

MINUTES

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5 OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 231 P. L. 1975, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED ON THE TOWNSHIP BULLETIN BOARD DESIGNED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTICE WAS MAILED TO THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS AS PROVIDED BY RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON JANUARY 4, 2006.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

COUNCILWOMAN MARLYN KALITAN
COUNCILMAN STEVEN POLANSKY
COUNCILWOMAN SHELLEY ADLER
COUNCILWOMAN JOYCE KURZWEIL
COUNCILMAN DENNIS GARBOWSKI
COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT N. JOHN AMATO ABSENT
COUNCIL PRESIDENT FRANK FALCONE

PROCLAMATIONS AND/OR COMMENDATIONS

None at this time

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Kurzweil, seconded by Councilwoman Kalitan, the minutes of the August 3, 2007 meeting were approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Kalitan, Councilman Polansky, Councilwoman Kurzweil, Councilman Garbowski, Council Vice President Amato and Council President Falcone

ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Adler

COMMUNICATIONS– TEMPORARY PERMITS – CORRESPONDENCE

There were applications for Raffle/Bingo Licenses for the following:

National Marfan Foundation Pen-Jersey Chapter @ Holiday Inn Cherry Hill	Raffle	10-6-07
National Marfan Foundation Penn-Jersey Chapter @ Holiday Inn, Cherry Hill	50/50	10-6-07
St Thomas Greek Orthodox @ 615 Mercer St, CH	Raffle	10-7-07

There were applications for Block Parties for the following:

Sharron Parker @ Fox Hollow Dev
13 Pawtucket Dr Thru 29 Pawtucket Dr 9-8-07

John Giacoboni @ Erlton North
Lions Den Park to New York Ave 9-15-07

Jeneen Schlott @ Downs Farm Dev.
131 Keats Place 9-22-07

There was an application for a Temporary Use Permit for the following:

South Jersey Chamber of Commerce 9-20-07
Business Expo @ old Home Depot Store @ Garden State Pavilions

On a motion by Councilwoman Adler, seconded by Councilwoman Kurzweil the applications detailed above were approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Kalitan, Councilman Polansky, Councilwoman Adler, Councilwoman Kurzweil, Councilman Garbowski, Council Vice President Amato and Council President Falcone

REPORTS FROM MAYOR/DEPARTMENT HEADS

None at this time

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Council President Falcone opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2007-22, asking if there was anyone present to speak for or against the proposed ordinance.

2007-22 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING ITS GUARANTY OF THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP GUARANTEED REVENUE BONDS (CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP RECREATIONAL FACILITIES PROJECT), SERIES 2007 OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500,000 AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING THEREON AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION THEREOF

Seeing no one present who wished to speak on the proposed ordinance, Council President Falcone closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Council President Falcone, seconded by Councilwoman Adler Ordinance 2007-22 was approved for final adoption by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Kalitan, Councilman Polansky, Councilwoman Adler, Councilwoman Kurzweil, Councilman Garbowski, Council Vice President Amato and Council President Falcone

RESOLUTIONS:

2007-8-17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion by Councilwoman Adler, seconded by Council President Falcone the bill list in the amount of \$28,237,753.90 was approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Kalitan, Councilman Polansky (Abstain on all insurance payments), Councilwoman Adler, Councilwoman Kurzweil, Councilman Garbowski, Council Vice President Amato and Council President Falcone

2007-8-18 RESOLUTION TO AWARD OF BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2007 NEW AND UNUSED 15,000 LB, 2 WD LOADER/BACKHOE

2007-8-19 RESOLUTION AWARD OF BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE CHERRY HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

2007-8-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN CAMDEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING FOR THE PURCHASE OF COPY AND COMPUTER PAPER AND UNPRINTED ENVELOPES

2007-8-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUCTION #4 OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

2007-8-22 RESOLUTION TO REESTABLISH THE TERMS OF THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE CHERRY HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:54-1, et. seq. AND NEW JERSEY LIBRARY BOARD DIRECTIVE

