

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
February 5, 2019
Regular Meeting

A REGULAR MEETING of the Stillwater Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Chamblings at 7:05 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: Committeeman Morrison, Committeeman Gross, Deputy Mayor Scott, Committeeman Fisher, Mayor Chamblings, Municipal Clerk Lynda Knott, Attorney Angelo Bolcato.

REGULAR SESSION:

MINUTES:

Regular Session Minutes: January 15, 2019

Mr. Scott made a **motion** to approve the minutes as listed, seconded by Mr. Gross.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Morrison, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mr. Scott, yes, Mr. Fisher, yes, Mayor Chamblings, yes

RESOLUTIONS:

2019-033 Authorizing Stillwater Municipal Alliance Grant for Fiscal Year 2020

2019-034 In Support of the Farmland Preservation Program and Providing Preliminary Approval of the Roof Application for Block 2701, Lot 9

2019-035 Approving Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption for Block 1703, Lot 10.03

2019-036 Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with SCMUA for Certification and Submittal of the 2018 Recycling Tonnage Report to the NJDEP

2019-037 Authorizing Payment of Redemption Block 3306, Lot 10

2019-038 Authorizing Payment of Redemption Block 3202, Lot 6

2019-039 Authorizing Payment of Redemption Block 3202, Lot 7

2019-040 Authorizing Payment of Redemption Block 3205, Lot 10

2019-041 Authorizing Payment of Redemption Block 2902, Lot 22

2019-042 Authorizing Payment of Redemption Block 2701, Lot 6

2019-043 Authorizing Payment of Redemption Block 2701, Lot 5

Mr. Scott made a **motion** to adopt the resolutions as listed, seconded by Mr. Gross.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Morrison, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mr. Scott, yes, Mr. Fisher, yes, Mayor Chamblings, yes

REPORTS:

2018 Employee Time Carryover/2019 Time

2018 Environmental Commission Report

SCBOH Activity Reports for October, November and December 2018

SCBOH Health Inspection Report for December 2018

Mr. Scott made a **motion** to accept the reports as submitted, seconded by Mr. Gross.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Morrison, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mr. Scott, yes, Mr. Fisher, yes, Mayor Chamblings, yes

Board of Health: The Clerk will advertise for two Board of Health meetings in 2019 – the first Tuesday in May and the first Tuesday in October.

BILLS LIST #2: \$1,019,533.27

RESOLUTION 2019-044 PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Scott made a **motion** to adopt Resolution 2019-031, seconded by Mr. Gross.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Morrison, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mr. Scott, yes, Mr. Fisher, yes, Mayor Chammings, yes

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.

OLD BUSINESS:

West End Drive/Duck Pond Road Flooding:

Residents of West End Drive Mitch Mayer and Robert Mason were present. Mr. Mason now has a phone and cable line hanging over his driveway and the companies will not repair them due to the ice on the property. The telephone pole also needs to be replaced. Mayor Chammings asked that Mr. Mason provide the pole number to the Clerk and she will contact JCP&L to follow-up as the pole is not near the water/ice. The Mayor indicated the flooded area needs to be surveyed and it cannot be done until the ice and water recede. Mr. Mason stated his well head has been under water since September and he questioned the safety of using it. Mayor Chammings noted all well heads are to be sealed and asked if he had the water tested. Mr. Mason has not done so. Mayor Chammings, Mr. Morrison and Mr. Fisher will visit the site as soon as the weather improves.

Mayor Chammings reported Dove Island is flooded and the DPW will install concrete blocks to close the road.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Letter from KRHS - Championship Rings:

Ms. Knott reported other sending districts are not considering donating for the purchase of the championship rings for the football team as it would single out one sport and they could not afford to contribute to every championship team. Mr. Morrison felt a contribution should be made as this is the first time the football program has won a championship. Following further discussion, the Committee determined a donation would not be made. The Clerk would respond to the request, commending the program, along with the decision of the Committee.

Land Sales:

Mayor Chammings reported she has received several emails from Melissa DeMaio, a property owner, who would like to donate two Plymouth Lake lots to the township. Ms. Knott provided a list of contiguous property owners to Ms. DeMaio; none expressed interest in the lots. Owners wishing to donate their small lots to the town are not willing to stop paying their taxes as they are concerned it will affect their credit. Ms. Knott was directed by the Committee to inform those inquiring about donating their properties that the township does not accept land donations.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

After the reading of the following Resolution to enter into Executive Session, a **motion** was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Fisher and carried by roll call vote to adopt the resolution permitting the Committee to go into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Stillwater, in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: Attorney/Client Privilege
3. As nearly as can now be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

There being no further business to attend to, a **motion** was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Fisher to conclude the Executive Session at 8:28 p.m., unanimously carried by roll call vote.

There being no further business, Mr. Scott made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m., seconded by Mr. Gross. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wunder