

**WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2023 6:30 PM**

This meeting was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City and the Daily Journal on January 11, 2023 and was duly posted on the Township Bulletin Board and the Township's website in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231 as required by law.

At 6:30pm this meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth R. Haeser, who greeted the assembly and then led them in the Salute to our Nation's Flag and a moment of silence.

The Township Clerk then read aloud the "Sunshine Law Statement".

Committee Members present: Norton, Keiffenheim, and Haeser

Absent: None

Also present were: Township Clerk Dorothy-Jo Ayres, Solicitor Michael Lario, Jr., Esquire, and Engineer Michael Fralinger, Jr.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Upcoming Events -Rent Control Board Hearing April 17th, Atlantic County Urban Interface Drill April 23rd to be held in Dorothy, Community Yard Sale April 29th, Shred-A-Thin May 6th, Memorial Day Services May 29th.
- Weymouth Township MUA - Has taken over billing and maintenance services from the Hamilton Township MUA.

Deputy Mayor Peter Keiffenheim discussed the community signboard at the intersection of Route 50 and 11th Avenue. Pre-Covid the Township had been looking into an electric sign, which the information pursuit stalled out during the pandemic. The Township Clerk was directed to check with the Public Works Superintendent and the CFO for funds availability.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Motion: Norton/Keiffenheim to open the meeting to public comment.

Roll Call: Norton-yes; Keiffenheim-yes; Haeser-yes

Board of Education President, Henry Goldsmith spoke of the Weymouth Township School being the main staging area for the upcoming Urban interface Drill on April 23rd. The WTBOE will be holding a work session for the budget on May 4th.

Susan Stiles, member of the Rent Control Board, addressed the Committee about the Rent Control Application. Hometown America is asking for an 8.7% increase this year. Ms. Stile made special note of the 19 rent rates currently within the Oaks of Weymouth.

Motion: Keiffenheim/Haeser to close the meeting to public comment.

Roll Call: Norton-yes; Keiffenheim-yes; Haeser-yes

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Michael Fralinger, Jr. reviewed the monthly report.

- **Estelle Avenue (2022 NJDOT)**- Arawak has completed the paving of the roadway. Will do a walk through with the DPW Superintendent to see if there is anything outstanding for the punch list.
- **2023 NJDOT** – Working on the plan for South jersey Avenue from 11th Avenue to 9th Avenue.

Motion: Norton/Keiffenheim to accept the Engineer’s report.

Roll Call: Norton-yes; Keiffenheim-yes; Haeser-yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Reports were submitted for review and approval for the following departments:

March 2023- Clerk

Motion: Norton/Keiffenheim to accept the Clerk’s report.

Roll Call: Norton-yes; Keiffenheim-yes; Haeser-yes

Public Works

- Request approval for \$7,000 for garage door replacement of which \$6,000 is to be reimbursed by ACMJIF.

Motion: Norton/Keiffenheim

Roll Call: Norton-yes; Keiffenheim-yes; Haeser-yes

Motion: Norton/Keiffenheim to accept the Public Works request.

Roll Call: Norton-yes; Keiffenheim-yes; Haeser-yes

February 2023- Tax Assessor

Motion: Norton/Keiffenheim to accept the Tax Assessor report.

Roll Call: Norton-yes; Keiffenheim-yes; Haeser-yes

MINUTES:

Motion: Norton/Keiffenheim to accept the March 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call: Norton-yes; Keiffenheim-yes; Haeser- yes

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT:

Motion: Norton/Keiffenheim for approval of the in the amount of \$106,609.47 and the Vouchers for Payment be approved and payment rendered.

Roll Call: Norton-yes, abstain #000175; Keiffenheim-yes, abstain #000159; Haeser-yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 591-2023 – first reading by title only

Motion: Norton/Keiffenheim

Roll Call: Norton-yes; Keiffenheim-yes; Haeser-yes

CALENDAR YEAR 2023

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

Resolution 68-2023 Appoint MUA Members

Motion: Norton/Keiffenheim

Roll Call: Norton-yes; Keiffenheim-yes; Haeser-yes

Resolution 69-2023 Designate Area in Need of Rehabilitation

Motion: Norton/Keiffenheim

Roll Call: Norton-yes; Keiffenheim-yes; Haeser-yes

Resolution 70-2023 Equal Opportunity Compliance

Motion: Norton/Keiffenheim

Roll Call: Norton-yes; Keiffenheim-yes; Haeser-yes

Resolution 71-2023 2023 Budget Introduction

Motion: Norton/Keiffenheim

Roll Call: Norton-yes; Keiffenheim-yes; Haeser-yes

Resolution 72-2023 First Responders Act

Postponed until April 19, 2023- more information requested

Motion: Norton/Keiffenheim for approval of Fralinger Engineering proposal in the amount of \$42,500 for surveying, inspection/ contract administration services for Estelle and South Jersey Avenues 2023 NJ DOT Grant award, subject to available funds.

Roll Call: Norton-yes; Keiffenheim-yes; Haeser-yes

Motion: Norton/Keiffenheim for approval of up to \$7,000 to repair broken DPW garage doors.

Roll Call: Norton-yes; Keiffenheim-yes; Haeser-yes

Township Committee discussed the need to increase the starting rate of pay and update the step program for the Laborer position in an effort to keep a long term employee.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

There were no comments at this time.

ADJOURN:

Motion: Norton/Keiffenheim

Roll Call: Norton-yes; Keiffenheim-yes; Haeser-yes

Adjourned at 7:32pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy-Jo Ayres, RMC, Municipal Clerk