

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WALL, HELD IN THE
MEETING ROOM, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Peters at 7:30 P.M. Present were Mayor Robert D. Peters presiding, Deputy Mayor Edward H. Thomson, Committeewoman Mary L. Burne, Committeeman John P. Devlin, Committeeman Michael J. Clayton, Township Administrator Joseph L. Verruni, Township Attorney Roger J. McLaughlin and Township Clerk Lorraine Kubacz.

Mayor Peters read the sunshine statement.

Roll-call was taken by Lorraine Kubacz.

Mayor Peters asked Chief David Morris to introduce the men who are being promoted, Lt. Robert Brice, Sgt. First Class Joseph Gisoldi, Sgt. Steve Wolter and Sgt. Kenneth Brown. Chief Morris thanked the Committee for their continued support and stated that these officers did exceptional jobs on their testing. Chief Morris said that he looks forward to moving the Department forward. Mayor Peters and the Committee congratulated the men for a job well done.

7:40 p.m. The committee took a break so the police and families could leave the meeting room.

7:45 p.m.

Committeewoman Burne made a motion to approve the Vouchers for July 7, 2007 thru July 29, 2007, in the amount of \$4,378,226.78. Committeeman Devlin seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Clayton	Yea
Devlin	Yea
Burne	Yea
Thomson	Yea
Peters	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Vouchers approved.

Deputy Mayor Thomson moved that the Minutes of June 2007 be approved as per copies submitted by the Clerk. Committeeman Devlin seconded the motion and all members voted yes. Committeeman Clayton abstained.

This being the advertised time for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of **ORDINANCE NO. 18-2007** - Authorizing the Acquisition of Property - Block 2, Lot 24 - Curtis Avenue

entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF BLOCK 2, LOT 24 - 819 CURTIS AVENUE". Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only as required by law. Mayor Peters declared the Public Hearing open. There being no comments or objections, Deputy Mayor Thomson moved that the public hearing be closed. Committeeman Devlin seconded the motion and all members voted yes. Deputy Mayor Thomson moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to its second reading and final passage. Committeeman Devlin seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Clayton	Yea
Devlin	Yea
Burne	Yea
Thomson	Yea
Peters	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted. Deputy Mayor Thomson moved that the Ordinance be advertised according to law. Committeeman Devlin seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

This being the advertised time for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of **ORDINANCE NO. 21-2007** - Authorizing the Conveyance of Title - Block 70, Lot 35 - Meadow Road - Richard and Valerie Hunt entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF TITLE TO CERTAIN LANDS OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL PURSUANT TO A PRIVATE SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5)". Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only as required by law. Mayor Peters declared the Public Hearing open. There being no comments or objections, Committeeman Devlin moved that the public hearing be closed. Committeewoman Burne seconded the motion and all members voted yes. Committeeman Devlin moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to its second reading and final passage. Committeewoman Burne seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Clayton	Yea
Devlin	Yea
Burne	Yea
Thomson	Yea
Peters	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted. Committeeman Devlin moved that the

Ordinance be advertised according to law. Committeewoman Burne seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

Consent Agenda

With reference to Items 8 A - S was announced that all matters will be adopted or approved collectively by a single motion and roll-call vote by a majority of the Township Committee. All items on the consent agenda have been made available in advance of the meeting for public inspection and are also available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired on any item, it will be considered separately. Mayor Peters asked if any member of the Township Committee wished to consider any item separately. There being no further comments, a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Thomson and seconded by Committeeman Devlin to adopt the following Resolutions, and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Clayton	Yea
Devlin	Yea
Burne	Yea
Thomson	Yea
Peters	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the following Resolutions adopted:

#07-801 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 - IMPROVEMENTS TO MONMOUTH BOULEVARD (RATIFY)

#07-802 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AWARING A CONTRACT FOR THE MEETING HOUSE ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT - ACE-MANZO, INC. (RATIFY)

#07-803 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AWARING A CONTRACT FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PARK RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS - L & L PAVING, CO. (RATIFY)

#07-806 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2007 FIXING THE ASSESSMENTS ON THE PROPERTIES BENEFITED THEREIN BY REASON OF THE INSTALLATION OF SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN AND ALONG VARIOUS PROPERTIES IN WALL TOWNSHIP AND KNOWN AS THE WALL CHURCH ROAD AND BARBEE LANE SANITARY SEWER ASSESSMENT PROJECTS

#07-807 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (FINAL) - PHASE

II IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENSION OF THE REGIONAL BIKE PATH - F &
P CONTRACTORS, INC.

#07-808 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (FINAL) - PHASE IIB IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENSION OF THE REGIONAL BIKE PATH - F & P CONTRACTORS, INC.

