

February 22, 2007

A Special Meeting of the Kingwood Township Committee was called to order at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Burke presiding.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Mayor Augustine, Committeewoman Niemann, CFO/Tax Collector D. Laudenbach, Clerk MacConnell, Zoning Officer M. DeSapio and Deputy Clerk Brown. Following the salute to the Flag, Mayor Burke read aloud the following:

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by telefaxing copies of the notice to the Delaware Valley News, Express Times on February 15, 2007 and by telefaxing copies of the notice to the Courier News and the Star Ledger on February 13, 2007. Copies of the notice were also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building and Baptistown Post Office on February 13, 2007.

In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of this Committee or Board, and also members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over-talk, and further, all persons are requested to utilize the microphones which are provided for your use by the Township. Your cooperation is appreciated.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-07-2007 REPEALING ARTICLE X OF THE KINGWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED "SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING" – Public Hearing and Final Adoption

Mayor Burke read Ordinance aloud by title. This Ordinance was introduced and adopted on first reading at a meeting of the Kingwood Township Committee on February 6, 2007. The Ordinance was published in the Delaware Valley News on February 15, 2007 and has been posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal building on February 7, 2007. Copies of the Ordinance have been available for inspection by the public since February 7, 2007.

It was moved by Mrs. Augustine, seconded by Mrs. Niemann and carried to open the hearing to the public. **All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.**

No comments from the public.

It was moved by Mrs. Niemann, seconded by Mrs. Augustine and carried to close the public comment portion of the hearing. **All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.**

It was moved by Mrs. Niemann, seconded by Mrs. Augustine and carried to adopt on final reading **AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ARTICLE X OF THE KINGWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED “SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING.”**

Roll Call Vote:	AYE	- Augustine, Niemann, Burke
	NAY	- None
	ABSTAIN	- None
	ABSENT	- None

Executive Session - Resolution No. 2007 - 21

The following Resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - 21

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 (R.S.10:4-13) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting or a portion of a meeting of this public body in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from the meeting or a portion of a meeting at which this public body discusses the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

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3. The time when the circumstances under which the discussions conducted in closed session of this public body can be disclosed to the public is as follows:

The minutes of the closed session will be made public upon Conclusion, dismissal or settlement of litigation; or final Resolution of agreements or personnel matters; and in any Event, when appropriate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-7 and -13.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
5. The Township Committee may take additional action upon returning to regular session.

It was moved by Mrs. Augustine, seconded by Mrs. Niemann and carried to adopt the foregoing Resolution.

Roll Call Vote:	AYE	- Augustine, Niemann, Burke
	NAY	- None
	ABSTAIN	- None
	ABSENT	- None

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At approximately 8:40 P.M. it was moved by Mrs. Augustine, seconded by Mr. Niemann and carried to return to regular session. **All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.**

Construction Official

The Committee discussed the Township’s construction official, and the situation of his condition, his absence, the substitute replacement, and their salary’s. The temporary substitute construction official has worked for the Township for eight weeks and is anxious to be done. The construction official is still not sure of when he will return to work. The temporary substitute construction official is working more hours than he expected. It was discussed with the Clerk to request a note from Wayne Degan’s from his physician stating a date he will be able to return back to work. The Township Committee will be approving the increase of fees for construction permits and they would like Mr. Degan’s opinion on the fees.

Professional Services Agreement

Clerk MacConnell reviewed the professional agreements for the Planner and the Auditor. It was discussed that the original resolution was already adopted for the professional agreement.

Mayor Burke reviewed the Housing Board meeting with the Committee members which was on February 21, 2007. The rental units at the Ukarish property were discussed. Mayor Burke explained that the rental units need a lot of repair. Township cannot access any funds until round three is approved by COAH. The apartments need repair as soon as possible.

There was a brief discussion on the Derewal Site Cleanup.

Discuss Agenda and Special Meeting Notice Wording

Mayor Burke reviewed the wording on the agenda's for special and regular Township meetings. Mr. Burke feels that it is not necessary to add the sentence at the end of the agenda's and meeting notices for special meetings. The sentence states, "Please note the agenda is subject to last minute changes". All Committee members agreed it is not needed.

Mayor Burke reported that he has a meeting on the 28th of February in Trenton with all the preservationists to discuss the property owned by the developer on Horseshoe Bend Road.

Mayor Burke reported briefly on the status of Thatcher Road.

It was moved by Mrs. Niemann, seconded by Mrs. Augustine and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Cynthia L. Brown, RMC
Deputy Clerk**