

WALPACK MAYOR AND COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2025

Opening Statement: Mayor Maglio stated, "This remote meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, having been duly advertised."

NOTE: This system employed by the Township of Walpack for conducting its remote public meetings affords the public the opportunity to both listen to, and participate in, the meeting by a means of a simple dial-in procedure which has been made known to the public via an announcement on the Township website since the first remote meeting was announced."

Roll Call: Mayor Victor Maglio, Deputy Mayor Ken Bechtold, Committeeman James Heigis, Attorney Glenn Kienz, MCFO Ashley Kannaley, Clerk Christine M. Von Oesen

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve the February 25, 2025 Mayor and Committee minutes. Motion by Committeeman Heigis. Second by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. All in Favor.

Discussion:

The Sandyston Fire Department agreement was discussed and approved.

The completed SCMUA Resolution was acknowledged.

Approval and insurance has been obtained for Walpack to hold Primary voting at the Sandyston Municipal Building. Acknowledged.

Deputy Mayor Bechtold shared that he had attended the Mayor/NJSP/Sheriff's Department meeting held in Green Township. He shared that the National Park Service has jurisdiction in Walpack, followed by the New Jersey State Police, unless the call is concerning private property. NJ State Police have jurisdiction over private property calls in Walpack Township, National Park Service has jurisdiction over calls other than those responding to calls at private properties. NJSP responded to two calls last year. Other townships recorded hundreds of NJSP calls.

Mayor Maglio opened the floor to the Public for comment regarding the 2nd reading of Ordinance #01-25. Hearing no Public comment, Mayor Maglio closed the floor to the Public for comment regarding Ordinance #01-25.

Ordinances:

Ordinance #01-25. Second reading. Calendar year 2025. An Ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank (NJSA 40A:4:45.14) Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to Approve Ordinance #01-25 on Second reading. Motion by Committeeman Heigis. Second by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. All in Favor.

Ordinance #02-25. First reading. An Ordinance to authorize the execution of an interlocal agreement establishing a joint court to be known as "The Frankford Joint Municipal Court." Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve Ordinance #01-25. Motion by Committeeman James Heigis. Second by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. All in Favor.

Resolutions:

Resolution R-19-25. A Resolution of the Municipality of Walpack Township, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, authorizing the appointment of Kristy Lockburner as Tax Assessor. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-19-25. Motion by Committeeman Heigis. Second by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. All in Favor.

Resolution R-20-25. A Resolution authorizing participation in the State Development and Redevelopment plan cross-acceptance process. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-20-25. Motion by Committeeman Heigis. Second by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. All in Favor.

Resolution R-21-25. A Resolution approving bills and vouchers for payment. Bills list attached. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-21-25. Motion by Committeeman Heigis. Second by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. All in Favor.

Resolution R-22-25. Resolution for Budget Self Examination. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-22-25. Motion by Committeeman Heigis. Second by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. All in Favor.

Resolution R-23-25. Resolution to approve and introduce the 2025 Municipal Budget. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-23-25. Motion by Committeeman Heigis. Second by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. All in Favor.

MCFO explained that there were not many changes from last year in the Municipal Budget. She explained that Surplus and State Aid are our means. Over \$10,000 in taxes were uncollected last year. The Mayor and Committee voiced that action needs to be taken regarding the uncollected tax. Walpack continues to have no municipal tax.

Mayor Maglio opened the meeting for Public Comment. Hearing no Public Comment, Mayor Maglio closed the floor for Public Comment.

Mayor Maglio asked the members present if they had any additional concerns for discussion. Deputy Mayor Bechtold advised that Viking Pest Control charges Walpack \$1000 per year. Deputy Mayor Bechtold is currently maintaining the traps himself. As a result, the Deputy Mayor cancelled the next Viking Pest Control service at the Municipal Building/Schoolhouse, and he suggested that we cancel the contract with Viking Pest Control.

Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to cancel the Viking Pest Control contract. Motion by Committeeman Heigis. Second by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. All in Favor.

CMFO will cancel the Viking Pest Control contract.

Deputy Mayor Bechtold advises that the tarp that was over the schoolhouse is completely off. Deputy Mayor Bechtold states that Chris Happe had ordered a new tarp in February, per a conversation they had had in the same month. Deputy Mayor Bechtold will inquire about the timeline to complete the re-tarping. He will also arrange for photos to be taken of the roof prior to the roof being re-tarped.

Regarding the Flatbrook Fire House, Deputy Mayor Bechtold will meet with Mark Miller who has expressed an interest in repairing that building and keeping the tractor in it that is used to maintain the cemetery.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to adjourn. Motion by Committeeman Heigis. Second by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Von Oesen
Clerk
Walpack Township