

DOWNE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Downe Township Committee met in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex on Tuesday, October 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for a Special Meeting. Mayor Robert Campbell presided. Committee members present were Larry Jordan, Deputy Mayor Dennis Cook and Edward Bart. Committeewoman Christine Wilford was absent. John Carr, Municipal Solicitor and Jennafer Hernandez, Chief Financial Officer were also present.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order; led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement – Special Meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present - Jordan, Cook, Bart, Campbell
Absent - Wilford

ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bart to introduce Ordinance No. 7 – 2014 entitled *Bond Ordinance Providing For Capital Improvements By The Township Of Downe, In The County Of Cumberland, New Jersey Necessitated By Hurricane Sandy, And Appropriating One Million Two Hundred Thousand (\$1,200,000) Therefore And Authorizing The Issuance Of One Million One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$1,140,000) Bonds Or Notes Of The Township For Financing The Cost Thereof* on first reading. Committeeman Jordan summarized the chain of events...the storm caused damage which prompted the construction of improvements and no reimbursement has been received, thus the purpose of the aforementioned Ordinance, correct? Jennafer Hernandez, Chief Financial Officer, confirmed yes. The Public Hearing and second reading of the Ordinance will be at the next Regular Meeting on November 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex.

Roll Call: Aye – Jordan, Cook, Bart, Campbell
Nay – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bart to open the meeting to the public for comment.

Vote: All in favor

Carol Mendell, Fortescue, stated that she walks her dog regularly and at the mouth of the creek rebar is exposed, lots of sand has been lost and there are no handrails going up and on deck. Mayor Campbell informed her that work is not finished and caution tape keeps being removed. The Public Works Manager will check the exposed rebar. Ms. Mendell said she's glad she's poor, beachfront owners cannot see the water now. Mayor Campbell said that they could not see it before the storm. She said that the dune work at Fortescue is not going to hold up.

Bernie Sayers, Newport, asked when the Ordinance will be available to the public. Mayor Campbell responded during the week prior to the public hearing full copies of the Ordinance will be available at no cost at the Clerk's Office in accordance with the rules.

Sheldon Pepper, Dividing Creek, asked if any funding is on the way. Mayor Campbell responded that some funding is forthcoming, almost \$700,000.

There being no other comments, a motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Cook to close the public comment segment.

Vote: All in favor

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bart to adjourn the meeting.



Constance S. Garton
Municipal Clerk