

Township of Vernon

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 8, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2014 in the Vernon Municipal Center, 21 Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey with Council President Brian Lynch presiding.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the public and the press on January 8, 2014, and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-7.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present were Council Members Dan Kadish, Jean Murphy, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel and Council President Brian Lynch. Also present were Township Administrator Bill Zuckerman, CFO Elke Yetter, Mayor Victor Marotta and Township Attorney Kevin Kelly.

There was no Executive Session.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Council President Lynch led the assemblage in the salute to the flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council President Lynch asked for a moment of silence noting it had been 73 years since Pearl Harbor.

PROCLAMATIONS

Council President Lynch asked Mayor Marotta and the members of the Vernon Ambulance Squad to come to the podium for the following proclamation:

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Ambulance Squad was organized in 1964, and is now celebrating 50 years of dedicated service to the community; and

WHEREAS, for five decades the selfless volunteers of Vernon Township Ambulance squad, both past and present, have worked diligently with tireless dedication and without regard to the hours, geographic challenges, road conditions during inclement weather, especially during the winter months, to ensure the well being of residents of Vernon Township; and

WHEREAS, an impressive record of training in the use of state-of-the-art equipment, as well as knowledge of the most current techniques in providing emergency care and prolonging life, attests to the concerns and compassion of the members of the Vernon Township Ambulance Squad and to their devotion to serving their community; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers of the Vernon Township Ambulance Squad remain always ready to save lives, lessen injuries, ease pain and to provide comfort; and

WHEREAS, the strength and success of the Township of Vernon and vitality of our community depend in great measure upon selfless volunteer organizations and individuals, exemplified by the Vernon Township Ambulance Squad and its members, who have proven themselves to be models of excellence in duty and performance; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Township thanks the Vernon Township Ambulance Squad for their exemplary service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the following be proclaimed the MONTH OF DECEMBER 2014 shall be VERNON TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE SQUAD MONTH in the Township of Vernon:

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY
to the
VERNON TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE SQUAD

Council President Lynch and Mayor Marotta both thanked the members of the Vernon Township Ambulance Squad for their years of service.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Council President Lynch asked for a motion to open the meeting for Public Comments.

MOTION: Dan Kadish

SECOND: Pat Rizzuto

All members were in favor.

Gary Martinsen thanked the Council for honoring the Vernon First Aid Squad and for putting the holiday decorations up early. Mr. Martinsen commented that with the weather for tomorrow the Township may need to cancel the tree lighting event and asked that it be posted on the web-site. Mr. Martinsen wished everyone a Happy Chanukah and Good Yule.

Sally Rinker, Vernon, provided to the Council an unsigned letter that she stated was written by Mayor Marotta about Camp Sussex. Ms. Rinker stated she had written a letter to the editor about the purchase of Camp Sussex. Ms. Rinker commented that she took exception to comments that she stated were made about her by the Environmental Commission Chair. Ms. Rinker stated that she believed the Environmental Commission's meeting in April was a violation of the open public meetings act. Ms. Rinker opined that there was a conspiracy to dupe the public about that meeting. Ms. Rinker discussed comments that were made at that meeting. Ms. Rinker noted that a recording of the meeting had been posted on the Vernon Tax Payer Association's web-site.

Christa Geary, Highland Lake, stated that Christmas is a time of peace. Ms. Geary discussed that she was committed to doing the right thing and standing by the courage of her convictions. Ms. Geary pointed out that civility is important. Ms. Geary noted that if you lose but you run a fair and honest race you win. Ms. Geary stated the message of Christmas is the miracle of hope.

Mr. Geary commented that jumping at each other is not the Christian thing to do. Mr. Geary opined that nobody takes "Shop Vernon." Mr. Geary further opined that town center is a joke. Mr. Geary stated the township did not need more parks and questioned where the senior housing was that was promised to be built.

