

October 3, 2012
Municipal Building
121 Evergreen Road
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Workshop Session of the meeting of the Plumsted Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Leutwyler.

STATEMENT: "This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. It was published in the Tri-Town News and posted on the bulletin board."

THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT WERE:

COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA	COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI	MAYOR LEUTWYLER
DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK	COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG	ATTORNEY FORAN
CLERK HENDRICKSON	ADMINISTRATOR DANCER	

Committeeman Trotta entered the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Mayor Leutwyler asked if there was any discussion from the Township Committee.

Mayor Leutwyler said there were a few ordinances. Committeeman Trotta wanted to talk to the Council about Ordinance 2012-14, Personnel Policy, regarding employees receiving mileage reimbursement at the rate established annually by the Federal Internal Revenue Service. Committeeman Trotta had the problem with the word "annual" as sometimes it is changed twice a year. Attorney Foran said to remove the word annually. Administrator Dancer said that exact language is in the Salary Ordinance. In the Personnel Policy, it states 25 cents per mile. The Township is reimbursing under the IRS rate now. In the future, it will be corrected in the Salary Ordinance. This ordinance will be introduced as amended.

Ordinance No. 2012-13, is for the second reading and public hearing on Building and Housing – Basis of Fees for solar. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2012-12 for Parks and Recreation, which is for Ball Field Lighting, fees for non-residents and anyone who does not fall under the Recreation Umbrella. Committeeman Wysong stated this ordinance should be put on hold as this is Green Acres property. He has a call in to them to ascertain whether the Township can set a fee for lights, which the Committee agreed.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2012-15 is for a Refunding Bond Ordinance. Administrator Dancer said there was a typographical error in the application and he had notified Bond Counsel. The amount the Township can borrow is correct in the ordinance.

Committeeman Wysong said there would be a resolution by title. This is regarding the four police officers that did not take overtime and took comp time to help the Township out last year. These officers have requested an extension to use the time. He contacted Chief Petrecca and asked, based on his scheduling in the months coming up, what would be the end date for them to use this time. He suggested the end of 2013. This resolution would be pending verification of the hours claimed. This would not be considered past practice; this was a one-time deal. Administrator Dancer suggested that Labor Counsel review the resolution to make sure everything was in order.

Committeeman Wysong felt a Committee discussion was needed regarding exemption of taxes for the condemned building next to the lake on Main Street. Real Estate Agent Mike Bee contacted the Mayor and has a buyer for the property but wants a ten-year property tax exemption to repair the property and get it back on the tax roll. Administrator Dancer said there are two mechanisms the Committee could consider using for tax abatements or tax exemptions. One is because the downtown C4 Zone is a redevelopment area. The Township Committee can designate by resolution under the Redevelopment Plan, that area as a redevelopment project in the Redevelopment Area, and then enter into negotiations with the owner and have a Redeveloper's Agreement. Another mechanism is called the Tax Abatement Exemption, which is an ordinance where there is an abatement over five years. The first year taxes are paid only on the land. The value of that building, if there is an improvement, could be zero the first year and over the next four years, it goes up in 25% increments once they start to make the improvements. They are not in full taxation until five years. The most advantageous for the Township Committee and the potential developer is a Redevelopment Project. There is a lot of flexibility that way. The Committee discussed this and said they would like to see this building fixed. It was decided to have Committeeman Wysong contact the realtor to come up with a proposal and discuss it at the next Township Committee Meeting.

Committeeman Wysong wanted to notify the Committee that the company responsible for the dumpsters for electronics, Electronic Waste Company, is being changed because they were going to start charging \$425 to transport the electronics as of October 1st. He received proposals from Log Tech in Jackson and SAMR in Lakewood. He entered into an agreement with Log Tech from Jackson.

Committeeman Wysong also wanted to let the Committee know that there may be a vacancy on the MUA, as well as two alternate positions. The September meeting was canceled due to the fact there was no quorum. Three candidates are needed to fill these positions.

