

June 19, 2019
Municipal Building
121 Evergreen Road
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Special Meeting of the Plumsted Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Trotta at 7:00 pm.

STATEMENT: “This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. It was presented for publication to the Asbury Park Press and the Trenton Times and posted on the bulletin board.

THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT:

COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI
DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK MAYOR TROTTA CLERK WITHAM

Deputy Mayor Sorchik called in to the meeting. Mayor Trotta asked everyone to rise for the flag salute, followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Trotta announced the purpose of this special meeting was to introduce an ordinance for memorial benches and a revision to the off-duty police fees. Discussion began on the memorial bench ordinance. Committeeman Marinari brought up the vandalism issue. He sees the part about needing replacement but what about damage. Who is responsible for the damage? Deputy Mayor Sorchik said that a decision would have to be made about how to handle destruction and vandalism. He feels the township would be responsible for repair. There was discussion among the committee about repair vs replacement. The ordinance wording should be clarified as to the same.

The committee discussed the material of the bench. Sorchik explained it appears to be wood grain but it is not. It is commercial grade and weather proof as used in seaside towns and is a state contract vendor. Marinari is questioning what if it is spray painted, who is responsible for the damage? Sorchik said that the township won't be paying to replace a bench. If it is damaged and could be repaired, the additional funds from the original donation would be used. The wording will be included in the ordinance.

Grilletto said that a dollar amount should be put on how much would be invested in a repair before deciding to actually replace it. \$400 will be the amount of repair before deciding it couldn't be repaired. Lotito asked where the money would be held. It will be in an account to use for repair later.

Trotta helped come up with some wording for the changes to the repair section. Sorchik made some other recommendations in the ordinance. One is that we are going to form a memorial bench committee. One of the tasks will be to not only determine damage, but to determine locations of the bench, review applications, etc.

Sorchik said that we will need a resolution to form a memorial bench committee. It currently states taxpayers would pay but the situation might be a family member lived in our town but the one applying does not. The committee could meet a couple of times a year to review applications. Sorchik also said that if we reviewed the bench after 7 years, we should not charge the full \$2200 for the bench after the 7 years to keep it since we don't have to pay for a new bench. Perhaps just another maintenance fee – renewal fee.

Marinari suggested the committee meet three times per year so people don't have to wait too long before something is approved. Trotta said that it should be the first half of March, June and September in the ordinance.

Trotta mentioned points 6 and 8 regarding the designee should be removed since there is a committee now. Finally, it was decided the renewal fee would be \$400, not the full \$2,200.

The second ordinance to be introduced tonight has to do with off-duty police fees. As it stands right now, we charge for the officer, car and administrative fee separately. The car fee will now be included in the administrative fee. This is being revised so our fees are more consistent with other towns. Manchester does a lot of work with NJNG. There will be an increase in fees for outside companies.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO,
ORDINANCE NO. 2019-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, IN THE COUNTY OF

OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 43 PARKS AND RECREATION CREATING A MEMORIAL BENCH PROGRAM THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading and public hearing will be at the next regularly scheduled meeting of July 3, 2019.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO ORDINANCE NO. 2019-09 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 47 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT - OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT" WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading and public hearing will be at the next regularly scheduled meeting of July 3, 2019.

Mayor Trotta asked for any public comment; there was none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Witham, RMC
Municipal Clerk