

Minutes Special Meeting of Mayor and Council – October 8, 2015
Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue
1:30 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Present

Gribbin - Absent

Pullia - Present

Rodio – Present

Torrissi - Present

Wuillermin - Present

Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Brian Howell, Town Solicitor

Jerry Barberio, PWM/Business Administrator

Executive Session #R116-2015

#R116-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton that, in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," an Executive Session is authorized on this below adopted date, for the purpose of discussing and/or acting upon:

1. Fire Company Complaints

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of any matters discussed in Executive Session shall be released to the public as soon as reasonably possible after Mayor and Council conclude that the basis for exclusion of the public ceases to exist.

Motion by Councilman Wuillermin, seconded by Councilman Furgione, the resolution is adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Yes

Gribbin - Absent

Pullia – Recused (did not participate in any Fire Company Complaint discussion)

Rodio – Yes

Torrissi - Yes

Wuillermin - Yes

Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

Councilman:

Furgione - Present

Gribbin - Absent

Pullia - Present

Rodio – Present

Torrissi - Present

Wuillermin - Present

Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Brian Howell, Town Solicitor

Jerry Barberio, PWM/Business Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of this meeting has been posted and given to official newspapers. Please familiarize yourselves with the fire exits to the right and rear of the Council Chambers. Please do not proceed beyond the front benches without invitation from the Mayor to do so. Also, each person who wishes to address Council will be allotted 5 minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No one desired to be heard.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

Mayor DiDonato read a statement into the record regarding volunteers.

#R117-2015 Rescind Brigandi Resignation Acceptance of September 28, 2015

#R117-2015

RESOLUTION RESCINDING JOHN BRIGANDI'S RESIGNATION FROM FIRE COMPANY #2 DATED
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council on September 28, 2015 received a letter of resignation from John Brigandi who was at the time and continues to be a suspended member of Fire Company #2;

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council accepted that resignation at their regular meeting of September 28, 2015;

WHEREAS, immediately following the conclusion of the September 28, 2015 council meeting, John Brigandi notified the Mayor and members of Council that he wished to rescind his resignation;

WHEREAS, John Brigandi had acknowledged that the rescission of his resignation shall in no way change his suspended status;

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved on the 8th day of October 2015 as follows:

1. Mayor and Council agree that they shall rescind John Brigandi's resignation.
2. John Brigandi's status as a suspended member of Fire Company #2 shall continue until such time as Mayor and Council determine that same shall be terminated or that such other action is appropriate in regard to same.
3. Mayor and Council reserve the right to impose certain conditions which must be satisfied prior to John Brigandi's return to full membership in Fire Company #2.

Motion by Councilman Furgione, seconded by Councilman Rodio, resolution 117 is adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:
Furgione - Yes
Gribbin – Absent
Pullia - Recused
Rodio – Yes
Torrissi - Yes
Wuillermin - Recused
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Recommend Brigandi suspension as social member

Motion by Councilman Furgione, seconded by Councilman Rodio, recommend that Mr. Brigandi also be suspended as a social member of Fire Company #2.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:
Furgione - Yes
Gribbin – Absent
Pullia - Recused
Rodio – Yes
Torrissi - Yes
Wuillermin - Recused
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

#R118-2015 Terminate Suspension John Warren and John M. Warren Fire Co. #2

#R118-2015

RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE SUSPENSION OF JOHN WARREN AND JOHN MICHAEL WARREN AS MEMBERS OF FIRE COMPANY #2

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton received a complaint filed by a volunteer firefighter on September 28, 2015;

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council directed that an investigation into the complaint's allegation be conducted;

WHEREAS, that investigation was immediately begun and is ongoing;

WHEREAS, no evidence of misconduct providing a basis to continue the suspension of John Warren and John Michael Warren has been discovered in the course of that investigation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED ON THE 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2015 as follows:

Based on the foregoing recitals, Mayor and Council hereby determine that John Warren and John Michael Warren shall be and hereby are immediately restored to full membership in Fire Company #2.

Motion by Councilman Torrissi, seconded by Councilman Wuillermin, resolution 118 is adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:
Furgione - Yes
Gribbin – Absent
Pullia - Recused
Rodio – Yes
Torrissi - Yes
Wuillermin - Yes
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Approve Construction Management Project ARH (First Road, Jacobs Street & Chew Road Drainage)

Motion by Councilman Rodio, seconded by Councilman Wuillermin, authorize a construction management and professional service contract to ARH in the amount of \$6,575.00 for First, Jacobs and Chew Roads.

ROLL CALL

Councilman:
Furgione - Yes
Gribbin – Absent
Pullia - Yes
Rodio – Yes
Torrissi - Yes
Wuillermin - Yes
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Councilman Torrissi recommended in the future not to announce names of those suspended.

PUBLIC HEARD

William Eppler, Assistant Fire Chief

Mr. Eppler suggested notification of allegations be kept quiet until investigation is concluded.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Councilman Furgione, seconded by Councilman Torrissi, the meeting is adjourned. Motion carried.

April Boyer Maimone, Clerk