

WALPACK MAYOR AND COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 30, 2023

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

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Victor J. Maglio, Deputy Mayor James Heigis, Committeewoman Kelly Happe, CFO Ashley Wilson, Attorney Glenn Kienz, Clerk Christine M. Von Oesen

NOTE: The 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 means of a simple dial-in process which has been made known to the public via an announcement on the Township website since the first remote meeting was announced."

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve the March 28, 2023 Mayor and Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion by Deputy Mayor Heigis. Second by Mayor Maglio. All in Favor.

Resolutions:

R-21-23 Resolution to Fill a Municipal Vacancy. Motion by Deputy Mayor Heigis. Rule of Necessity. Second by Mayor Maglio. All in Favor.

R-22-23 Resolution approving bills and vouchers for payment (Bills List attached). Motion by Deputy Mayor Heigis. Second by Committeewoman Happe. All in Favor.

R-23-23 Resolution renewing The Walpack Inn liquor license for the 2023-2024 term. Motion by Committeewoman Happe. Second by Mayor Maglio. Deputy Mayor Heigis – no vote. Resolution approved.

Mayor Maglio asked Walpack CFO Ashley Wilson to share information about the budget. Ms. Wilson stated the budget is approximately \$6500 higher in total than last year. State aid is increased but the increase in appropriations is due to the need for a reassessment as ordered by the county. The municipal tax remains at zero, as the amounts payable to the schools are still provided through township surplus.

Maglio opened the meeting to the Public for comment prior to requesting a motion to approve the budget. Hearing no comment, Mayor Maglio closed the meeting to the public.

R-24-23 Resolution to adopt the Budget. Motion by Deputy Mayor Heigis. Second by Committeewoman Happe. All in Favor.

R-25-23 Resolution to approve use of mobile food trailer on licensed premises. Motion by Committeewoman Happe. Second by Mayor Maglio. Deputy Mayor Heigis – no vote. Resolution approved.

Public Comment:

Ken Bechtold, speaking on behalf of Ms. Sharon Spangenberg and The Walpack Historical Society, asked if the Township would donate two inkwells from the old schoolhouse so that the items may be displayed by The Walpack Historical Society. Committeeman Heigis was enthusiastically in favor, as were Committeewoman Happe and Mayor Maglio. All in Favor.

Mr. Bechtold continued, The Walpack Historical Society would like to lease the school house so that they can apply for grants to fix the roof, including the cupola and bell. They would like a 15-20 year lease. They would like to complete this work in memory of Myra Snook and Janina Wycalek. Mayor Maglio requested a written plan. Mayor Maglio would then request that Attorney Louis Karp prepare a proposal for same.

Mr. Bechtold added that we are approaching the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. Governor Murphy has asked if any towns are interested in participating in the celebration. Mayor Maglio asked Mr. Bechtold to provide additional information to the Committee so that they may further entertain Walpack Township's participation. Mr. Bechtold will check with the Sussex County Historical Society for further information and guidance. Montague Township, Mr. Bechtold added, has already signed up.

Dave Wildstein, reporter with the NJ Globe, was also in attendance. When Mayor Maglio asked if Mr. Wildstein would like to share in the public comment, Mr. Wildstein replied, "Zero municipal taxes. Why are you not running for governor?"

Adjournment:

Mayor Maglio requested a motion to Adjourn. Motion by Deputy Mayor Heigis. Second by Committeewoman Happe. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Von Oesen
Clerk
Walpack Township

