

EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

5:00 p.m.

via ZOOM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the East Windsor Township Council was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

VERIFICATION:

Municipal Clerk Allison Quigley certified that the meeting was noticed on January 11, 2021 in the annual meeting notice. On October 1, 2021, notices were sent to the Trenton Times, filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk and posted in the East Windsor Municipal Building. All requirements of the open public meeting act have been satisfied.

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Marc Platizky.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council Members Denise Daniels, Marc Lippman, Alan Rosenberg, David Russell, Peter Yeager, John Zoller and Mayor Janice Mironov. Also present were Township Attorney David Orron, Township Manager James Brady and Municipal Clerk Allison Quigley.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

Recognition of Council Member Perry M. Shapiro was held at 4pm. Mayor Mironov thanked everyone in attendance.

Eagle Scout Project Presentation by Adithya Kalyan, Boy Scout Troop 59

Adithya Kalyan of Boy Scout Troop 59 proposed building two four-foot long benches along Rocky Brook Pathway behind the East Windsor Township Senior Center. The project will be funded through golf outing fundraising efforts led by Mr. Kalyan. Mr. Kalyan stated the benches will be made of pressure treated wood and would be natural in color. Mr. Kalyan will follow up with the Mayor's office to finalize locations, which are to be marked by Mr. Kalyan with flags. Mr. Zoller asks Mr. Kalyan to describe vortex anchors, the proposed anchoring material. Mr. Kalyan responds the vortex anchors have a corkscrew shape that dig into the ground and are attached via cable to the bench. Mr. Zoller recommends a short cable be used so the benches cannot be tipped or pushed over. Mr. Rosenberg asked how the location was chosen. Mr. Kalyan responded that he felt the benches would be most helpful near the Senior Center. Mr. Russell asked the anticipated fee for the golf outing. Mr. Kalyan responds he anticipates a \$55 fee and believes he has enough participants to fund the project.

It was MOVED by Yeager, SECONDED by Russell to endorse the project.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Russell, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays, the project was endorsed.

Township Health Department Presentation

Lauren Petraglia, Vulnerable Populations Outreach Coordinator, presented the needs assessment summary for the East Windsor Health Department. Mayor Mironov asked for a weekly update to be distributed to the Mayor, Council, Township Manager, and Police Chief to better coordinate communications surrounding upcoming clinics. Margaret Jahn, Health Officer anticipates announcements from the CDC in the coming weeks regarding vaccines and will ensure that information is passed to the Township administration.

Knock Out Opiate Abuse Day (October 6, 2021)

Breast Cancer Awareness Month – October 2021

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Zayd Elhoudoudy was interviewed and is interested in volunteering for the Health Advisory Board as a student volunteer.

PUBLIC FORUM:

MINUTES:

December 8, 2020
March 9, 2021
March 23, 2021
April 6, 2021
April 20, 2021
May 4, 2021
May 18, 2021
June 8, 2021
June 22, 2021
July 20, 2021
August 3, 2021
August 17, 2021

January 26, 2021

It was MOVED by Rosenberg, SECONDED by Lippman to approve the January 26, 2021 Council meeting minutes with revisions.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None
Abstain - Russell

There being seven (6) ayes, no (0) nays and (1) abstention the minutes were approved with revisions.

February 9, 2021

It was MOVED by Yeager, SECONDED by Rosenberg to approve the February 9, 2021 Council meeting minutes with revisions.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None
Abstain - Russell

There being seven (6) ayes, no (0) nays and (1) abstention the minutes were approved with revisions.

February 23, 2021

It was MOVED by Lippman, SECONDED by Zoller to approve the February 23, 2021 Council meeting minutes with revisions.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None
Abstain - Russell

There being seven (6) ayes, no (0) nays and (1) abstention the minutes were approved with revisions.

All remaining minutes were rescheduled to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION:

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2021-162 Chapter 159 – Amending the 2021 Municipal Operating Budget Providing an Item of Revenue and Appropriation for SFY2021 Body-Worn Camera Grant

**RESOLUTION R2021-162
EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township Director of Finance has advised that the funds have been received by the Township as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the following:

1. The insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2021 in the sum of \$91,710.00, which item is now available as revenue from 2021 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program.
2. A like sum of \$91,710.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of 2021 Body Armor Grant.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the East Windsor Township Council at a meeting held on October 5, 2021.