2007-8-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL #676 AND THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL REGARDING THE POLICE DISPATCHERS

2007-8-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-LOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP TO CONDUCT AN AUCTION OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE

2007-8-25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR PROPERTY #349

2007-8-26 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000,000 BONDS, SERIES 2007, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE TO THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY PURSUANT TO THE 2007 NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FINANCING PROGRAM

2007-8-27 RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000,000 BONDS, SERIES 2007, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE TO THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY PURSUANT TO THE 2007 NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FINANCING PROGRAM

2007-8-28 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF LOAN AGREEMENT, GUARANTY AND RELATED DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES TO BE EXECUTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AND THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FINANCING OF ITS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES PROJECT

On a motion by Councilwoman Kurzweil, seconded by Councilwoman Adler, the Consent Agenda was approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Kalitan (NAY Resolution 2007-8-22), Councilman Polansky, Councilwoman Adler, Councilwoman Kurzweil, Councilman Garbowski, Council Vice President Amato and Council President Falcone

11. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

None at this time

PUBLIC COMMENTS

THIS SECTION OF THE MEETING IS RESERVED FOR COUNCIL TO ACCEPT "COMMENTS" FROM THE PUBLIC. IF A COUNCIL MEMBER WISHES TO RESPOND TO ANY OF THE COMMENTS, IT WILL BE DONE UNDER THE COMMENTS OF COUNCIL PORTION OF THE MEETING.

The following people spoke in opposition to information provided to them regarding the possibility of a Group Home moving into the Brookfield development:

Rose Ginsberg, 213 S Brookfield Rd
Phil Rein, 111 W. Valleybrook Rd
Fred Ashman, 8 Anvil Ct.
Mr. Abbaszadeh, 57 Cooper Ave.
James Reiss, 139 Willow Way
Bill Reinhardt, 1111 W. Valleybrook Rd
Paul Kennedy, 1120 West Valleybrook Rd.
Nanette Smith, 203 S. Brookfield Rd.
Yolanda Lorenz , 9 Edgemoore Rd. - Comments attached

The following people spoke in opposition to the plans to widen Rt. 70:

George Hickman, 849 Jefferson Ave.
Phil Guerrieri, 1230 Park Blvd.
Dave Clotstein, 237 Kings Croft
Theresa Morhfeld, 115 Sheffield Rd.
Joe Morris, 221 Southview Dr.
Fred Ashman, 8 Anvil Ct
Clara Woods, 73 Harrison Ave.
Rich Hoffman, 912 Chelton Parkway
James Reese, 39 Willow Way

Nickolas Bovinno 59 Grant Ave.

Mr. Bovinno stated that this was the very first council meeting he had ever attended and he feels as though we are all better off working together. He said he was a registered Democrat and voted for a lot of the members of council and votes in every election. Single gentleman, voted yes for every bond issue, prepared to support

everything the Township does. Support its children, its schools, its businesses, all that goes on around here.

Allen Feldman, 4 Lamp Post Lane

Thanked the Mayor, Council, and Township for providing the youth of this town with new playing fields saying t's going to help 3,500 children have a place to play saying this recreation project begins to put Cherry Hill on par with other townships.

Annie Elmore, 1916 Olney Ave.

Spoke to the mayor and council about the lack of cooperation she has received from the township departments regarding traffic, 18 wheel trucks and speeding in her neighborhood. She stated that she has requested speed bumps and for years has never been given an explanation as to why they can't have them.

Peter Chiginious 925 Park Dr.

Regarding the Rt. 70 problems and the differences of opinion between the residents and the township he suggested that everyone sit down in a room and talk it out.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL

Councilwoman Kalitan - Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting today and explained that this was the first time she had heard anything about the group home. Councilwoman Kalitan also stated that she will never support the widening of Rt. 70 to 3 lanes thru Erlton and Barclay.

