

Walpack Township Mayor and Committee Minutes  
February 22, 2022

Mayor Maglio called the meeting of the Walpack Mayor and Committee to order at 7:00 PM and stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, having been duly advertised.

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 conducted.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Victor J. Maglio, Deputy Mayor James Heigis, Committeewoman Janina Wycalek, CFO/Treasurer Ashley Wilson, Attorney Glenn Kienz, Clerk Christine M. Von Oesen  
Absent: None

Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve the December 28, 2021 Mayor and Committee Meeting minutes. Motion by Committeewoman Wycalek. Second by Deputy Mayor Heigis. All in Favor.

Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve the January 4, 2022 Walpack Township Re-Organizational Meeting minutes. Motion by Committeewoman Wycalek. Second by Deputy Mayor Heigis. All in Favor.

The Treasurer's December 2021 Report and January 2022 Report were reviewed and accepted.

Ordinances:

ORDINANCE 2022 #1 – An Ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank for calendar year 2022 (NJSA 40:4-45.14) was heard on First Reading. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve Ordinance 2022 #1 on First Reading. Motion by Committeewoman Wycalek. Second by Deputy Mayor Heigis. All in Favor.

Resolutions:

R-14-22 RESOLUTION approving agreement for the joint inter-municipal court of Frankford Township, Lafayette Township, Sandyston Township, Montague Township, and Walpack Township, and Blairstown Shared Court. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-14-22. Motion by Committeewoman Wycalek. Second by Deputy Mayor Heigis. All In Favor.

R-15-22 RESOLUTION approving Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle FY 2023. Signature page attached. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-14-22. Motion by Committeewoman Wycalek. Second by Deputy Mayor Heigis. All In Favor.

R-16-22 RESOLUTION approving establishment of a cash management plan for Township of Walpack. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-14-22. Motion by Committeewoman Wycalek. Second by Deputy Mayor Heigis. All In Favor.

R-17-22 RESOLUTION approving bills and vouchers for payment. Bills list attached. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-14-22. Motion by Committeewoman Wycalek. Second by Deputy Mayor Heigis. All In Favor.

R-18-22 RESOLUTION approving the corrective action plan implemented as a result of the 2020 municipal audit report. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-14-22. Motion by Committeewoman Wycalek. Second by Deputy Mayor Heigis. All In Favor.

New Business:

Firefighting Agreement between Sandyston Township and Walpack Township was accepted.

Public Comment:

Mayor Maglio opened the floor to the Public.

Walpack Historical Society member Sharon Spangenberg had several questions. Ms. Spangenberg asked about the purpose of a longstanding rock wall in the Township and Deputy Mayor Heigis offered that the wall in question had been the front wall of the Grant Layton House.

Committeewoman Wycalek added that information may be found in Walpack Church 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book.

Ms. Spangenberg made known her desire to access vital records in order to research historical births in Walpack. The Clerk will investigate and advise as to the appropriateness of this request.

The Walpack Historical Society will be applying to the County of Sussex for a \$1500 grant for a Flatbrookville Historical Marker. The anticipated historical marker is located at the Eugene Rosenkrans property.

Ms. Spangenberg asked if the large tree near the municipal building was on municipal or federal property. Mayor Maglio stated that it appears the tree might have been planted on the property line. Ms. Spangenberg asked if the tree will be taken down. Mayor Maglio stated that more information will be needed prior to making that decision. Deputy Mayor Heigis will contact the National Park Service again for an update on their investigation and plans.

Ms. Spangenberg asked what Walpack Township's position is on John Donahue's proposal to designate the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area as a National Park. (Mr. Donahue is the former Superintendent of the DWGNRA.) Mayor Maglio stated that we have not yet seen enough information to determine what would be best. Committeewoman Wycalek would like to have additional information from John Donahue.

Committeewoman Wycalek stated that Ms. Spangenberg had written an interesting and information packed newsletter.

Mayor Maglio closed the floor to the Public.

Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to adjourn. Motion by Committeewoman Wycalek. Second by Deputy Mayor Heigis. All In Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine M. Von Oesen, RMC, Clerk Walpack Township