It was MOVED by Zoller, SECONDED by Rosenberg to approve Resolution R2021-162.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Russell, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays, Resolution R2021-162 was approved.

Resolution R2021-163 Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes

**RESOLUTION R2021-163
EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has indicated that two certain parcels of land were deeded over to the Township and, therefore, are tax exempt for certain quarters of 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that

1. The taxes are hereby cancelled for Block 32, Lot 5, in the amount of \$66.18.
2. The taxes are hereby cancelled for Block 42, Lot 13, in the amount of \$238.70.
3. The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, and the Mercer County Board of Taxation.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the East Windsor Township Council at a meeting held on October 5, 2021.

It was MOVED by Zoller, SECONDED by Yeager to approve Resolution R2021-163.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Russell, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays, Resolution R2021-163 was approved.

Resolution R2021-164 Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment

**RESOLUTION R2021-164
EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the East Windsor Tax Collector has certified that there have been overpayments for various reasons on certain properties; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers are entitled to refunds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make payments to the taxpayers for overpayments according to the attached Tax Collector's 2021 Refund of Taxes List Number 1 dated September 14, 2021.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the East Windsor Township Council at a meeting held on October 5, 2021.

It was MOVED by Russell, SECONDED by Lippman to approve Resolution R2021-164.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Russell, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays, Resolution R2021-164 was approved.

Resolution R2021-165 Authorizing Purchase of Rescue Struts and a Pair of
Cribbing Blocks from ESI Equipment for East Windsor
Volunteer Fire Company No. 1

RESOLUTION R2021-165
EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY

WHEREAS, there is a need to purchase rescue struts and cribbing blocks for Fire Vehicle Tower 42 for East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1; and

WHEREAS, three written quotes were obtained to provide this equipment; and

WHEREAS, the lowest cost proposal was submitted by ESI Equipment, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, since the purchase is under \$17,500, public bids are not required as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 requiring public advertising and bidding for contracts for a sum exceeding the aggregate amount as calculated periodically by the Governor, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 which amount is \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the Township Manager's and the Chief of East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 recommendations on this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the purchase is \$2,740.50 and funds are available in Capital Account No. C-04-55-980-924-601 entitled Ordinance 2020-07 "FC #1 Acquisition of Powered Extrication Tool," in a total amount not to exceed \$2,740.50, as evidenced by the Chief Financial Officer's Certification No.C2021-026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Manager and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed to approve and forward a purchase requisition to ESI Equipment, 119 Keystone Drive, Montgomeryville, PA 18936, for two Cribbing Blocks in the amount of \$207.00 and one Rescue Strut set in the amount of \$2,533.50, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,740.50, in accordance with the attached quote.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the East Windsor Township Council at a meeting held on October 5, 2021.

Mayor Mironov requested that the Resolution include the term Fire Vehicle Tower 42 in the first paragraph.

[NOTE: The changes requested are reflected in the above Resolution.]

It was **MOVED** by Yeager, **SECONDED** by Daniels to approve Resolution R2021-165 with the revision.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Russell, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays, Resolution R2021-165 was approved with the revision.

Resolution R2021-166 Authorizing Purchase of Appliances, Adapters, Nozzles
and other Various Equipment from Witmer Public Safety
Group for East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2
New Fire Truck

RESOLUTION R2021-166
EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2020, Mayor and Council approved the purchase of a Spartan Gladiator EMFD 10RR Star Pumper Fire Truck with Campbell Supply Company, through Sourcewell contract #022818-SPS, for the East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2, Inc., in the amount of \$643,423.00; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to purchase Appliances, Adapters, Nozzles, and other Various Equipment for the New Fire Truck for the East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, three quotes were obtained to provide this equipment; and

WHEREAS, the lowest cost proposal was submitted by Witmer Public Safety Group; and