#07-809 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED IN RELATION TO BLOCK 864, LOTS 16, 19 & 25 - MARIGOLD AVENUE, BEECH STREET AND CYPRESS STREET

#07-810 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF THE PLENARY RETAIL ALCOHOLIC DISTRIBUTION LICENSE OF WINE KING, LLC

#07-811 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL CANCELLING A REGULARLY SCHEDULED EXECUTIVE MEETING

#07-812 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A STREET INTERSECTION APPLICATION

#07-813 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF ESCROW FEES PERTAINING TO BLOCK 804.06, LOT 6 - COLONIAL DRIVE

#07-814 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR DIGITAL VIDEO SYSTEMS TO BE USED BY THE WALL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

#07-815 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AWARDED A SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE PROPOSED ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS TO THE WALL TOWNSHIP YOUTH CENTER

#07-816 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF TAXES

#07-817 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING CERTAIN TAX REFUNDS

#07-818 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Street Closing - Block Party - Oak Road - September 15, 2007
(no rain date)

Raffle - Old Mill School - 50/50 - September 12, 2007

One Day Liquor License - Garden State Wine Growers Association
- September 1 & 2, 2007 - Allaire Village - Support the NJ
Wine Industry and Allaire Village

End of Consent Agenda

Comments from Township Committee

Mayor Peters stated that some of the residents received a letter outlining the Township Committee's position on the Camp Evans ball fields. The Township Committee has decided that it is in the best thing for the township to go forward. The Committee has heard the residents' comments and we will monitor drainage. There will be a full time engineer day to day. Mr. Verruni stated that we are committed to keeping as many trees as possible. We have also taken a suggestion from Jeff Foster to look at ingress and egress on Belmar Boulevard. There is no specific item on the agenda tonight. Unless someone has something else to speak about, we are not taking any input on this tonight.

Audience Participation

Barbara Countryman, Monmouth Boulevard, asked about the results from the DEP's testing. Mayor Peters stated that the Township has everything to move forward. Ms. Countryman asked about the traffic flow. Mr. Verruni replied that he has all the reports from the Marconi Park Complex on file and they are filed at the library as well. Ms. Countryman asked what year they were done. Mr. Verruni replied 1996. Ms. Countryman said that that was too old and we need to do a study now. Mr. Verruni said that they are on file. Ms. Countryman said that we need the DEP's opinion before anything is going forward. Mayor Peters said that we are not doing this. Ms. Countryman asked if she could go to the DEP and ask them to come down here. Mayor Peters said yes, but whatever needs to be done with the DEP, will be done.

Thomas Oleszkiewicz, Edgemere Road, stated that there are twenty-four baseball fields now, six owned by Wall Township. Mayor Peters referred this to Mr. McLaughlin and said that we are not taking comment on this. Mr. Oleszkiewicz continued that there are 848 residents per field, and there is no comment allowed on this. Mr. Oleszkiewicz asked if anyone on the Committee thinks that this is excessive. Attorney McLaughlin said that the Township Committee will not entertain any other comment. If Mr. Oleszkiewicz has a comment on any other matter, he can go ahead.

Mr. Oleszkiewicz asked if he could comment on the letter he received. Mr. McLaughlin said no. The Committee has indicated that it will not have any further comment about the baseball fields. Mr. Oleszkiewicz said that the cost is \$75 for Wall residents and \$90 for other residents. Mayor Peters said he can talk about that. Mr. Oleszkiewicz asked who the "all other residents" are. Mayor Peters said he was not sure. Mr. Oleszkiewicz asked for justification for the fields.

Mr. Oleszkiewicz said that the Marconi Park Complex was supposed to have baseball and other events. What other field events are being played. Mayor Peters said, at this time, we are proceeding with the four fields. Mr. Oleszkiewicz stated that Mr. McLaughlin said that we will be going ahead with Plan 3. The Marconi Park Complex Committee approved that plan and now the township is not going with that plan.

Attorney McLaughlin replied that with the Marconi Park Complex report, that was approved, there were various alternative plans. There were several different plans. A specific plan was not approved. Mr. McLaughlin said one plan had the recreation building. Mr. Oleszkiewicz asked if that was when the ordinance was past to notify residents. Mr. McLaughlin replied that there is no application for development.

Mr. Verruni stated that the Township put together a group for recreation commission with North Wall and South Wall Little League to meet and talk about what development of these fields should be. We did mention that there was a survey many years ago, but that was not the formulation of this plan. This was the result of the meetings with recreation, Pop Warner and others.

Mr. Oleszkiewicz stated that there is a forty-one page summary of the Master Plan and only one page is dedicated to recreation. Manasquan has forty-three pages on recreation. Mr. Oleszkiewicz asked if this is how the township justified the needs of the town. Where is the variety of sports in this neighborhood? When is the last time a tennis court was built? Mr. Verruni stated that the new fields will be an upgrade to the area.

Mr. Oleszkiewicz asked if there are any other upgrades. Mr. Verruni replied that we have been completing upgrades in the area for several years. Mr. Oleszkiewicz asked what the official newspaper of Wall is. Mr. McLaughlin replied the Asbury Park Press and the Coast Star. Mr. Oleszkiewicz asked why the advertisement wasn't in the Coast Star. Mr.

