

Committee Meeting – January 22, 2008

MAYOR’S REPORT

Before we start the meeting, I would like to set a few guidelines as your new Mayor. Our agenda format has a few changes from that in the past. First you will notice that everyone is asked to turn their cell phones or pagers to off or to vibrate so as to not disturb these proceedings. If you feel the need to use your cell phones, please exit this meeting room while you do. The Mayor’s Report is added to item 5 on the agenda. Also, item 7 has been added for the administrator’s report.

Any members of the press here tonight are hereby notified that there will be no interviewing during these proceedings. All such interviewing will be conducted outside of this meeting place with no exceptions.

As to our public, during the public comment portions of the meeting you will be limited to five (5) minutes to comment on agenda items or any township issues. Any personal attacks on this committee or anyone else will not be tolerated. Any violation of this rule will result in your being asked to sit down with no further comment, followed by your being removed from these proceedings, should you not comply. This is not the forum for anyone to voice their personal dissatisfaction with a particular person or persons but rather one to discuss township affairs.

At our last workshop meeting, the committee discussed making some changes to the format of future agendas. These changes will effectively streamline the agenda process and have no effect on the public’s ability to comment on the proceedings. I am recommending tonight that this committee place a resolution on our next agenda adopting the new agenda format for a 60 day trial period following which we evaluate the effects of the changes and either permanently adopt the new format or return to the one we presently use. This will allow everyone on the committee as well as the public to have sufficient time to have input as to the effects of the changes to the agenda format.

Also on tonight’s agenda, item #10 is a discussion on whether or not to change the workshop meeting times and dates. The object of this change is to make the workshop more accessible to the public. The options to be discussed are;

- 1. Hold the workshop prior to the regular meeting on the first and third Monday’s of each month.**
- 2. Hold the workshop on the fourth Monday of each month as we did in the past.**
- 3. Keep the workshop on the second Thursday @ 7:30AM.**

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I would ask that the public hold comment on item 10 until the public portion at the end of the meeting allowing discussion by the committee to be heard by everyone.

I am also asking tonight that this Committee instruct our attorney to draft a resolution to be adopted in opposition to the Governor’s toll hike plan which would create an extreme burden on our residents as well as all of Ocean County that rely on the Garden State Parkway to commute to and from work every day. We will be working closely with our 9th Legislative District representatives on this critical & costly issue. (motion) The Gov. will be at the Ritacco Ctr. on Feb 2 pitching his toll hike plan. We should all attend!

MAYOR’S COMMITTEE REPORTS

PD: I’m proud to announce that our Police Department has completed the final requirements for State Accreditation as a professional police department. Final notification will come within the next 30 days. We need to commend Chief Drexler, Lt. Germain and the entire police force and the department employees for their exemplary efforts over the past three years in accomplishing this goal. Over the same three years, the committee has done all that it could to assist in this effort by providing additional manpower, vehicle and equipment upgrades and additional police facilities. In the coming months we hope to have our new communications console, the new patrol trailer and other enhancements in place, to further support the department. Our PD has come a long way in a few short years and it is our responsibility as the governing body, to support our police and provide the utmost in protection to our citizens.

COX COMM: I’m happy to say that we are moving forward with a historic engineering firm and the NJ Historic Trust on evaluations of the out buildings at the Cox House and will soon be preparing bid specs for the front porch roof.

HPC: The HPC has held their reorganization meeting this month and I would like to congratulate my wife, Ginny, for being elected to chair the commission. The HPC will be reviewing the historic element of our master plan re-examination in the next few months and making recommendations to the planning board of any changes, additions or deletions.

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