WHEREAS, since the purchase is under \$17,500.00, public bids are not required as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 requiring public advertising and bidding for contracts for a sum exceeding the aggregate amount as calculated periodically by the Governor, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 which amount is \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the Township Manager's and the East Windsor Volunteer Company No. 2 Fire Chief's recommendations on this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the purchase is \$14,534.00 and funds are available in Capital Account No. C-04-55-980-924-925 entitled Ordinance 2020-07 "FC #2 Fire Engine Truck Acquisition", as evidenced by the Chief Financial Officer's Certification No. C2021-027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Manager and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed to approve and forward a purchase requisition to Witmer Public Safety Group, 104 Independence Way, Coatesville, PA 19320, for the purchase of Appliances, Adapters, Nozzles, and other Various Equipment for the New Fire Truck for the East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2, Inc for a total amount not to exceed \$14,534.00, in accordance with the attached quote.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the East Windsor Township Council at a meeting held on October 5, 2021.

Mayor Mironov inquired about a discrepancy between the recommendation price stated in the East Windsor Company No. 2 Fire Chief's memo and the Resolution. Mr. Brady confirmed the discrepancy is a typo.

It was MOVED by Daniels, SECONDED by Lippman to approve Resolution R2021-166 with the revision.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Russell, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays, Resolution R2021-166 was approved with the revision.

Resolution 2021-167 Approval of 2021 Funding to Rise, a Community Service Partnership

**RESOLUTION R2021-167
EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Rise, a non-profit social service organization in eastern Mercer County, NJ, operating under the Mercer County Community Action Program to assist and provide local families and individuals with social services such as Health Services, Food Pantry and Shelter, Emergency Assistance, Employment Training and Educational Classes, and Youth and Teen programs for residents of East Windsor Township; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the donation is \$9,500.00 and funds are available in the Current Fund Account No 1-01-27-360-360-286 entitled "Community Action Service Center", as evidenced by the Chief Financial Officer's Certification No. B2021-031.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that a donation, provided for in the 2021 budget, in the amount of \$9,500.00 be made to RISE-a Community Service Partnership located at 116 N. Main Street, Hightstown, New Jersey for the provision of social services for residents of East Windsor Township.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the East Windsor Township Council at a meeting held on October 5, 2021.

It was MOVED by Rosenberg, SECONDED by Zoller to approve Resolution R2021-167.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Russell, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays, Resolution R2021-167 was approved.

Resolution R2021-168 Approving Appointment of Municipal Clerk

**RESOLUTION R2021-168
EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Allison Quigley has completed all certification requirements as administered by the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and on April 3, 2019 received her Registered Municipal Clerk certificate in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133, et seq, and has Municipal Clerk experience;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Allison Quigley is hereby appointed to the position of East Windsor Township Municipal Clerk for a three year term from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the East Windsor Township Council at a meeting held on October 5, 2021.

Mayor Mironov revised the Resolution removing the numerical three from the third paragraph.

[NOTE: The changes requested are reflected in the above Resolution.]

It was MOVED by Yeager, SECONDED by Daniels to approve Resolution R2021-168 with the revision.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Russell, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays, Resolution R2021-168 was approved with the revision.

Resolution R2021-169 Approval of Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) Grant Agreement between the Township of East Windsor and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for Shared Dispatch Services Between East Windsor Township and Hightstown Borough

**RESOLUTION R2021-169
EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has allocated \$3.8 million in Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) funds to promote shared service initiatives among peer local units across New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services administers the LEAP grant program; and

WHEREAS, LEAP Implementation Grants provide reimbursement for qualifying expenses incurred in the implementation of a local or regional service agreements, or for the coordination of programs and services authorized under the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the LEAP Implementation Grant exists to help cover costs associated with shared services implementation, including one-time reimbursable costs for project completion or transition support for municipalities and counties;

WHEREAS, East Windsor Township has agreed to be the lead agency in this program; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is acknowledging and accepting the responsibility of acting as administrator for this grant on behalf of all participating local units; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council received a Notice of Award from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services for eligibility to receive a LEAP Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the participating local units shall contribute matching funds up to 25% of the total project cost, to be split proportionally between East Windsor Township and Hightstown Borough in relation to their respective project costs; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the award is to provide funding for the purpose of implementing the East Windsor Township and Hightstown Borough Technology Costs for Shared Dispatch Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. East Windsor Township does hereby accept the award of \$100,000, to fund the implementation of the East Windsor Township and Hightstown Borough Technology Costs for Shared Dispatch Services.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs on behalf of East Windsor Township and Hightstown Borough, and upon execution of said Agreement, the East Windsor Township does accept the Terms and Conditions specified in the Agreement in connection to this grant award.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the East Windsor Township Council at a meeting held on October 5, 2021.

