

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
OF THE UNION TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
AND THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION PLANNING BOARD
Thursday, April 9, 2015 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. FLAG SALUTE
3. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Mr. Severino	X	
Mr. Hirt	X	
Ms. McBride		X
Mr. Bischoff		X
Mr. Mazza	X	

4. **Sunshine Law Announcement** – “I would like to announce and have placed in the Minutes that adequate notice of this special meeting of the Union Township Committee has been provided in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” by electronic mail to the Hunterdon Democrat and Courier News; and by posting such notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and by filing a copy of the notice with the Township Clerk”.

5. **PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:**

- a) COAH and Affordable Housing Litigation and related matters

OUT OF AGENDA ORDER – Both the members of Committee and the Board agreed to go into Executive Session at this time

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION #2015-58
Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the
Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Union is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et. seq.,; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10-4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Union to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

1. _____ Matters Required by Law to be Confidential: Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. _____Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds: Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
3. _____Matters Involving Individual Privacy: Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to

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any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program , including but not limited to information relative to the individual’s personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

4. _____Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements: Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

5. _____Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease of Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds: Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

6. _____Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property: Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations of possible violations of the law.

7. X Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege: Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is require in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.

8 _____ Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

9. _____Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty: Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party bears responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, assembled in public session on April 9, 2015 at 7:04 p.m. in the Union Township Municipal Building, 140 Perryville Road, Hampton, New Jersey, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino	x		x			
Mr. Hirt		x	x			x
Ms. McBride						x
Mr. Bischoff						
Mr. Mazza			x			

Motion Carried

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At about 8:51 the Committee reconvened to regular session

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino	x		x			
Mr. Hirt		x	x			x
Ms. McBride						x
Mr. Bischoff						
Mr. Mazza			x			

Motion Carried

The following motion was introduced for approval:

To authorize Beth McManus with assistance of Special Counsel Drill to begin work on the 2015 Housing Element Fair Share and Plan, subject to confirmation by the full membership of the Committee at its next meeting on April 15, 2015 as to the dollar amount.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino	x		x			
Mr. Hirt		x	x			x
Ms. McBride						x
Mr. Bischoff						
Mr. Mazza			x			

Motion Carried

BACK TO AGENDA ORDER

- b) Considering Matters with Regard to the Red Hills Quarry – carried to the next week Committee meeting due to time constraints tonight.
- c) Proposed Changes to Land Use Code (LUC) – Atty. Jost stated that he had discussed the changes with Atty. Anderson’s Partner, Jolanta Maziarz and has no issues with the proposed changes. He will prepare Ordinance implementing proposed changes for Committee’s approval.
Mr. Severino asked about solar regulations. Mr. Kirkpatrick gave a satisfactory answer.
- d) Other matters that may come before the Township Committee

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS – no public present

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time Mr. Severino made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Mr. Hirt seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Prepared by: Ella M. Ruta, Municipal Clerk

Frank Mazza, Mayor