Councilman Polansky - No comment

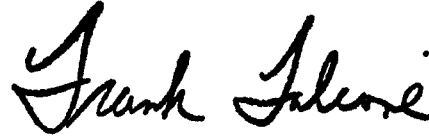
Councilwoman Adler Thanked everyone for coming out. Councilwoman Adler spoke about recreation fields saying that she is very excited about these new fields because our kids need them to play on. She also spoke about the Rt.70 project explaining that as far as she was aware there have been no final decisions made on the Rt. 70 plan and she would welcome the opportunity to meet with the Rt.70 Commission. With regards to the home on Brookfield, she stated that although she was not aware of it she would do her best to get more information so that the best case scenario could be worked out for everyone involved. With regards to the speed bumps on Olney Ave Councilwoman Adler stated that she was sure that the Police Department would investigate and follow up with council. Councilwoman Adler offered her apology for any township employee who was rude or spoke inappropriately to anyone saying that it is certainly not acceptable behavior for anyone.

Councilwoman Kurzweil Also thanked everyone for coming out and for their wonderful input. She stated that she fully supports the recreational fields for our children. With regards to the home in Brookfield, Councilwoman Kurzweil said that she was unaware of the current situation but would be asking those township employees involved for a complete update. Councilwoman Kurzweil offered her apologizes for any township employee who was rude to anyone, saying rude behavior is never excusable.

Councilman Garbowski Councilman Garbowski stated that he is very much in favor of the improvements to our recreational fields, which is why he wanted to be part of this meeting even though he was on vacation with his family. He said he was grateful that he and Councilman Polansky were able to vote vie telephone to see this project move forward.

Council President Falcone Stated that as far as the recreational fields they have been a long time coming and he is very grateful to the Mayor for his commitment to this project. As to the home on Brookfield he stated that he would ask the appropriate township officials for more information and hopefully there would be a solution that is acceptable to everyone. Council President Falcone agreed that Rt. 70 is not an easy situation and he hopes that we can come up with a plan that will ease the traffic without hurting the residents.

ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 10, 2007



COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



**NANCY L. SAFFOS, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

Mayor Platt's comments 08/14/07

"Good evening everyone. Tonight I have several things to talk about and array of issues to address.

This month we are seeing Route 70 transformed into a safer roadway. The DOT is doing a public service to the region by permanently closing the cut-through openings on Route 70 and constructing new controlled left-turn and stacking lanes.

Together we are making Cherry Hill a safer place for our families and motorists that work and drive through our Township on a daily basis.

In fact while 60,000 people a day traverse our "main street," safety has to be our number one priority. We cannot continue to stay the course of the current traffic configuration that is over 40-years old.

We have seen what happens to vital highway infrastructure when it does not get updated and improved.

Safety should never be a partisan issue. I believe politicizing this matter is a direct affront to the public trust. I will not tolerate obstruction to change on this roadway.

Because someone experiences a few minutes of inconvenience does not mean we should scrap improvements to our aging highway system.

Like it or not Route 70 is our main thoroughfare and I believe we need this work to be done.

I will continue to listen to all of our residents and entertain the opinions of every person in the community, but make no mistake I believe improvements must take place and I believe we need a safer highway.

Several rumors have been spread throughout the Brookfield neighborhood about a group home or half-way house.

First and foremost we've been told by the state that this will be a foster care facility for children ages 8 to 12-years-old.

We've been assured these children are not a threat to society.

Second, the transaction of the property in question was done privately.

Just like any other homeowner would sell their house, this house was sold to an out-of-state LLC. The Township was never notified of the private transaction.

The Township is awaiting the agency to turn in a zoning approval form that will be analyzed by our Department of Community Development. In this case we will look over all of our options and alternatives, but state law is very clear here and our local law is superseded by state law.

Finally, I believe all of us in this great community have a responsibility to work together to forge a better Township.

When I read postings from residents that contain blatant lies in them it makes me sick. When people try to incite other residents and practice the art of fear-mongering it disappoints me.

I want to address the issue of the Camden County Regional Justice Center. Camden County is planning to move government agencies into the Executive Campus.