Beverly Budz, Chairperson of the Environmental Commission commented on the previous comments of Ms. Rinker. Ms. Budz stated she was repulsed by persons who call themselves Christians but then sit in judgment of everybody else.

Robert Oliver, [REDACTED] stated he had not made up his mind about purchasing Camp Sussex and needed more facts. Mr. Oliver opined that comments made by the Environmental Commission Chair were truthful.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seeing no more members of the public wishing to speak, Council President Lynch asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting.

MOTION: Patrick Rizzuto

SECOND: Dan Kadish

All Members were in favor.

TOWNSHIP MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Marotta stated that on Thursday United Water will be pressure testing the lines in town center as they are purchasing some but not all of them. Mayor Marotta noted United Water is still waiting on BPU approval. Mayor Marotta indicated that CVS's application was to be heard on Wednesday in front of the planning board and will be the first new building in quite some time.
- Mayor Marotta indicated that 20 merchants are now participating in the "Shop Vernon" program which had generated \$200,000 in sales and \$14,000 worth of tax reductions.

Mayor Marotta pointed out that 1000 families had registered with the program and that it had caused our EDAC to work together with local Vernon businesses.

- Mayor Marotta noted that the Township had made their application for a senior housing project but they were still waiting on COAH approval. Mayor Marotta stated that if the housing were to be built now, it would not be subsidized as the Township is waiting for approval. Mayor Marotta stated that the fact the Township had not received approval was not for a lack of trying.
- Mayor Marotta advised that the first snow storm of the season had been taxing, but it was not because of lack of preparedness. Mayor Marotta explained that there were a number of accidents and trees that had fallen which took road crews away from plowing and salting as they worked to clear the roads. Mayor Marotta stated that every piece of equipment now had GPS so that the Township could track them all. Mayor Marotta also noted that the salt sheds were completely stocked at this time. Council President Lynch noted that last year the NJ DOT had gotten contracts and reserves on much of the salt for the roads in preparation of the Super Bowl that was hosted in New Jersey. Mayor Marotta explained that the Township also stores salt at the various private communities as it has proven to be less expensive to purchase it outright than reimburse the communities later under the provisions of the Kelly Bill. Mayor Marotta also explained that it reduced travel time as the plows did not have to drive all the way back to town hall to obtain salt to get back on the road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded as noted below to approve the following minutes:

October 27, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOVED: Dan Kadish
SECONDED: Dick Wetzel

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Jean Murphy, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel, Brian Lynch
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried to approve minutes for October 27, 2014 with correction noted.

November 10, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOVED: Patrick Rizzuto
SECONDED: Dan Kadish

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Jean Murphy, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel, Brian Lynch
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried to approve minutes for November 10, 2014 with correction noted.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Lynch gave a brief explanation of Resolutions #14-189 - #14-200. Council Member Kadish asked that Resolutions #14-197, 14-198 and 14-200 be voted separately.

Council President Lynch asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions #14-189 - #14-199 excluding 14-197, 14-198 and 14-200.

MOVED: Dan Kadish
SECONDED: Patrick Rizzuto

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Jean Murphy, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel, Brian Lynch (except on #14-195)

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Brian Lynch – (on 14-195 only)

Resolutions # Resolutions #14-189 - #14-199 were adopted excluding #14-197, 14-198 and 14-200 for separate vote.

RESOLUTION #14-189

DESIGNATING TIME OF RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE 2015 CALENDAR YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et. seq., the Re-organization Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon shall convene on January 1, 2015 at 12:00 pm at the Vernon Municipal Center, 21 Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of this meeting is the Township's Annual Re-organization. Formal action will be taken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the meeting shall be opened to the public and public participation will be entertained but limited to five (5) minutes for each speaker to provide the Governing Body sufficient time to complete its work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this notice shall be provided to *The New Jersey Herald, The Advertiser News and The Vernon Aim*, and shall be posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-190

