

Stow Creek Township Meeting May 14th, 2024

Present: Committeeman; Tom Burton, Dave Shivers

Other Present: Clerk/ Treasurer; Ron Campbell, Solicitor; Adam Telsey, Hopewell Twp Committeeman; Tom Tedesco, Hopewell Township Administrator; John Hitchner and Fire Chief Ken Mayhew

Committeeman Burton led in the Flag salute.

Committeeman Burton prayed for guidance and wisdom.

Public Comment:

Fire Chief Mayhew, Hopewell Committeeman Tedesco and Hopewell Administrator Hitchner all spoke about the need to begin the process to purchase a new Fire truck. The cost will be approximately 1.25 million and they are being told the price will be going up 2% each quarter going forward.

Hopewell Committeeman Tedesco spoke about applying for a Federal Grant to pay for part of the new fire Truck with help from Senator Booker's Office. Both Township's will need to pass a resolution to make the application in the next couple of Months.

Fire Chief Mayhew stated that the Fire Company did receive a grant of \$ 45,000.00 for six SCBA Air Packs.

Motion (Shivers, Burton) to approve the Minutes of the meetings held Tuesday April 9, 2024, the Special Meeting held Monday April 15th and the Closed Sessions of both the April 9 and April 15 meetings. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

Correspondence: The Clerk informed the Committee that the NJDEP and FEMA were requiring the Township to adopt a new Flood Prevention Ordinance in order to continue to qualify to receive FEMA assistance funds in the future. Once introduced the ordinance will need to be approved by those agencies prior to adoption.

A notice was received that Davis Mill Pond Dam was not up to acceptable standards and needed upgrading repairs. This lake is on the dividing line of Stow Creek and Greenwich.

Received notice of updates to the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan (SDRP).

Received notice of a hearing on a variance application in Quinton Township for a Mr. Goat for a site specific agricultural management practice determination.

Old Business: Motion (Shivers, Burton) for a resolution to appoint Kevin Maloney as Tax Assessor starting July 1, 2024.

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF STOW CREEK

WHEREAS, by the Township Committee of the Township of Stow Creek, in the County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, that Kevin Maloney is hereby appointed as Tax Collector for the Township of Stow Creek commencing July 1, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The Tax Collector is appointed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-141 and N.J.S.A. 40A:9-142 and shall hold office for a term of four (4) years from the first day of January next following the appointment January 1, 2025 and expire December 31, 2028; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-145, et seq., the Tax Collector shall be qualified and certified as required and shall be subject to tenure rights and removal procedures as set forth in said statutory provisions.

The motion for a resolution to appoint Kevin Maloney as Tax Assessor starting July 1, 2024 passed a vote of the Township Committee unanimously. 2-0 Ayes: Burton, Shivers

Motion (Shivers, Burton) to open the meeting to a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2024-02, an ordinance amending the Stormwater ordinance to conform to the New Jersey State Tier 1 requirements. The motion passed unanimously. 2-0

No one indicated that they wished to make any comments on the ordinance.

Motion (Shivers, Burton) to close the meeting to a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2024-02, an ordinance amending the Stormwater ordinance to conform to the New Jersey State Tier 1 requirements. The motion passed unanimously. 2-0

Motion (Shivers, Burton) for final adoption of Ordinance 2024 -02, an ordinance amending the Stormwater ordinance to conform with, New Jersey State Tier 1 requirements. The motion passed unanimously. 2-0

New Business

Motion (Shivers, Burton) for a resolution to join the New Jersey Statewide Joint Insurance Fund. The motion for a resolution to join the New Jersey Statewide Joint Insurance Fund passed unanimously. 2-0

Motion (Shivers, Burton) for a resolution to appoint Hardenbergh Insurance Group as Risk Management Consultant to the New Jersey Statewide Joint Insurance Fund.

The motion for a resolution to appoint Hardenbergh Insurance Group as Risk Management Consultant to the New Jersey Statewide Joint Insurance Fund passed unanimously. 2-0

Motion (Shivers, Burton) for a resolution to appoint Ron Campbell as Fund Commissioner and Dale Cruzan as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the New Jersey Statewide Joint Insurance Fund.

The motion for a resolution to appoint Ron Campbell as Fund Commissioner and Dale Cruzan as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the New Jersey Statewide Joint Insurance Fund passed unanimously. 2-0

A Motion (Shivers, Burton) to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