Committeeman Wysong attended the SOS meeting on September 19th and Dave Rogers of the First Aid and EMS was in attendance. He gave an excellent briefing to the Executive Committee on the use of a defibrillator. He said it was not required, but there is a need for one in this building. The discounted cost of the defibrillator through the First Aid could run from \$1,200 to \$1,800. The First Aid would provide training to anyone in the building or SOS who was interested. It is a two-year certification. The only additional cost is \$50 every three years. The pads need to be replaced if not used and \$100 for the battery every five years. The SOS asked if some of the cost could be shared by the Township if they are not prepared to purchase it on their own. There was mention about a similar presentation at the School Board Meeting with Joan Cuba-Richardson and asked if this would fit for the Township. Committeeman Wysong will give this information to the SOS so they can contact her.

Committeeman Wysong said the discussion is still open regarding "Engine Braking" signs by Jensen's. Opinions were received from the State, County, and our Attorney that the Township can do it, but it may open us up to litigation even if it is for emergency situations only. He said the ordinance is in place and asked if the Committee wanted to move forward with the signs. The Committee said if they could not enforce it, why bother with the signs. Attorney Foran said if the signs were not going to be put up or the ordinance enforced, it should be repealed. The Committee agreed.

Committeeman Wysong wanted to brief the Committee regarding work with the compost site. It is not a contractual issue, but he spoke with the present vendor (Magnolia Farm), looked at the EME site and Good Tree Farm. He said one of the advantages of having a compost site is not only for discarding brush and leaves, but also for residents to get mulch or woodchips, which is recycling.

If the Township moved to EME, we could not lease two acres of land and have our own compost site. Also the County could not go in with the grinder and residents could not go back and forth. The residents could drop off the leaves and branches at EME but it would become their mulch. The other location is Good Tree Farm on Jacobstown Road, which he liked. Since they are a preserved farm, they cannot be engaged in a compost operation but can use it on their own property. His only request is for the Township to pay for \$400 for fuel for bringing in the grinder, which is an \$1,100 savings from the present landowner for the compost site. If the Township has a parcel of land, the County will bring it in from their sites or other areas and put a load of mulch, topsoil or woodchips for the residents to take. He said he would continue to work on this and bring a recommendation back to the Committee possibly for a new vendor.

Mr. Russo, Sr. asked if the Township was looking for a 10-15 yard dumpster for electronics. He wanted to know about keeping the business in the township, i.e. All Star or his son. Committeeman Wysong explained that these were professional companies that supply these containers and guarantee that the hard drives will be wiped clean. Mr. Russo also asked about the Committee checking with his son regarding the compost site, which would be free of charge. Committeeman Wysong said he would reach out to him and see what kind of proposal he could give the Township. He will bring everything back to the Committee for their review.

Attorney Foran read Resolution No. 2012-258.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2012-258, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CONVENING OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The regular session of the Township Committee meeting was opened with the flag salute. Mayor Leutwyler introduced the professionals at the dais.