AWARDING A CONTRACT TO KRAFT POWER CORPORATION TO PROVIDE SEMI-ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR TOWNSHIP-OWNED GENERATORS

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has a need to maintain its emergency generators; and

WHEREAS, after a review of quotes and consultation of Award of Contract to another vendor under MCCPC, Contract #46, Kraft Power Corporation supplied the most cost-effective quotation to provide these services at \$5100.00; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent recommends that the Township award a contract for this service to Kraft Power Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the contract term is from December 1, 2014 through November 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in 10577237.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with Kraft Power Corporation, 241 West Parkway, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444, to provide semi-annual maintenance service to the Township-owned emergency generators.

RESOLUTION #14-191

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH AUTOMATIC TEMPERATURE CONTROL SERVICES, INC. TO MAINTAIN AND SERVICE THE TOWNSHIP'S AUTOMATIC TEMPERATURE CONTROL SYSTEM AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR 2015

WHEREAS, there exists a need to maintain the Automatic Temperature Control System at the Municipal Building for the year 2015; and

WHEREAS, Automatic Temperature Control Services, Inc. has services the Township system and has the expertise to maintain said system; and

WHEREAS, The Qualified Purchasing Agent recommends that the Township Council award a contract for the maintenance agreement to Automatic Temperature Control Services, Inc., 207 Blackford Avenue. P.O. Box 310, Middlesex, NJ 08846; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for this annual maintenance contract is \$3420.00, and the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract will be from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 with a total contract price not to exceed \$3420.00; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, the Mayor, Clerk and CFO are authorized to execute a maintenance contract with Automatic Temperature Control Services, Inc., for maintenance of the automatic temperature control system in the Municipal Building for an amount not to exceed \$3420.00.

RESOLUTION # 14-192

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FOR ROAD RESURFACING OF UPPER PLATEAU BETWEEN HIGHLAND LAKES ROAD AND MURPHY COURT AND THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF MURPHY COURT

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2014, by way of adoption of Resolution #14-156, the Council of the Township of Vernon awarded a contract to Tilcon New York, Inc. for Road Resurfacing on Upper Plateau and Murphy Court which contract provided for an expenditure of \$89,356.00; and

WHEREAS, in a memo dated November 17, 2014, the Township Engineer states that said contract has been completed and recommends the project be accepted as final and complete; and

WHEREAS, in processing the final paperwork for the project, costs for asphalt were reduced requiring Change Order #1, which reflects an adjustment of the amount of the original contract of \$89,356.00 by the subtraction of two items totaling \$7,656.20, resulting in an adjusted contract amount of \$81,699.80.

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, in concurrence with the Mayor, recommends approving Change Order No. 1 which will decrease the total contract amount by \$7,656.20 to a total contract amount of \$81,699.80.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that it hereby approves the Township Engineer's recommendations and authorizes the Mayor to execute said Change Order No. 1 for said project decreasing the total contract amount to \$81,699.80 and thereby accepts the Road Resurfacing to Upper Plateau Drive and Murphy Court Project as final and complete; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Tilcon New York, Inc. and the Township Engineer.

RESOLUTION # 14-193

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 OF CONTRACT FOR BREAKNECK ROAD
PHASE I – MILLING AND PAVING WITH TILCON NEW YORK INC.**

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2014, by way of adoption of Resolution #14-155, the Council of the Township of Vernon awarded a contract to Tilcon New York, Inc. for Milling and Paving for Breakneck Road Phase I which contract provided for an expenditure of \$362,743.00; and

WHEREAS, in a memo dated November 17, 2014, the Township Engineer states that the contract requires a Change Order #1 by the addition of one extra item of \$759.39 and the subtraction of two reductions totaling \$11,039.39 resulting in an adjusted total contract amount of \$352,463.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, in concurrence with the Mayor, recommends approving Change Order No. 1 which will decrease the total contract amount by \$10,280.00 to An adjusted total contract amount of \$352,463.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that it hereby approves the Township Engineer's recommendations and authorizes the Mayor to execute said Change Order No. 1 for said project decreasing the total contract amount to \$352,463.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Tilcon New York, Inc. and the Township Engineer.

