

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
MEETING AGENDA

6:30 PM Executive Session/7:30 pm Regular Session

December 6, 2023

Call to Order

Adopt Resolution to hold Executive Session:

1. Attorney/Client Privilege – Planner Ritter – Redevelopment Plan/Redevelopment Area
2. Attorney/Client Privilege - Vacation of Paper Street – request from homeowner to vacation paper street between Block 100, Lots 18.01 and 19.
3. Attorney Client/Privilege - Vacation Alleyway request
4. Attorney Client/Privilege – PR Contract

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided indicating the time and place of the meeting in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 by advertising a Notice in The Star Ledger and The Express-Times Warren County Zone and by posting a copy on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Prayer

Oath of Allegiance

Roll Call

Swear In: Police Officer – Tyler Bahr

Public Comment – Agenda Items Only

Old Business:

1. Approve minutes of Executive and Regular Session Minutes for November 1, 2023.
1. Ordinance No. 23-22 – Second reading and public hearing to Amend and Supplement Chapter 163 entitled “Privately-Owned Salt Storage”, is Created.
2. Ordinance No. 23-23 – Second reading and public hearing to Amend and Supplement Chapter 115, entitled “Fees” to add a New Section titled “Tax Sale Fees”.
3. Resolution – Authorizing Amendment to the Township’s Petition to the Highlands Council to Expand the Boundaries of the Township’s Designated Highlands Center Boundaries.
4. Resolution – Authorizing Submission of a Petition to the Highlands Council for Designation of Highlands Redevelopment Area.

New Business:

1. Ordinance No. 2023-24 – First reading to Delete Chapter 97 entitled “Curfew,” and Replacing same to be Consistent with N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.52.
2. Ordinance No. 2023-25 – First reading to Delete Chapter 145 entitled “Message, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Establishments,” and Replacing same to be Consistent with N.J.S.A. 45:11-53 et. seq.
3. Ordinance No. 2023-26 – First reading to Delete Chapter 195 entitled “Solid Waste Disposal,” and Replacing same to be Consistent with N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et. seq.

Consent Agenda:

1. Resolution – Adopt Employee Work from Home Policy.
2. Resolution – Refund Tax Overpayment for Block 86.03, Lot 2 in the amount of \$171.54.
3. Resolution – Refund Tax Overpayment for Block 2, Lot 22.15 in the amount of \$275.18.
4. Resolution – Refund Tax Overpayment for Block 85.02, Lot 41 in the amount of \$250.00.
5. Resolution – Refund Tax Overpayment for Block 43, Lot 8 in the amount of \$250.00.
6. Resolution – Refund Tax Overpayment for Block 24, Lot 19 in the amount of \$1,760.02.
7. Resolution – Refund Tax Overpayment for Block 99, Lot 256 QC1210 in the amount of \$1,341.75.
8. Resolution – Refund Tax Overpayment for Block 99, Lot 123 QC0078 in the amount of \$1,028.53.
9. Resolution – Refund Tax Overpayment for Block 99, Lot 372 QC0727 in the amount of \$1,303.62.
10. Resolution – Refund Tax Overpayment for Block 106, Lot 24 in the amount of \$312.12.
11. Resolution – Refund Tax Overpayment for Block 115.06, Lot 21 QC0285 in the amount of \$935.36.
12. Resolution – Refund Tax Overpayment for Block 138, Lot 16 in the amount of \$844.31.
13. Resolution – Refund Tax Overpayment for Block 95, Lot 11.13 in the amount of \$3,003.18.
14. Resolution – Authorize Grant Application for 2024 American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant Program in the amount of \$52,500.00.
15. Resolution – Authorize Uniform Allowance to Qualified Firemen for 2023 in the amount of \$272.00.
16. Resolution – Appoint permanently Brian Weeks Public Works Superintendent pursuant to Civil Service Certification PL232205.
17. Resolution – Memorialize purchase of Edmunds Software Program for Tax Office approved in the 2023 Budget.
18. Phillipsburg Garnet Boosterettes – Approve Application for Raffle License for various dates in January and February 2024.
19. Approve Junior Membership for Trent LaFord as approved by Fire Chief LaFord.

Announcements – Year end Council Meeting – Thursday, December 28, 2023.

Council Reports

Report of the Engineer

Report from Chief of Police

Approve Dept. Reports

Approve Payment of Bills

Public Comment – 5-minutes

Adjournment