Mayor Mironov requests that moving forward Resolutions use the term “East Windsor Council” as opposed to “Governing Body of East Windsor” to better emulate existing Township Resolutions. Mayor Mironov stated that the purchasing process, requirements, actions required by Hightstown and funding source(s) for amounts not covered in grant still need to be identified.

It was MOVED by Yeager, SECONDED by Lippman to approve Resolution R2021-169.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Russell, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays, Resolution R2021-169 was approved with the revision.

APPLICATIONS:

REPORTS BY COUNCIL AND STAFF:

Mr. Zoller stated three members of the Environmental Commission completed training through Rutgers University on Community Forestry and Management Plans. Progress is

being made to complete the Etra Lake Park Arboretum Restoration funded through a Sustainable Jersey grant. A second round of submissions has been provided for feedback. Mr. Rosenberg stated the Clean Communities Advisory Committee introduced two new student members who identified High School clubs whose missions dovetail with the Committee. The Committee discussed bringing back The Illusion Maker who provides school assembly programs, to perform for the elementary school. The Illusion Maker last preformed for the elementary school in 2019. Adopt-A-Spot was also discussed at the meeting. The Commission on Aging discussed how to disseminate information related to Covid-19 to housebound seniors and seniors without computers and is working on the East Windsor Township Senior Resource Directory. Ms. Daniels stated the Commission discussed the transportation needs of seniors requiring their flu shots.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Mironov stated correspondence will be discussed during Matters By Council.

APPOINTMENTS:

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Mayor Mironov stated a 2021 Current Bill list, 2020 Current Bill list, a Capital Bill List and other miscellaneous bill lists were provided.

Mr. Zoller wanted clarification on the purpose of bill concerning water testing in Etra Lake Park included in the 2021 Current Bill list. Mr. Brady stated water testing is required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in order to open the public facilities and operate the restrooms. Mr. Zoller asked if East Windsor Township will be opening the restrooms and Environmental Center in Etra Lake Park. Mr. Brady stated the Environmental Center including the restrooms have been used for the past several months for programming by the Senior Center. The Township has the necessary paperwork and testing completed to reopen the public restrooms once a decision is made. Mr. Zoller asks if the portable facilities will remain in place once the public restrooms are opened. Mr. Brady stated the portable facility remains in place for large event and use when the public facilities are closed at night. Mr. Russell asked for clarification on the elevator inspections. Mayor Mironov stated that the Township has a third party inspector as referenced in R2021-129 and the bill list reflects payments to the third party inspector funded by fees paid to the Township.

It was MOVED by Zoller, SECONDED by Yeager to approve the Bill Lists.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Russell, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays, the various presented Bill Lists were approved.

MATTERS BY COUNCIL:

Mayor Mironov stated the correspondence and Matters By Council have been combined. On September 24th, 2021 Mayor Mironov attended the High School Hall of Fame. East Windsor Township held a successful special Recycling Day Event on October 2nd. Rachelle St. Phard has started a new program and the Be The Light Center will have its grand opening on October 16th. The Township has received notice from the East Windsor Township Municipal Utility Authority regarding hydrant flushing being conducted on October 17th and requests it be included in the Township E-News.

On Matters, Mayor Mironov stated the Township Sustainable Jersey final grant report is due on October 31st and wants to ensure the report is moving along. Mayor Mironov requests an update on the Stockton Street Curb and Sidewalk project. Mayor Mironov stated that the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Government Services Division has issued its Best Practices Inventory and it is due back to that State by November 3rd. The Mayor also stated she has a follow-up on the Comcast Franchise Renewal Committee, which she will present at a future date. Mr. Zoller raised the continuing problem of overgrown grass and weeds located on the island at Windsor Center Drive and Old Trenton Road. Follow-up is needed to determine who is responsible for its maintenance and how to ensure it is maintained regularly.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND COUNCIL ACTION WHERE APPROPRIATE:

1. *Eagle Scout Project Presentation by Adithya Kalyan, Boy Scout Troop 59
2. 2021 Municipal Budget
 - a. Status: Expenditures, Encumbrances
 - b. American Rescue Plan Funds

Mayor Mironov states it is important for planning **purposes** to have a handle on the current year's expenditures.