RESOLUTION # 14-194

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 OF CONTRACT FOR BREAKNECK ROAD
PHASE I – LINE STRIPING WITH DENVILLE LINE PAINTING**

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2014, by way of adoption of Resolution #14-154, the Council of the Township of Vernon awarded a contract to Denville line Painting for Traffic Striping for Breakneck Road Phase I which contract provided for an expenditure of \$14,167.50; and

WHEREAS, in a memo dated November 17, 2014, the Township Engineer states that the contract requires a Change Order #1 by the addition of one extra item of \$451.75 and three Supplementals totaling \$2,563.30 and the subtraction of two reductions totaling \$3,942.03 resulting in an adjusted total contract amount of \$13,220.42; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, in concurrence with the Mayor, recommends approving Change Order No. 1 which will decrease the total contract amount by \$947.08 to an adjusted total contract amount of \$13,220.42.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that it hereby approves the Township Engineer's recommendations and authorizes the Mayor to execute said Change Order No. 1 for said project decreasing the total contract amount with Denville Line Painting to \$352,463.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Denville Line Painting and the Township Engineer.

RESOLUTION #14-195

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE 60 SETS OF PPE RS1 FIRE COATS AND BUNKER PANTS RSX.

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township's Fire Prevention Department requires PPE consisting of a Fire Coat RS1 and Bunker Pants RSX and;

WHEREAS, AAA Emergency Supply Co., Inc. have offered 60 sets (15 sets per Fire Department) of PPE Fire Coat RS1 Per specs plus Dragonhide on cuffs for \$845.00 each and Bunker Pants RSX per specs plus Dragonhide on cuffs and knees/Silizone padding for \$656.00 each and name, closure and other option to be finalized by each company Chief and;

WHEREAS, 60 sets of PPE (15 sets per Fire Department) for \$90,000.00 and;

WHEREAS, the Fire Marshal and Qualified Purchasing Agent confirmed with AAA Emergency Supply Co., Inc. as noted above to purchase and;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the 2012 FEMA Assistance Firefighters Grant is available Under New Jersey State Contract #PC 65795. 90% from Account #115475131 and 10% from Account #115475132 and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council that the vendor, AAA Emergency Supply Co., Inc., 635 North Broadway, White Plains, New York, 10603 be utilized to purchase 60 sets of PPE RS1 Fire Coats and Bunker Pants RSX.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

RESOLUTION #14-196

REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, DUPLICATE PAYMENTS were made on the Fourth quarter **2014** taxes; and

WHEREAS, such payments created an **OVERPAYMENT**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that they hereby authorize the Township Treasurer to issue checks for said overpayments and the Tax Collector refund said overpayment of taxes on the following accounts:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
83	3.07	Lereta (Re: Heslin, Alma #19460110-0001)	\$ 1229.58	4 th	████████████████████
131.01	4	Core Logic (Re: Brown, Edward #93385176)	\$ 4519.02	4 th	██████████
199.08	35 C0245	Lereta (Machuga, Ryan J #50094926-0001)	\$ 873.61	4 th	████████████████████
199.08	34 C0233	Core Logic (Re: Jacob, John & Ellen E #75873137)	\$ 917.64	4 th	████████████████████
232.01	7	Core Logic (Re: Santiago, Pamela #08490035)	\$ 795.77	4 th	████████████████████
199.07	8 C0006	BV001Tst USBK Cust	\$ 130.91 Sewer	4 th	████████████████████

RESOLUTION #14-199

**REFUND TAXES/ INTEREST PAID AND PREMIUMS PAID AT TAX SALE
DECEMBER 1 2014**

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon collected taxes and premium payments for the sale of tax certificates; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owners made payment of the **2013** taxes on **DECEMBER 1, 2014**;

WHEREAS, such payments created an **OVERPAYMENTS**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Township Treasurer to issue check for said overpayments and the Tax Collector refund said overpayment of taxes on the following account:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PREMIUM</u>
199.13	18 C0002	US Bank cust for PC 4 Firstrust Bank	SEWER	\$547.80	\$1,200.00
221.01	41	US Bank cust for PC 4 Firstrust Bank	TAX	\$5,239.22	\$8,100.00

RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION

Council President Lynch asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #14-197.