MINUTES:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2012, WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, THE REGULAR/WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2012, WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, THE REGULAR/WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2012, WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 29, 2012, WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA ABSTAINING.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Leutwyler asked Melissa Ernst to come forward to accept the proclamation for National Friends of Libraries Week – October 21-27, 2012. Committeeman Wysong read and presented the proclamation to her. Melissa wanted to mention that the Friends of the Library is a volunteer group of adults who work very hard throughout the year to raise money for the Library. They do a huge book sale every year and this year it is November 8, 9 & 10. The money that is raised will go to library programs throughout the year. Because it is Friends of the Library Week, a special Harvest Season program has been scheduled with Judith Krall-Russo on October 24th. She mentioned some renovations in the Library with new donations of furniture by the Friends.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG THE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING “NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Leutwyler said he would be accepting the next proclamation proclaiming October 23-31, 2012 as Red Ribbon Week for his wife Linda who is Chairman of the Municipal Alliance, which was near and dear to his family. Committeeman Marinari read and presented the proclamation to Mayor Leutwyler. He said the Municipal Alliance does good work and meets the first Monday of every month. They sponsor different educational programs at the school and just hosted a program with Ocean County regarding a needs assessment that was done in Plumsted Township. Deputy Mayor Sorchik said they polled high school students and the advantage was the town could develop a workable program. It could address and focus on the issues that kids are talking about. It is more driven by objective instead of just putting together a don't use drugs attitude. There are specific areas we can focus our attention. The Alliance is starting a campaign “Parents Who Host Lose the Most” to educate parents that it is not okay to host parties and give alcohol to underage children in their homes. They will be prosecuted.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 23 – 30, 2012 AS “RED RIBBON WEEK” WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Leutwyler asked Deputy Mayor Sorchik to proclaim October 10, 2012 as “Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day”.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, THE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 10, 2012 AS “PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY” WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Leutwyler asked Captain Tom Raylock from the Civil War 2nd Texas Calvary Unit to come forward. He wanted to present an award to the Plumsted Township Police Department for the work they have done. Deputy Mayor Sorchik, Police Liaison and former State Trooper, accepted the award. Mr. Raylock said they did a lot of drills and try to have good working relationships with the local Police Department because when they are drilling they have unloaded guns. The Police stop by to check on them and their property. Because of the Police Department, this has been the first unit in our town invited to one of the first reenactments commemorating the 150th anniversary of Manassas. They could not have done it without the help of the town and wanted to say thank you. Deputy Mayor Sorchik said this would be passed on to the Police Department. He said he met the unit on Memorial Day putting a wreath on the grave of a Civil War Medal of Honor winner who was buried here in Plumsted Township. He said unloaded firearms are clubs. Mr. Raylock then presented an award to Mayor Leutwyler and said their Civil War Unit does their reenactment on New Egypt Day and marches in the Memorial Day Parade. They also

have a moving ceremony at the Zion Cemetery before the parade. This puts into perspective what the day really stands for. The Committee thanked him for this award.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing

Mayor Leutwyler opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2012-13, an Ordinance of the Township of Plumsted, County of Ocean State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter 6, Section 4 of the General Ordinances entitled “Building and Housing – Basis of Fees”. This is for setting up fees for solar farms. There was no public comment.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, THE SECOND AND FINAL READING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2012-13, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 6 SECTION 4 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED “BUILDING AND HOUSING – BASIS FO FEES WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, ORDINANCE NO. 2012-13 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ORDINANCES: Introduction

Regarding Ordinance No. 2012-12 amending and supplementing Chapter 43, Section 4 of the General Ordinances of the Township of Plumsted entitled “Parks and Recreational Areas”, this ordinance was put on hold until the next meeting.

Mayor Leutwyler said Ordinance No. 2012-14, an ordinance of the Township of Plumsted, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter 46 of the General Ordinances of the Township of Plumsted entitled “Personnel Policy” was introduced. Mayor Leutwyler told Committeeman Trotta that during the Workshop Session, the word “annually and each January” has been removed from the ordinance.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, ORDINANCE NO. 2012-14, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 46 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED “PERSONNEL POLICY” AS AMENDED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Leutwyler said Ordinance No. 2012-15 is a Refunding Bond Ordinance providing the payment of the amounts owed to others for taxes levied in and by the Township of Plumsted in the County of Ocean, New Jersey appropriating \$282,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township of Plumsted for financing the cost thereof. He stated that this is where the Township can bond for 75% of the refunding needed for this year. Mr. Dancer said that according to the Bond Law, the Chief Financial Officer has filed a Supplemental Debt Statement.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, ORDINANCE NO. 2012-15, REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS OWING TO OTHERS FOR TAXES LEVIED IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$282,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF. ROLL CALL VOTE ALL AYES

