	<u>Total Cancelled</u>
Josephine Mangiola Castro 602-604 Pompton Avenue Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 Acct. No. 1-1206100	<u>\$1,888.95</u>	<u>\$188.90</u>	<u>\$2,077.85</u>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to cancel the sewer charges and penalties for the above account.

Councilwoman Peterson moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Cicala

- c) 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>
4798	9-19-16	\$1.00
4814	12-23-16	1.00
4828	3-31-17	1.00
4859	9-22-17	<u>1.00</u>
		<u>\$4.00</u>

### **BAIL ACCOUNT**

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8942	1-25-17	<u>\$11.00</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.

Councilwoman Peterson moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Cicala

## **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 \$ 4,535,149.78.

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

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Cicala

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being nothing further to discuss, the staff council meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by acclaim.