3. Operation Medicine Cabinet (October 23, 2021)

Mayor Mironov suggests not including the sample vape collection language that was provided to the Township. Council Members unanimously agree. Mr. Yeager stated the program has always been successful and the event highlights the prescription medicine

drop box, which is always available. Mayor and Council unanimously agree to participate in the program for 2021.

4. Hightstown – East Windsor Historical Society West Airport Road Project

Mayor Mironov spoke to Cappy Stults of the East Windsor Historical Society to reaffirm the Township's interest in the project. Sherry Cronin has prior experience and is interested in being involved. Mr. Yeager recognized their contribution. Mayor and Council unanimously reaffirm their support in the project.

5. 330 Wyckoff Mills Road Developer's Agreement Addendum

Mayor Mironov asks to hold this item and reschedule it for the next meeting.

6. Free Standing Signage along Princeton Hightstown Road (Route 571)

Ordinance 2021-07 An Ordinance Amending Chapter XX, "Zoning," Section 20-16.5d, "Other Requirements" and 20-5.16.8a, "Sign Regulations for Each Zoning District" HC Highway Commercial Zone District Sign Regulations, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of East Windsor

Mayor Mironov stated Rt. 571 is intended to be a low-key retail area and should not be a place for tall pylon freestanding signs, any signs should be attractive low monument signs. Under the proposed ordinance, existing signs would be grandfathered in. Council Members Zoller and Rosenberg agree. If introduced, Mayor Mironov requests the ordinance be reformatted to reflect the format for existing Township ordinances. Mayor Mironov proposes the public hearing be scheduled for the first Council meeting in November and that the Council refers the ordinance to the Planning Board for comment.

It was MOVED by Lipmann, SECONDED by Rosenberg to approve Ordinance 2021-07 on introduction, authorize publication as required by law and set a public hearing for November 2, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Russell, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays, to approve Ordinance 2021-07 on introduction, authorize publication as required by law and set a public hearing for November 2, 2021.

7. New Jersey Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Grant Program

Resolution R2021-170 Approval of Filing of Application to New Jersey
Department of Transportation for “Safe Routes to School”
Program

**RESOLUTION R2021-170
EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation is soliciting grant applications under the 2022 New Jersey Department of Transportation “Safe Routes to School” Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, East Windsor Township desires to submit a 2022 “Safe Routes to School” Grant Application for funding for transportation infrastructure improvements including new sidewalks and replacement of the walking bridge along Bear Brook Pathway through Wiltshire Park to Yorkshire Drive, to provide for safer pedestrian and bicycle travel to the Melvin H. Kreps Middle School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The attached application identified as “SRS-2022-Bear Brook Pathway Project-00069” is hereby approved to be filed with the New Jersey Department of Transportation.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to submit an electronic application identified as “SRS-2022- Bear Brook Pathway Project-00069” on behalf of East Windsor Township to the New Jersey Department of Transportation under the 2022 “Safe Routes to School” Grant Program.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Grant Agreement on behalf of East Windsor Township and the signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the East Windsor Township Council at a meeting held on October 5, 2021.

Mayor Mironov stated the Council agreed to support a grant application for the Bear Brook Pathway Project on September 21st, 2021. The application is due October 14th and Council Members should submit comments this week.

It was MOVED by Yeager, SECONDED by Zoller to approve Resolution R2021-170.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Russell, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays, Resolution R2021-170 was approved.

MATTERS BY PUBLIC:

Terry Goldstein, 15 Pennington Road, East Windsor, a volunteer with the East Windsor Senior Center, asked the Mayor and Council to require Covid-19 vaccinations for members and staff of the Senior Center. Mayor Mironov thanked Mr. Goldstein for his volunteerism. She stated she appreciates and understands his concerns and Township staff is exploring the standards of other municipalities in the region. Mayor Mironov will do any necessary follow-up and advocacy to ensure the health of residents.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting: October 19, 2021

Allison Quigley
Municipal Clerk

Janice S. Mironov
Mayor