RESOLUTIONS:

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ON A CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE AND SHALL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. SHOULD ANY MEMBER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SEEK SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM, THAT ITEM SHALL BE REMOVED AND DISCUSSED SEPARATELY. THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WILL BE VOTED ON IN ONE VOTE.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-259 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT THE OCEAN COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION FY 2012 LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-260 – AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AFLAC TO PROVIDE A FLEXIBLE SPENDING PLAN FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 125

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-261 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF 2012 3RD QUARTER DUPLICATE PAYMENT OF TAXES

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-262 – AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY 2012 DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-263 – ADOPTING A SURPLUS POLICY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-264 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN AMAZING AMUSEMENTS & ENTERTAINMENT, INC. AND PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP'S MAIN STREET NEW EGYPT

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-265 – PROVIDING FOR A DEDICATION BY RIDER WITH PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES (SNOW REMOVAL RESERVE TRUST FUND)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-266 – APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH JCP&L FOR THE USE OF UTILITY POLES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPLAYING HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-267 – SUPPORTING OCEAN COUNTY'S FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM TARGETED ACQUISITION AREAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-268 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE RENEWAL OF THE CENTRAL JERSEY HEALTH INSURANCE FUND INDEMNITY AND TRUST AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-269 – AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR THE RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR 2013

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-270 – MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:2-51

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-271 – TO CANCEL 2012 TAXES DUE TO DELETIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-272 – REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 (OCEAN COUNTY RECYCLING REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,578.00)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-273 – AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF INSPECTION ESCROW FEES FOR BLOCK 44, LOT 36 TO H. THOMAS WIDMEIER FAMILY 2000 LP

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-274 – AUTHORIZING THE REINSTATEMENT OF UNUSED HOLIDAY TIME AND VACATION TIME FOR CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS. This resolution would extend the time of lost hours for four Officers to December 2013 pending verification of hours claimed and reviewed by the Labor Attorney.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS READ BY TITLE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

MOTION TO CONSIDER:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, THE FOLLOWING BINGO AND RAFFLES LICENSES WERE APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2012-29, FOR AN ON PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLES FOR JACKSON MEMORIAL BAND PARENTS, INC.; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2012-30 FOR AN ON PREMISE GIFT AUCTION FOR NEPS/WES PTO; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2012-31 FOR AN OFF PREMISE RAFFLES FOR NEPS/WES PTO; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2012-32 FOR AN OFF PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE FOR MC KAIG-TEST-MULLEN AMERICAN LEGION POST #455; BINGO LICENSE NO. 2012-33 FOR MC KAIG-TEST-MULLEN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #455; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2012-34 FOR AN ON PREMISE MERCHANDISE RAFFLE FOR MC KAIG-TEST-MULLEN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #455; AND RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2012-35 FOR AN ON PREMISE 50/50 FOR MC KAIG-TEST-MULLEN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #455. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, THE OCTOBER 3, 2012 BILL LIST WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW:

CONSTRUCTION REPORT – August, 2012; TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT – August, 2012, FINANCE REPORTS – Revenue Summary by Month – August, 2012; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status – August, 2012;

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Leutwyler asked for any old or new business from the Committee.

Committeeman Wysong had old business regard redeveloping the Township’s Website. He spoke about a proposal from a vendor at the last meeting. He had a proposal from another company. This is a professional vendor who also does about fifty other municipalities plus the League of Municipalities website. They know the ins and outs of municipal government, are easy to work with, start up costs are about \$300.00 lower than the present vendor and the basic services for updates are a flat fee. The startup is \$995.00 to develop the website and all of the templates.

