

The Workshop Meeting of the West Milford Township Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Council President William Gervens.

Council President William Gervens advised that in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975 of New Jersey, adequate advance notice of this Workshop meeting was advertised in the Aim Community News in its issues of December 14, 2003 and December 21, 2003; copies were provided to the Suburban Trends, The Record, North Jersey Herald & News, the Star Ledger, and Greenwood Lake News and posted continuously on the bulletin board in the main corridor of the Town Hall and on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Paul S. Bailey, Joseph Elcavage, Patricia Lotz-Moore,
Carmelo Scangarello and Council President William Gervens.

Absent: Councilman Dennis Kirwan and Mayor Joseph DiDonato.

Also Present: Acting Township Administrator Kevin J. Byrnes and Township Attorney William J. DeMarco.

Meetings

April 29, 2004 - 7:30 P.M. - Workshop
May 5, 2004 - 7:30 P.M. - Regular Meeting
May 13, 2004 - 7:30 P.M. - Workshop
May 19, 2004 - 7:30 P.M. - Regular Meeting

Public in Attendance

None.

Township Administrator's Report

Township Administrator Kevin J. Byrnes reported as follows:

2004 Budget - Police and Fire
Mt. Glen Lakes Dam project
Commercial Garbage Collection contract

Mayor's Report

Mayor Joseph DiDonato stated that he has no report.

Township Council Reports

Councilman Paul Bailey requested that the Township Administrator send a letter to the County regarding trees overhanging County roads in West Milford.

Councilman Joseph Elcavage thanked the Planning Department and Brian Jenkins for posting Planning Board minutes on the website. Councilman Elcavage noted that at last week's meeting someone stated that maybe the MUA is not in compliance along Belcher's creek. He noted that the MUA has been in compliance for the last three years, and that other factors may be contributing to the Belcher creek pollution. Councilman Elcavage commented on the need for an Insurance committee and other insurance matters.

Councilman Gervens commented on the March 10th. meeting of the Passaic County ParaTransit and the New Jersey Transit, noting that West Milford has transportation problems, the seniors have transportation problems. Councilman Gervens explained the problem West Milford has being considered as between rural and urban which causes designation problems.

The Mayor and Township Council discussed transportation problems and forming a temporary Transportation Committee.

Township Administrator Kevin J. Byrnes noted that he will draft a Resolution for a Transportation Committee with a sunset provision for one year.

Councilman Dennis Kirwan commented about Assembly Bill A2480 and Senate Bill S1287 regarding transfer of property noting that the State doesn't care about West Milford's request for watershed aid. Councilman Kirwan also commented about the Highlands meeting last night and the Highlands report which is being released next weekend.

The Mayor and Township Council discussed watershed aid, taxing water, and the 'smart growth' relationship to receiving aid.

Councilwoman Patricia Lotz-Moore commented on the CASA dance, the West Milford Festival of the Arts, and the Cub Scout tour of the museum.

Councilman Carmelo Scangarello note that the Township Administrator and he had investigating ball fields and pocket parks at no cost to the Township.

Township Attorney

Township Attorney William DeMarco commented on Executive Session items being personnel and collective bargaining.

The Township Attorney discussed the issue of fees for copies with the Mayor, Township Council and Township Administrator.

Township Clerk's Report

None.

Mayor Joseph DiDonato expressed that people have different views on environmental preservation, and that confrontation on this subject will get the Township nowhere. Council President William Gervens stated that he feels that the Township Council should appoint members to the Open Space Committee.

Public Comments

2. The time when the matter(s) discussed pursuant to Paragraph 1 hereof can be disclosed to the public is as soon as practicable after final resolution of the aforesaid matter(s).

Moved: Elcavage Seconded: Scangarello

Voted Aye: Bailey, Elcavage, Gervens, Kirwan, Lotz-Moore, Scangarello, DiDonato

Voted Nay:None.

Resolution adopted.

Present: Councilmembers Paul Bailey, Joseph Elcavage, William Gervens, Dennis Kirwan, Patricia Lotz-Moore, Carmelo Scangarello, and Mayor Joseph DiDonato

Absent: None.

Also Present: Acting Township Administrator Kevin J. Byrnes, Assistant Municipal Clerk Denise Loeffel, and Township Attorney William J. DeMarco.

Items discussed during the Executive Session were as follows:

Administrative Code
Commercial Garbage contract
Apple Acres/Greene zoning litigation
Health Department personnel issue
Purchase of the Greenwood Lake Turnpike property
Early retirement

Councilman Scangarello motioned to adjourn the executive session at 8:48 p.m.

Moved: Scangarello Seconded: Elcavage

Voted Aye: Bailey, Elcavage, Gervens, Kirwan, Lotz-Moore, Scangarello, and Council President William Gervens

Voted Nay: None.

Executive Session adjourned.

Adjournment

Councilman Kirwan moved to adjourn the Workshop meeting.

Moved: Kirwan Seconded: Lotz-Moore

Voted Aye: Bailey, Elcavage, Gervens, Kirwan, Lotz-Moore, Scangarello, and Council President William Gervens.

Voted Nay: None.

Meeting adjourned.

MAYOR JOSEPH DIDONATO
PRESIDING OFFICER

DENISE M. LOEFFEL
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL CLERK