I have attained assurances from the County Sheriff that this new facility will be extremely safe and poses absolutely no threat to our community.

County officials assured me that no violent criminals will be visiting the new center. In fact, the current location has a children's day care center adjacent to it.

To address some questions we've heard. There are no murders, robbers, or rapists on probation. These cases have been reviewed by state judges and Camden County prosecutors.

In Camden County, parolees report to the Parole Office in the City of Camden and this office should never be confused with Probation. The Parole Office will stay in Camden.

I want thank everyone for listening this afternoon and thank them for coming."



Yolanda Lorenz

[Copies for Township Clerk and Council Members]

TABLE 1
DVRPC HIGH PRIORITY ROUTE 70 PROJECTS
FOR SAFETY, MOBILITY, AND CONGESTION

1. For the Garden State Park Redevelopment, which will add 2,662 a.m. peak hour trips; 4,490 p.m. peak hour trips; and 3,944 Saturday peak hour trips?

- Identify transit opportunities that provide alternatives to auto trips (i.e. neighborhood shuttle buses, connections between transit hubs and shopping destinations).
- Identify important pedestrian crossings and development improvements which promote safety and accessibility.
- Implement traffic calming measures and traffic management techniques which facilitate safe and efficient flow of vehicles.¹

2. For the new Cooper Landing Road left stacking lane:

- Add a traffic signal at the median opening for Cooper Landing Road to operate in coordination with the signal at the Edison/Georgia intersection with Route 70 located at milepost 3. According to the DVRPC, "permissive left turns are inherently unsafe, with safety decreasing dramatically when motorists cross multiple lanes, in this case two lanes."²

3. For the intersection of Route 70 and Kingston Road/ West Gate Drive:

- Optimize the signal and implement/ optimize signal coordination to greatly improve traffic flow and reduce congestion.³
- Increase the capacity of left turn movements from side streets by creating dedicated dual left turn lanes at intersections with greatest demand for such turns.⁴
- Construct more pedestrian crossing opportunities, especially near bus stops, that are well marked and signal controlled to benefit transit dependent and all pedestrians. There should be at least one pedestrian crossing opportunity every [.3] miles, including crossings that link retail and commercial centers on either side of Route 70.⁵
- Provide more left turn opportunities beyond those currently under construction by constructing additional directional mid-block openings with left turn lanes.⁶

¹ DVRPC "NJ Route 70 Corridor Study," October 2005), p. 72

² Same, p. 73. This improvement is specifically listed as having safety benefits.

³ Same, p. 77

⁴ Same, p. 77

⁵ Same, p. 77

⁶ Same, p. 78

- Add a third signalized intersection at Renaldo Terrace and the entrance to the Barclay Farms Shopping Center.⁷ DVRPC report stated that this “is a logical location” for a third signalized intersection” as it is “nearly equidistant from the adjacent two intersections (Kingston and Covered Bridge), and it would provide signalized left turn access to and from the shopping center. It would provide an additional signalized opportunity to turn left from the north side of Route 70 easing the congestion at Kingston Drive by distributing the burden.”⁸

4. Covered Bridge/ Frontage Road

- To better accommodate left turn movements from Frontage Road (368 during the a.m. peak hour) add a split-phase signal configuration to allow each minor street approach to clear uninhibited by the opposing minor street movement.⁹
- Actuate signal so that the movement with the greatest number of queuing vehicles gets more time.
- Alter geometry to configure signal to provide a protected left turn phase allowing the unimpeded flow of left turns from both approaches simultaneously.
- Add a second left turn lane from Frontage Road southbound.¹⁰

5. Greentree Road/Springdale/ Marlkress Road Jug Handle.

- Reword signs and add arrows to state more clearly that the Marlkress Road jug handle is the only way to access Green Tree and Springdale Road northbound from Route 70 eastbound.¹¹

⁷ Same, p. 78

⁸ Same

⁹ Same, p. 79

¹⁰ Same, p. 80

¹¹ Same, p. 81 This improvement is specifically listed as having safety benefits.