

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

**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 16, 2017**

**1. ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE**

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

Present: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella  
Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Township Attorney Zielinski, Township Clerk Stutz

The flag salute was led by Mayor Tanella.

Mayor Tanella 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 by fax and on October 3, 2017, 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. PUBLIC HEARING**

- a) To consider adoption of Pending Ord. #17-812 - Amending Chapter 251 of the Township Code entitled "Vehicles and Traffic"

The ordinance was read by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE, COUNTY OF  
ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING §251 OF THE CEDAR  
GROVE TOWNSHIP CODE TO PROVIDE FOR RESTRICTED  
HANDICAPPED PARKING AT RESIDENCES**

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

Deputy Mayor Cicala moved that the ordinance be adopted at second reading, published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times as a passed ordinance to take effect as prescribed by law, seconded by Councilman Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella  
NO: None

- b) To consider adoption of Pending Ord. 17-817 - Amending Chapters 259 and 217 of the Township Code entitled "Water" and "Sewer" respectively

The ordinance was read by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE  
TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCREASE IN FEES.**

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

Councilman Vargo moved that the ordinance be adopted at second reading, published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times as a passed ordinance to take effect as prescribed by law, seconded by Councilman Kumburis, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

- c) To consider adoption of Pending Ord. 17-818 – Repeal of Chapter 29 of the Township Code entitled “Flood Control Board”

Mayor Tanella advised that the public hearing and adoption has been tabled pending further discussion.

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

Mayor Tanella opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard on any item on the agenda.

David Snyder; 4 Granite Dr. – Mr. Snyder voiced his support for the Township’s continued membership on the Regional Flood Control Board.

Mara Silgailis; 15 Winding Way and Chair of the Environmental Commission – Ms. Silgailis stated that it was important the Township maintain its membership on the Regional Flood Control Board for grant funding purposes. Ms. Silgailis also stated the portions of Cedar Grove along the Peckman River are designated to lie within a flood plain and cited that fact as another reason for the Township to retain its membership. The Township Manager addressed the flood concerns raised by Ms. Silgailis. Mr. Tucci explained that the Township has been proactive in minimizing flooding potential by scheduled cleaning of the riverbed by Passaic Valley Sewer Commission. There followed a lengthy discussion of the proposed flood wall recommendation presented to the Flood Board by the Army Corp. of Engineers.

Joe Russomanno; 36 Bortic Rd. – Mr. Russomanno requested clarification of flood insurance requirements/eligibility for properties located within FEMA designated flood area. The Manager explained that designated properties are required to obtain a flood insurance policy.

Staci Russo; 29 Donato Dr. – Ms. Russo noted the lack of sidewalks on Donato Drive and asked if there are any plans to install sidewalks. The Manager explained that sidewalk installation is addressed during the original development application.

Mara Silgailis; 15 Winding Way – Ms. Silgailis commented on the need for sidewalk installation along the northbound side of Rt. 23 in the vicinity of Morgan’s Farm to the intersection of Commerce Road. The Manager advised that application would have to be made to the State DOT as the jurisdictional authority. Mr. Tucci further commented that the topography of the properties are not conducive to sidewalk installation and could very present other safety concerns.

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

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Vargo moved adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmembers Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

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PETER H. TANELLA                      MAYOR

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KATHLEEN R. STUTZ      MUNICIPAL CLERK