He met with the CEO and was very impressed with his presentation and with the proposal that was given. The annual cost is \$3,869 versus \$4,800 from the present proposal. His recommendation is to move forward with this new vendor to develop our website then move into a contract with them for basic services. Mayor Leutwyler asked about the Township’s email alert system. Committeeman Wysong said they could also do that and explained they would sign up on the Township’s new website if we wanted. The Township can pick and choose what we want to do with the website. We can keep the present email alert system, which costs us more because for a cost of an additional \$480.00, they will send out 80,000 emails and each additional 1,000 would cost \$4.50 per thousand. The Township has approximately 1,000 on the present email alert system and every time we send out an email alert, as he briefed the Committee last month, it costs the Township about \$9.50. It takes about 15 minutes to do and we pay by the hour.

Mayor Leutwyler asked about accessibility. Committeeman Wysong said they would put up an email within a 24-hour period. If there is an emergency, it would go up within minutes. It is monitored 24/7. Their main servers are in Utah and are backed up all of the time, so if we lose power around here, we don’t lose anything on the website. Committeeman Wysong also mentioned contact management of a website where we could put up our own items. It would depend on how we want to operate it.

Anyone can have access to their particular department and update what is needed or we could go through them to do the updates. There is so much more flexibility in working with a top-notch professional company that is used to dealing with municipalities. Normally, when something is sent to be put up, we have to notify them when it is to be taken down. What really impressed him was this company knows when something is to be taken down without having to notify them. There is a lot of professional expertise that would benefit this Township and give a quality product for our residents to start using as the present one is not user friendly. The Company’s name is CD Connections and is out of Barnegat in Ocean County. Committeeman Wysong asked the Committee to give its blessing to move forward with this particular company. Committeeman Trotta, as a liaison to the PBMA, said he would like to look at the other municipalities who use this company before any decisions are made as we have a local company who does the website. He hates to hurt a local business. Committeeman Wysong he would make a copy of the proposal and give it to the Committee members for their review.

Mayor Leutwyler asked for any new business from the Committee. Committeeman Trotta said October 21st from 11AM to 4PM, the PBMA, in conjunction with Pam Clyne of Reindancer Therapeutic Equestrian Center, will be having a Family Fun Day. It is to raise funds for seasonal decorations on Main Street because last year there were no lights as there was no money for it. The PBMA members thought they would try to raise money to purchase or rent the lights if possible. If not enough money is raised for the lights, they can look into other types of decorations. Committeeman Marinari said it was discussed at their last meeting as far as the ability to have lights. His opinion was to purchase them even at a limited basis and continue add to it if this event could be an annual event. Pam is a wonderful person and a great asset to this community. The Township Committee could not have holiday lights when they were having

their employees on furlough days. Mayor Leutwyler said it is great living in a community like Plumsted is that the community can come together like this to raise money to do things like this.

Mayor Leutwyler said he had a friend who lived in town that asked not to be identified. The Mayor wanted to explain to the public that the knock about our volunteer Business Administrator, who happens to be a friend of his, tries to do the best job he can and unfortunately we could not afford our full-time business administrator as it was one of the cuts we were forced to make. When Ron Dancer stepped down as Mayor, he offered his services with 22 years of experience as Mayor here. He wanted to make it clear to everyone that the Committee does listen to someone who has 22 years of experience in local government and 10 years at the Assembly level and also years at the County level. He wanted the public to know that the Committee takes advice from Ron Dancer and Municipal Clerk Dorothy Hendrickson and any resident that have great ideas.

The only thing he wanted to say that every decision that has been made since January 3, 2012 has been made by the five Township Committee Members, whether they are wrong or right, have made decisions for the right reasons. They do what they feel is always in the best interest of Plumsted Township and while they do take advice from Ron Dancer, the five Committee Members are in charge and make decisions as a group. He also said that sometimes in Executive Session, they do not always agree and most of the time are able to settle it and come out and do what we think is in Plumsted's best interest. The Committee appreciates Ron's advice, Luisa's advice, Sam's advice and anyone who comes; they are always willing to listen any ideas. He wanted to put this out so if there is any confusion, they are the five Committeemen in charge and making the decisions.

