



DELAWARE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2021 – 7:30 PM
Via Zoom

Mayor Waltman called the regular meeting of the Delaware Township Committee to order on January 11, 2021 at 7:30 PM. Mayor Waltman announced that this meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was faxed to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Trenton Times, Courier News and the Star Ledger, was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed with the Township Clerk on January 5, 2021.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Waltman led those in attendance in the pledge to the nation's flag.

PROCLAMATIONS

A PROCLAMATION HONORING

VINCENT COLALILLO

FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT

WHEREAS, Vincent Colalillo, a resident of Delaware Township, and a member of Boy Scout Troop 65 of Ringoes has earned the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Delaware Township takes pride in its overall sense of community and citizen involvement; and

WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest award that a Scout can receive and is attained by fewer than four percent of all Scouts and represents the accomplishments in leadership and exceptional commitment to community; and

WHEREAS, Vincent received the rank of Eagle Scout on February 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Vincent has devoted endless hours fulfilling the many requirements for advancement in scouting, including attaining 24 merit badges, holding prerequisite ranks and offices, the completion of an Eagle Scout Project and examination by the Eagle Scout Board of review

WHEREAS, for his Eagle Scout project, Vincent chose to enhance Dilts Park, updating and adding to its public uses; and

WHEREAS, Vincent installed a newer, more visible sign for visitors coming to Dilts Park, marked out the trail system with distance markers, and built a fire pit with benches for campfires, all combining to make our park a more enjoyable place for residents and visitors alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware Township Committee, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, hereby honors

VINCENT COLALILLO

of Boy Scout Troop 65 on his achievement of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouts.

Duly Adopted on this 11th day of January 2021

James Waltman, Mayor

Maria Andrews, Township Clerk, RMC

A PROCLAMATION HONORING

**MICHAEL ROWE
FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT**

WHEREAS, Michael Rowe, a resident of Delaware Township, and a member of Boy Scout Troop 65 of Ringoes has earned the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Delaware Township takes pride in its overall sense of community and citizen involvement; and

WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest award that a Scout can receive and is attained by fewer than four percent of all Scouts and represents the accomplishments in leadership and exceptional commitment to community; and

WHEREAS, Michael Rowe the rank of Eagle Scout on June 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Michael has devoted endless hours fulfilling the many requirements for advancement in scouting, including attaining 21 merit badges, holding prerequisite ranks and offices, the completion of an Eagle Scout Project and examination by the Eagle Scout Board of review

WHEREAS, for his Eagle Scout project, Michael chose to enhance Rocky Brook Trail in East Amwell Township, updating and adding to its public uses; and

WHEREAS, Michael installed a new kiosk at the trail head for visitors coming to the Rocky Brook Trail, and maintained the trails and grounds, all combining to make the park a more enjoyable place for residents and visitors alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware Township Committee, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, hereby honors

MICHAEL ROWE

of Boy Scout Troop 65 on his achievement of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouts.

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ROLL CALL/AGENDA REVIEW

Present: Mayor James Waltman, Deputy Mayor Josepe Vocke, Committee Members Charles Herman and Susan Lockwood along with Township Clerk Maria Andrews, Deputy Township Clerk Tiffany Crivelli and Township Attorney Joseph Tauriello .

APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A motion by Lockwood, seconded by Vocke, to approve the Committee's 12/28/2020 Regular and 1/4/2021 Reorganization meeting minutes with no revisions noted was approved by voice vote.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor Waltman noted that the COVID vaccine website was officially up and available to residents of New Jersey and Hunterdon County to register. Depending on everyone's answers to the questions on the website, determined when they would be eligible for the vaccine. The township would look into possibly putting a direct link on the township website.

Committeewoman Lockwood noted that PennEast appealed to overturn in Supreme court the New Jersey Pipeline decision where it could not go through state land which New Jersey won in Federal court. The State of New Jersey presented the Supreme Court with why they should not take the case and leave it at the Federal Court ruling.

Committeeman Herman noted that renovations are going to begin at Town Hall with the Department of Public Works doing a lot of the demolition to save the township money.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Waltman opened the floor to public comment for any items listed on the agenda.

Hearing no members of the public speak up, Mayor Waltman closed the floor to public comment.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS #2021-15 & #2021-16

**Delaware Township Resolution #2021-15
2021 Temporary Budget**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2021 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first 30 days of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2020 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$4,228,140.27, and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2020 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$1,109,886.82.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Committee of Delaware Township, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief financial officer for her records.

ATTEST:

Maria Andrews, Township Clerk, RMC

James Waltman, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution Approved by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Delaware at their meeting of January 11, 2021.

Maria Andrews, Township Clerk, RMC

Approved January 11, 2021

**Delaware Township Resolution #2021-16
2021 Temporary Debt**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a temporary resolution the permanent debt services requirements for the coming fiscal year providing such a resolution is not made earlier than the last ten days of the preceding fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is subsequent to that date, and

WHEREAS, Principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, inclusive, on sundry bonds issued and outstanding,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Committee of Delaware Township, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 inclusive:

DEBT SERVICE – CURRENT FUND
Payment of Bonds \$360,000.00
Interest on Bonds \$186,345.00

DEBT SERVICE – OPEN SPACE

Payment of Bonds \$307,000.00
Interest on Bonds \$ 91,021.00

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James Waltman, Mayor

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NEW BUSINESS/OTHER

A motion by Herman, seconded by Lockwood, to approve/appointment the 2021 Delaware Township Officials and the appointment of Planning Board member Tim Drew was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Herman: Yes, Kwasnik: Yes, Lockwood: Yes, Vocke: Yes, Waltman: Yes

Mayor Waltman discussed having the next Township Committee meeting be a Hybrid meeting. Allowing those who would prefer to be in person, be able to meet at Town Hall while also having the meeting broadcast through Zoom.

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FINAL COMMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Committeewoman Lockwood noted that the newsletter will be out March 1, 2021 and if anyone would like to contribute anything it would need to be received by January 29, 2021.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST

A motion by Lockwood, seconded by Herman to approve payment of the \$2,401,374.17 bill list was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Herman: Yes, Kwasnik: Yes, Lockwood: Yes, Vocke: Yes, Waltman: Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Approval of Resolution #2021-17: To Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contracts and Subjects Falling Under Attorney-Client Privilege – *The discussion is expected to take approximately 30 minutes. Action may be taken.*

A motion by Herman, seconded by Lockwood to approve Resolution #2021-17 and enter into Executive Session was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Herman: Yes, Kwasnik: Yes, Lockwood: Yes, Vocke: Yes, Waltman: Yes

Resolution #2021-17

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this governing body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of Delaware Township, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.

2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: Contracts and subjects falling under Attorney-Client privilege. The discussion is anticipated to take approximately 30 minutes. Action may be taken.

3. It is intended at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when the matter has been resolved.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Maria Andrews, Township Clerk, RMC

A motion by Herman, seconded by Lockwood to return to Open Session was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Herman: Yes, Kwasnik: Yes, Lockwood: Yes, Vocke: Yes, Waltman: Yes

It was noted for the record that the Committee was in Executive Session from 8:11 PM – 8:28 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Lockwood, seconded by Herman to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Tiffany Crivelli, Deputy Township Clerk

James Waltman, Mayor