

**TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 6:45 PM**

A G E N D A

Regular meeting begins at 7:30 pm or immediately following Closed Session, whichever comes last.

OPENING; ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Notice of this meeting has been sent to two newspapers of general circulation in which notice was given of the date, time, place and general agenda in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

CLOSED SESSION – Contract Negotiations – North Warren Court; Mohican Fire Hall; COAH

RESULTS OF CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT – up to 5 speakers, 3 minutes each

MINUTES

February 12, 2014 – Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes

Motion to approve; second. Roll call vote.

ORDINANCE 2014 – 02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DELETING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF BLAIRSTOWN, “JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT,” IN ORDER TO CREATE A NEW JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT, Adoption, Second Reading

Public Hearing – Open/Close

Motion to adopt; second. Roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1 – R.2014 – 038 Authorization to Pay Bills
- 2 – R.2014 – 039 Authorization to Transfer Funds
- 3 – R.2014 – 040 Resolution Agreeing to Certain Conditions Required by the Superior Court of New Jersey, Vicinage XIII, in Regard to the Joint Court of North Warren
- 4 – Approval of Business Directional Sign – Dale’s Antique Clocks, Route 94 and Main Street
- 5 – Approval of (2) Business Directional Signs – Blairstown Barber Shop, Route 94 and Carhart Street; Route 94 and Bridge Street
- 6 – Approval of Business Directional Sign – Barber on Main, Route 94 and Main Street
- 7 – Approval of Application for Membership in Blairstown Hose Company No. 1 – Christopher R. Rossmell

8 – Approval of Application for Blue Light Permit – John R. Allen, Blairstown Hose Company No. 1

Motion to approve; second. Roll call vote.

INTRODUCTION OF 2014 BUDGET

- R.2014 – 041 Special Items of Revenue – General Capital Fund Balance
- R.2014 – 042 Special Items of Revenue – Grants
- R.2014 – 043 Introduction of 2014 Budget

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Clerk – February Report
- Finance – February Finance and Fuel Reports
- Fire Department – February Report
- Police Department – February Report
- Tax Collector – February Report
- Municipal Court of North Warren – January Report
- Warren County Health Department – February 7, 2014

Motion to accept; second.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1 – Service Electric Cable TV – SECTV is preparing draft ordinance for franchise renewal

COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE for information and possible action

- 1 – from Molly Petty, regarding Municipal Alliance Grant Application for 2014-15
- 2 – from Martin Grossman, Activities Coordinator, Paulinskill Valley Trail Committee, requesting permission to use Footbridge Park for National Trails Day on June 7th
- 3 – from Robert A. Pruznick, Executive Director, The Arc of Warren County, re: HFMA Special Needs Housing Partnership, Letter of Intent – Preliminary Commitment to Formalized Memorandum of Understanding

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

FROM THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK

FROM THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANDERSON

- Subcommittee Member of:
 - Budget & Finance (primary)
 - Public Safety – Police Commissioner
 - Personnel (primary)
- Liaison to:
 - Public Welfare/Municipal Alliance
 - Construction, Subcode, Zoning

COMMITTEE MEMBER AVERY

Member of Land Use Board: Class III
Subcommittee Member of: Water Department (alternate)
Roads/Buildings & Grounds (alternate)
Recreation (alternate)
Liaison to: Environmental Commission
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBER LANCE

Subcommittee Member of: Budget & Finance (primary)
Water Department (primary)
Public Safety – Deputy Police Commissioner
Liaison to: Historic Preservation Committee
Public Education – North Warren Regional High School

COMMITTEE MEMBER PRICE

Subcommittee Member of: Small Cities/COAH
Service Electric Cable TV
Budget & Finance (alternate)
Liaison to: Open Space Committee
Public Education – Blirstown Elementary School

MAYOR SHOEMAKER

Member of Land Use Board: Class I
Subcommittee Member of: Roads/Buildings & Grounds (primary)
Recreation (primary)
Personnel (secondary)
Budget & Finance (alternate)
County Officials
Inter-municipal Government
NJ League of Municipalities
Liaison to: Office of Emergency Management
Public Safety – Fire & Ambulance
Blair Academy

FROM THE PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

General Correspondence
March 12, 2014

1. Federal Offices
None.
2. NJ State – League of Municipalities
 - a) re: Public Employment Conference
 - b) re: Updates to the Bureau of Information Website – OPRA/OPMA/Ethics Pages
 - c) re: Urgent Legislative Action Needed on Arbitration Cap
 - d) re: League Professional Development Seminar – Budget, Ethics, and Procurement Updates
 - e) re: BPU Order on Opportunity NJ Broadband
 - f) re: Zero Percent Levy Cap
 - g) re: League Professional Development Seminar – A Quick Review of Budget and Audit Updates
 - h) re: Office Suites Available for Lease at League Headquarters
 - i) re: Affordable Care Act Update – Treasury “Employer Mandate” Rules Issued
 - j) re: 2014 Municipal Legislative Priorities
 - k) re: League Professional Development Seminar – Leaves of Absence in NJ, a Look at the Family Medical Leave Act, the NJ Family Leave Act, and ADA Compliance
 - l) re: 22nd Annual Mayor’s Legislative Day has been Rescheduled for March 12, 2014
 - m) re: Difference Between Social Security Disability and SSI Disability
 - n) re: League Professional Development Seminar – A Review of the Open Public Records Act
 - o) re: Request for FEMA Snow Assistance Declaration
 - p) re: League Professional Development Seminar – Implications of Social Media
 - q) re: Seeking Comments on Important BPU Broadband Order
 - r) re: SFY 2015 Budget Proposal Presented to the Legislature
 - s) re: Flood Insurance Affordability Bill Readied for House Action
 - t) re: Deadline for Comments on FCC Cell Tower Rule Threatening Local Land Use and Construction Controls
 - u) re: Direct Deposit Legislation
 - v) re: Request for FEMA Snow Assistance Declaration
 - w) re: COAH Files for Extension of Time Frame
 - x) re: Levy Cap Exemption for Snow Emergencies
 - y) re: State Aid Certification for CY 2014/SFY 2015 & April 2014 Pensions Bills
 - z) re: League Comments on FCC Cell Tower Rule Proposal Posted Online
 - aa) re: Invitation to Attend Homeland Security Active Shooter Workshop
3. NJ State Offices
 - a) Dept. of Environmental Protection - Christie Administration Takes Action to Protect Water and Wastewater Systems Against Disasters Like Sandy
 - b) Dept. of Transportation - Route 94 Maintenance Resurfacing Project commencing on or about June 2014
4. Warren County
None.
5. Blairstown Township
None.
6. Other
None.