Business Administrator Dancer wanted to thank the Mayor and Township Committee for that comment. The other issue on the agenda is we need to read into the record that the Township Committee is in receipt of the State's Best Management Practices. If there are no questions, that is fine. A record is needed by the Clerk. The Township scored 90%, which is 45 and 41 to 50 so we receive 100% of our aid. It was the responsibility of the CFO to put this together. Mayor Leutwyler said he would be taking Dancer's recommendation and read into the record that we have received the Best Management Practices. He explained there were certain things that as a Municipal Government we have to comply with to be able to receive all of our State Aid. If we do not receive a high enough score, we would not receive it. With the help of all of the staff we were to comply and will receive all of our State Aid.

Committeeman Trotta said there were items that were answered no but are in progress and that it fine. This year some internal controls were needed in writing, which we already had. He suggested that anything that does not say it needs to be in writing, we work on getting in writing in case it happens in the future. Anything that is a no that we can make a yes and be prepared with the entire document so that next summer we do not have to rush and have most of it done and only work on new items.

Mayor Leutwyler asked for any public comment.

Sam Russo, Sr. said he has been coming to the Township Meetings since they were down on Main Street and Ron Dancer was Mayor. He said it was a shame that you had to defend your position but he personally felt that it was now an outstanding Committee with the expertise in different fields. He felt this Township was very well represented and as far as Assemblyman and Business Administrator Ron Dancer, you have to be the biggest fool in the world if you didn't listen and take advantage of the public knowledge this man has. Not only does he have the knowledge, he is an outstanding person. Mayor Leutwyler said he agreed with him and said the five of them bring a certain talent to the Committee.

Resident Luisa Erich-Carr wanted to know the outcome of medical marijuana. Committeeman Trotta said the Township's Zoning Ordinance was passed and put in place in case one of the companies was to come to Plumsted and put in an application. They would be considered by the Land Use Board. She asked about the location and was told it was located on Route 537 in the Light Industrial Zone.

Bill Lewis said he had a couple of things. On Brynmore Road going east going towards Big Woods Nursery, there are two potholes, one by Hlubik Farm and the other just before Big Woods Nursery. The road has not been maintained by cutting the brush on the side of the road and on Inman Road it is only one lane due to the overgrowth. He also said his wife, who is President of the Girls Softball League, has issues with the fields being lined before the girls play ball on Fridays and Saturdays, which is part of the contract. Mayor Leutwyler said this issue would be checked into. He said regarding the website, he agreed with Committeeman Wysong about it being updated and not being user friendly. As far as the email alerts, the Environmental Commission runs their own. As a resident and Environmental Chairman, he was not happy with

it. He questioned the Ordinance, which is on hold Chapter 43 regarding amending and supplementing Parks and Recreation, and what it was about. Committeeman Wysong explained to him. He questioned the Cultural and Heritage Arts Program Grant. Business Administrator Dancer said this Grant is for 2013 and is through the County's Cultural and Heritage Commission. Peter Ylvisaker was looking to apply for New Egypt Day or Fall Fest next year to have some music that would be paid for under this cultural type grant. He is trying to offset entertainment cost.

Committeeman Marinari said Peter and the Main Streets Committee asked him about moving the location of the Holiday Tree and Tree Lighting to the Municipal Building. The Tree Lighting would be outside and Santa would be in the lobby. Committeeman Marinari said the site where we normally have the tree is very wet and not conducive to the tree. The Committee had no problem with this location. Mr. Lewis said he was at that meeting and brought it up to a couple of businesses. Their concern was that the Municipal Building was moved off Main Street which pulled business from Main Street and now everything that happened on Main Street is getting pulled from Main Street. Mayor Leutwyler told Mr. Lewis he would discuss this with the Committee, Main Streets and Peter to express these concerns.

There was no further business for the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy J. Hendrickson, RMC
Municipal Clerk