MOVED: Dan Kadish
 SECONDED: Dick Wetzel

Council Member Kadish asked for explanation from the CFO on the transfers. CFO Yetter explained that the transfers reflected changes in the salary lines for employees who had changed departments.

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Jean Murphy, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel, Brian Lynch
 NAYES: None
 ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried to adopt Resolution #14-197.

RESOLUTION # 14-197

TRANSFER RESOLUTION- BALANCE TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon Municipal Budget requires certain modifications to cover potential expenses that may occur in excess of the original budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the following Transfer of Appropriations (2014 Municipal Budget) in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A-58/59 are hereby approved.

FROM:

CURRENT BUDGET

Fire Prevention- S&W	\$ 10,000.00
Public Employee Retirement System	\$ 35,000.00
Police Fire Retirement System	\$ 35,000.00
Clerk- S&W	\$ 20,000.00
Collection of Taxes- S&W	\$ 15,000.00
Group Insurance- OE	\$ 50,000.00
Radio Communications- S&W	\$ 20,000.00

\$ 185,000.00

TO:

CURRENT BUDGET

Recycling- S&W	\$ 3,000.00
General Administration- S&W	\$ 26,000.00
General Administration- OE	\$ 5,000.00
Finance- S&W	\$ 5,000.00
Engineering-OE	\$ 5,000.00
Land Use Board- S&W	\$ 5,000.00
Building Department- S&W	\$ 2,000.00
Police Department- OE	\$ 10,000.00

Road Repairs & Maintenance-OE	\$ 50,000.00
Fleet Management- OE	\$ 25,000.00
Building & Grounds- S&W	\$ 1,000.00
Animal Control- S&W	\$ 8,000.00
Recreation- S&W	\$ 20,000.00
Utilities	\$ 20,000.00
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Council President Lynch asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #14-198.

MOVED: Dick Wetzel
 SECONDED: Patrick Rizzuto

Council Member Murphy questioned if there was any reason to have the committee if bonuses were not going to be given out. Council Member Murphy stated that she did not believe in this economy that bonuses should be given out. Council Member Wetzel noted that the resolution did not say the Township was necessarily giving out cash. Council Member Rizzuto pointed out the resolution allowed for other forms of awards including medals, citations, certificates and that it required a committee to be formed. Council Member Murphy stated she felt it was inappropriate as some people could not even pay for food.

A roll call vote was taken:
 AYES: Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel, Brian Lynch
 NAYES: Jean Murphy, Dan Kadish
 ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried to adopt Resolution #14-198.

RESOLUTION #14-198

**ESTABLISHING A PERFORMANCE AWARDS PROGRAM
 AND APPOINTING A PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' AWARDS
 COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-31 provides that municipalities may establish and maintain plans for award programs for employees, designed to promote efficiency and economy in government functions, and to reward individual employees for meritorious performances and suggestions; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have power and authority to make appropriations of money, establish and make awards in the form of cash, medals, citation certificates, insignia, or other appropriate devices to employees selected as recipients of awards in accordance with programs established pursuant to this Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Statute requires the establishment and appointment of 5 persons to be known as the "Public Employees' Awards Committee".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Vernon that a "Public Employees' Awards Committee" is hereby established.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Employees' Awards Committee shall consist of the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, Business Administrator, and 2 Members of the Governing Body of which 2 shall be appointed for terms of 3 years, 2 for 2 years, and 1 for 1 year and thereafter appointments shall be made for terms of 3 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Employees' Awards Committee shall exercise all powers and functions authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-31 and shall make an annual report to the governing body concerning the operation of awards program(s) established pursuant to this Resolution.