McLaughlin replied that it was put in the paper with the widest distribution.

Jeff Foster, Marconi Road, stated that the Committee is here to serve the people and the people have a right to speak. The Committee has to listen to the people. Mr. Foster said that he gave suggestions about the trees and doing the project in phases, but the Committee did what they wanted anyway. If you cut down trees, they are gone, you can't bring them back. Mr. Foster stated that Committeewoman Burne said when she was Mayor, "not in my back yard." Mrs. Burne said anything that happens in Wall Township is my back yard.

Mr. Foster asked about drainage. Mrs. Burne stated that with these fields, a correction will be made. There is a problem now. Our engineer and planner will look at this very carefully. At our last executive meeting, there were some residents who have problems and Mr. Verruni and our head of Public Works went out to try to correct the problem. This was designed for active recreation. It is open space right now. Something will be built now. If I lived there, I would prefer the ball fields rather than industry or high rises. When Brookdale is complete, that area will be manicured. That open space will be less a detriment than something else that could occur there later in the future.

Mrs. Burne continued that when this Municipal Building was built, many thought this was the Taj Mahal. Thank goodness that Township Committee did it. Many things we did are better than other towns around us. When this is done, it should correct the problems that are there now. We have more open space now than any other community. Mr. Foster said that there will be a six-foot high fence in some back yards. Mrs. Burne replied that there will be some homes that will be affected, but Mr. Verruni explained this and we hope that the planner will be able to do something about this. Mr. Foster said that he is not doing that. Mayor Peters replied that we will solve problems as we go along.

Mr. Foster stated that we could have put drainage in another area where there are no basements. Mayor Peters asked Mr. Foster if he was an Engineer. Mr. Foster stated that if you have water in your basement now... Mayor Peters thanked Mr. Foster for his comments.

Everett LeCompte, Edgemere Road, explained what happened to his home in Society Hill in Tinton Falls with water problems. French drains and fire retardant plywood had to be installed. Mr. LeCompte stated that after receiving this letter he has a number of concerns for this property. Mr. LeCompte said that he does not want the fields behind his house. He does not want to hear the people screaming. There

have been a lot of things done in Wall to benefit the town,
but this is not one of them. Mr. LeCompte said trees will be
taken down, but the letter did not say where. The letter had

very little information. How much investigation was put into this? Mr. LeCompte asked for assurance that this will benefit every resident in this area. The residents need more time.

Patricia Longo McCarthy stated that in the letter traffic and open access on Belmar Boulevard is addressed. Ms. McCarthy asked if this would be on Edgemere Road. Mr. Verruni replied that we have requested the County to consider across from Cleveland Avenue at the ball fields. Ms. McCarthy asked if there would be parking or driving in their back yards. Mr. Verruni again said it would be across from Cleveland Avenue. On Belmar Boulevard it will be right turn in and right turn out near the bike shop. Ms. McCarthy asked if there would be parking along the fence. Mr. McLaughlin said no, the answer is no.

Trish McCarthy asked about the petition that was presented to the Committee with 200 signatures. The Committee's letter addressed a lot of the issues, but the residents asked about a volunteer committee. They would like to see Camp Evans as it should be. We need a township who uses those buildings to clean them up. If you want it to be beautiful we need to start doing things like that. Mayor Peters replied that that is well taken and we will look into that as we get further along. Mr. Verruni stated that we have a Rec Board.

Ms. McCarthy asked if she should check back next month. Committeeman Devlin stated that we should give them an answer. There should be an advisory committee. Mayor Peters said that we are thinking about how big this should be. Committeewoman Burne stated that we will take that into consideration so there will be some open discussion.

Ms. McCarthy said that during this process, there were rumors flying everywhere and the residents didn't know what was going on. In the future, if there was a committee, they could get the word out. It wouldn't be rumors. Committeeman Devlin said that this was a good idea and we should try to form a committee with someone from Recreation, the Township Committee and the residents. Deputy Mayor Thomson agreed.

Bill Myrtetus, Laurel Avenue, asked about item C on the consent agenda. Mr. McLaughlin said that was a contract that was awarded last week and is being ratified tonight for six fields, four at Camp Evans and two at South Wall. Mr. Myrtetus asked how much it was and Mrs. Burne said \$718,800.

Mr. Myrtetus said that Ms. McCarthy had a good idea to present to the Committee. The Committee should reconsider their position and hear what they have to say about their neighborhood.

Madeline Martin, Washington Avenue, asked how additional traffic will be addressed on Belmar Boulevard, especially since this is a major road for first responders. Ms. Martin asked if we really need to be spending all this money. Mayor Peters replied that Belmar Boulevard is a County road and we are working with them to improve traffic flow.

There being no further comments, Deputy Mayor Thomson made a motion to adjourn. Committeewoman Burne seconded and all members voted yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

TOWNSHIP CLERK

MAYOR