

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**October 15, 2013**  
**Regular Meeting**

A REGULAR MEETING of the Stillwater Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Gross at 7:00 p.m. noting the meeting date, time and place were duly published in the New Jersey Herald and posted at the Town Hall and advised those present that this meeting was being held in compliance with provisions of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 & 13.

Roll Call was taken and the flag was saluted.

PRESENT: Mayor Gross, Committeewoman Chamblings, Committeeman Fisher, Deputy Mayor Scott, Committeewoman Straway, Acting Municipal Clerk Lynda Knott, and Attorney Mike Garofalo.

ABSENT:

**PRESENTATION: Jacqueline Espinoza – First Energy Area Manager**

Mrs. Espinoza, new area manager (JCP&L), gave a presentation about programs which have been implemented following Super Storm Sandy. The recent storm affecting Crandon Lakes was a good test for the new programs, which were successful. There is a new smart phone app which shows outages and allows for outage reporting. There was also discussion about trees in the area.

**Regular Session:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ALL MATTERS LISTED BELOW ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE IN NATURE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF ANY DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT PARTICULAR ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY ON THE REGULAR AGENDA.**

**Minutes:**

October 1, 2013 Regular Minutes

**Resolutions:**

2013-102 Acceptance of S. Richard Nothstine III's Resignation from Stillwater Recreation Commission  
2013-103 Mayor's Appointment of David Manser as Regular Member of the Stillwater Recreation Commission

**Reports:**

Swartwood Volunteer FD Report 1/1/13 to 9/18/13  
Stillwater Volunteer FD Report 1/1/13 to 9/18/13  
Stillwater EMS Monthly Day and Monthly September 2013  
Stillwater Tax Collector Report September 2013  
Stillwater Building Department September 2013  
Stillwater Recreation Commission Minutes of September 5, 2013

**Mr. Scott** made a **motion** to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by **Mr. Fisher**.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ms. Chamblings, yes, Mr. Fisher, yes, Mr. Scott, yes, Mrs. Straway, yes, Mayor Gross, yes

**Resolution 2013-104: Bill List Cycle #18:** \$1,335,471.06

**Mr. Scott** made a motion to approve Bill List Cycle #18, seconded by **Mrs. Straway**.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ms. Chammings, yes, Mr. Fisher, yes, Mr. Scott, yes, Mrs. Straway, yes, Mayor Gross, yes

**Amendments to the Agenda:** none

**Open Public Session:**

**At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public.**

**There being no members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ms. Chammings:** The PAC meeting was held on October 10, 2013. JCP&L was asking for DEP investigations for gas plants in Newton. There is an inconsistent water discharge in Sparta. There is a DEP application for North Village Project, and the Lake Hopatcong Commission is looking for help to clean up on November 9 when they lower their water level. They are continuing their water sewer service area. It was felt by their planner that with all of the planning in the new service area there will be no down zoning in Sussex County. However a member from Franklin feels there will be a lot of down zoning in certain areas due to the water sewer service area. Ms. Chammings let them know Camp Hoover may need to be included.

**Mr. Fisher:** Received a memo from Reenee Casapulla from the County. Our tonnage is in and the town will be receiving \$3,185.82 in grant money.

**Mr. Scott:** Had a meeting with Mr. Hendershot. Grit is being prepared for the winter. The Planning Board meeting scheduled for October 16, 2013 is canceled.

**Mrs. Straway:** There was a Sussex County League of Municipalities meeting. The topic was the substance abuse epidemic in Sussex County. People are actively looking at the problem so they can implement education and training.

**Mayor Gross:** The next Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting will be held on October 28, 2013.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Stillwater Fire Department Tanker: Eric van der Haeghen, Chairman – Stillwater Fire**

**Department,** wanted to know if there was any news for the department about the tanker. Mayor Gross stated they would need to add the possible purchase of a new tanker to the 2014 budget so it can be handled in the proper way. Mr. Fisher stated he did some research which stated 15% of all engines/tankers are 15 to 19 years of age, 21% are 20-29 years old, and 13% are more than 30 years old. He didn't find much about tankers. There is a guideline stating at 20 years the truck needs to be refurbished or replaced. Mr. Fisher feels they should have the tanker tested by a third party, Certified EVT, to see what is actually wrong with it, and determine if it should be refurbished or replaced. **Justin Francomacaro, Deputy Chief – Stillwater Fire Department,** thanked Mr. Fisher for the information and asked about the cost of the test and if that is what the Committee would like to have done. Mayor Gross stated if a test is to be done the town will pay for it because the town owns the truck. He asked the department to look up the information about testing and give it to the Committee who will then make the arrangements. Mrs. Straway asked about the condition of the brakes on the truck. Mr. Francomacaro explained when the truck was designed the brakes were undersized, and it is hard to stop. Brakes had been budgeted for by the department but all their funds went to fix the pump. Ms. Chammings pointed out the article Mr. Fisher is referencing is from 2004, and she doesn't know if things have changed. Mr. Fisher stated the standards he quoted are current.

**Stillwater EMS Ambulance:** Mayor Gross just received from Michele Hess a purchase agreement for \$155,385.00 to purchase a new ambulance which is \$600+ lower than the original price.

**Michele Hess, Captain-Stillwater Rescue Squad,** this is to purchase the F450, 4-wheel drive demo, including the O2 lift and all of the graphics. A temporary hold has been placed on it until they receive the signed contract stating the town is purchasing the ambulance. Once the contract is received, production will be stopped so they can make any changes needed according to the squad's specifications, which

include the O2 lift, the graphics and the special loading system. The squad will cover the cost of the loading system.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE# 2013-008 [Public Hearing and Adoption November 26, 2013]**

Amending and Supplementing the Land Development Chapter of the Stillwater Township Code to Establish Criteria for the Grant of a Waiver from Requirements of Site Plan Review and Approval

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**At this point, this portion of the meeting was opened to the public.**

**There being no further members of the public wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed.**

**Attorney Report:** None

**Correspondence:** Mayors' Advisory Correspondence is available in the Correspondence Binder at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business, **Mr. Scott** made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Mr. Fisher**. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Leonard