Council President Lynch asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #14-200.

MOVED: Dan Kadish
SECONDED: Dick Wetzel

Council Member Kadish questioned if this should be done after the Township adopts Ordinance 14-20. Attorney Kevin Kelly stated it could be adopted in either order.

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Jean Murphy, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Brian Lynch

Motion carried to adopt Resolution #14-200.

RESOLUTION #14-200

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS FOR VERNON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township's Fire Prevention Department requires Self Contained Breathing Apparatus(SCBA) for the Township's volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS, a quote was received from AAA Emergency Supply Company Inc. under the NJ State Contract#A80961 for 20 Scott X3-323022000302 NFPA1981-2013 4500 psi SCBA w/ X3 frame, Spring Clip Harness, Quick –connect CBRN Reg, Pak Alert with Pak Tracker function and 20 HT Face Masks and replacement cylinders; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the quote#08012014 dated November 19, 2014 which includes Delivery, Fit Testing and Operations Training will not exceed \$125,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Marshal and Qualified Purchasing Agent confirmed with AAA Emergency Supply Co., Inc. as noted above to purchase and;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the 2012 FEMA Assistance Firefighters Grant is available under New Jersey State Contract #A80961; 90% from Account #115475131 and 10% from Account #115475132.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council that the vendor, AAA Emergency Supply Co., Inc., 635 North Broadway, White Plains, New York, 10603 be utilized to purchase 20 Scott SCBA units, replacement cylinders and face masks as stated on quote, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

Council President Lynch noted that the Annual Wreaths Across America event was going to be held this Saturday and Glenwood Cemetery and wreaths would be laid upon the graves of our veterans.

INTRODUCTION/1st READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance #14-21

Council President Lynch read Ordinance #14-21 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VERNON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 250, ARTICLE II FEES AND ESCROWS ENUMERATED IN SECTION 250-15 RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL

Council President Lynch asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #14-21 with a public hearing to be held on December 22, 2014.

MOVED: Patrick Rizzuto
SECONDED: Dick Wetzel

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Jean Murphy, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel, Brian Lynch
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried to introduce Ordinance 14-21 with a public hearing on December 22, 2014.

PUBLIC HEARING/2nd READING OF ORDINANCES

Council President Lynch read Ordinance #14-20 by title only.

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$83,000 THEREFOR, CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP HERETOFORE ISSUED.

Council President Lynch asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #14-20.

MOVED: Dan Kadish
SECONDED: Jean Murphy
All members were in favor.

Seeing no members of the public come forward regarding Ordinance #14-20, Council President Lynch asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

MOVED: Dan Kadish
SECONDED: Patrick Rizzuto
All members were in favor.

Council President Lynch asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #14-20.

MOVED: Patrick Rizzuto
SECONDED: Dan Kadish

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Jean Murphy, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel, Brian Lynch
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried to adopt Ordinance 14-20.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Murphy questioned if there was currently a contract on Camp Sussex. Mayor Marotta indicated that there was not.

Council Member Kadish had no comments.

Council Member Rizzuto had no comments

Council Member Wetzel congratulated Vernon Ambulance Squad on the fine job they did as well as the DPW on the first storm. Council Member Wetzel echoed Council President Lynch's

comments asking people to attend the Wreaths Across America event this Saturday. Council Member Wetzel also reminded people of the annual tree lighting scheduled for tomorrow.

Council President Lynch had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business to be conducted on the Regular Meeting agenda, a motion for Adjournment was made by Council Member Rizzuto, seconded by Council Member Kadish with all members voting in favor.

The Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was adjourned at 8:24 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Kirkman, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Brian Lynch,
Council President

Minutes approved: December 22, 2014