

April 2, 2014
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 presented for publication in the Asbury Park Press, Trenton Times, Tri-Town News and posted on the bulletin board."

THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT WERE:

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

Mayor Leutwyler asked the Committee if they had anything for the workshop session. Committeeman Trotta said he received a text that there was some damage on the baseball fields at the Recreation Field. They were trying to make some changes and the sprinkler system has been damaged. He said the parents involved were going to fix it but he thought the company who installed the system should take a look at it. This will be discussed at the Recreation Meeting and Committeeman Wysong felt that the cost of any repair should come from the Rec Committee's budget.

Committeeman Marinari said anything being done major such as electrical or of that nature that the Township Committee should know what is being done and who is doing it. Committeeman Trotta said they are supposed to do that. He noted there were electrical issues at the concession stand. The Construction Office was not notified and no permit was done. Committeeman Trotta said he and Committeeman Marinari would advise the Recreation Committee that no work is to be done of any kind unless it goes through the proper channels.

Business Administrator Dancer said the Committee should review the wording in the Salary Ordinance with respect to payment for part time administrative personnel, which was discussed at the last Township Committee Meeting. The draft reads that in the event the Governing Body determines that it is deemed necessary to close the Administrative Offices due to inclement weather or a malfunction of the facility in the administration building, regular part-time administrative employees may be paid their regular hourly rate of pay for their normal scheduled working hours. The Committee was in agreement with this language. This would be introduced at the next Township Committee Meeting.

Business Administrator Dancer also said for discussion purposes is a proposed ordinance suggested from the Fire and EMS that would designate in an emergency medical services provider. He wanted the Committee to know he spoke with the State Office of Legislative Services because he was not aware if there was any statutory authority for a municipality to establish an exclusive franchise or exclusive provision of services and then prohibit the private sector from contracting if they have private events. He was waiting to hear from the State in writing. If the Committee were to adopt this, we could be telling the private sector if they have a private party with a certain number of people, they would have to use the Township Fire District/EMS exclusively.

Secondly, the fee would be set by that entity; and, thirdly, the penalties for noncompliance would be a certain amount for the first offense, two times the fee for a second offense and three times the fee for a third offense, etc. He said the State Statute provides municipalities when there is a violation of ordinances or codes. He said he would provide the Township Committee the information from the State Office of Legislative Services and then consider this. Once this information is received in writing, the Committee may want to share it with the Fire District as to how far to go in mandating what can be done in the private sector. The Committee was in agreement that they were not making any decisions until they received information in writing from the State Office of Legislative Services.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik said there were also other issues regarding mutual aid and didn't think we had the authority to sit down because the State Law says contiguous municipalities can provide mutual aid to other municipalities. There are a lot of questions that have not been answered.

Administrator Dancer said he received a call from Mark Villinger who replaced Ryan Allen at the Ocean County Office of Planning that now heads up both the Natural Lands and the Farmland Preservation Program. He said in going to the Freeholders with a recommendation, he asked if

there would be consideration for municipal endorsement on two applications. There were two applications for Farmland Preservation. The first resolution is for Krowicki and Toth which has been recommended to go to the Freeholders and is totally funded by the County and State and these contiguous lots to go into the Farmland Preservation Program. He said Committeeman Trotta had a good suggestion that we want to encourage all of the preservation we can.

However, when we potentially lose a commercial-zoned property, we need to look at that because the reexamination of the Master Plan is coming up. If we lose commercial areas, we need to be looking where we would be going in the big picture in trying to attract ratables. The third application being considered for municipal endorsement is for six acres known as Rollo property, which is for Natural Lands, comes up next to the Hallock UPick Farm, and is a landlocked piece of property. This is next to the Pinehurst Preservation Area in back of Noble Estates off of Route 539 and in back of the County Garage area. He said this one was being requested to be added to the agenda.

Administrator Dancer requested to add to the Executive Session under Contractual the issue of a performance guarantee release in the amount of \$20,000 for 29 Main Street. This is listed as a Redevelopment Project.

Administrator Dancer said it was just confirmed that Committeeman Marinari and Mayor Leutwyler would be meeting with the School liaisons as part of a delayed meeting for School Liaisons. One of the items to be discussed will be the SRO program. A decision will need to be made by April 15th and another item is under the shared bussing agreement. Going back two years ago, we could not get permission from the State to have it in our budget; we owed \$72,000.00. However, in this year's budget, we have received Transitional Aid and put in our Introduced Budget in the amount of \$72,000.00 and it will be discussed with the school. The problem is that there can be no payment from the Township until the Township Committee reviews the Shared Service Agreement dated 2011-2012 to see if any changes are necessary before the next Township Committee Meeting. A resolution would be needed for payment of the \$72,000.00. When the liaisons meet with the school, they may ask about the \$72,000.00 that was put in the budget. It could be explained to them that a resolution needs to be done to enter into a Shared Service Agreement because this agreement was back to 2011. He said there might be some things to check into before the language is submitted for a formal agreement.

Committeeman Trotta wanted to add an item to the agenda for the School Board Liaisons Meeting. There was a fireworks bill for about \$500.00 which was pulled from the Bill List, It needs to be finalized. We need to know whether we need to pay this bill and whether we have this money available for fireworks this year or it is still owed for last year and also work out something for the future.

Committeeman Trotta said the Municipal Clerk provided the Committee with a draft resolution urging the Legislature to extend the 2% CAP on arbitration awards, which he said he knew the Governor conditionally vetoed and made recommendations. Committeeman Wysong questioned the conditions Assemblyman Dancer said it restores the majority of items that were in the expired or Sunset 2% Tax Cap for Interest Binding Arbitration for Police and Fire. He explained the conditional veto restores the issues that are needed to better control property taxes. The Governor was trying to get it back to where the original bill was and it expires in December 31, 2017. The Governor is trying to keep a lid on property taxes and keep an extension of the existing Capital.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik said Mr. Arthur of Wireless Edge has issued the Performance Bond and so we are proceeding with the construction of the cell phone tower. The next step in the process is his appearance before the Land Use Board so they can get the necessary permits and proceed from there. Business Administrator Dancer said as another step in good faith they have provided an escrow deposit with the Township to offset any of our legal costs on the project.

Committeeman Wysong also wanted to add snowplowing to the Executive Agenda to discuss Contractual obligations. He also had a question on a line item salary for Judge Damian Murray's salary. He understood that in the past, before he was on the Committee, that Plumsted had two court sessions per month and the judge was paid \$1,200 and now that there is only one court session per month and is still paying \$1,200. Administrator Dancer said he knew previously looking over the professional agreements with the judge on his three-year term is that the judge is doing the work of two sessions in but in one session and that there was a time when Plumsted had greater filings that whether or not to add a third court session. He noted the judge was paid by the month and if it requires one, two or three court sessions, the Township would not be charged per court session but a monthly fee.

When the Committee has the discussion, a clarification needs to be made if we were to go to two or have an additional special session. Sometimes there may be a usual court session and

someone has a citizen or civil complaint heard in Municipal Court. For example, the Russo complaint had to change venue, but a Municipal Court Judge is required under the term of our contract. When they get what could be a lengthy municipal court litigation, they will have special sessions. Sometimes there are local municipal court cases that can go on for days, so he explained historically how the contract went to per month.

Attorney Foran read Resolution No. 2014-121.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, RESOLUTION NO. 2014-141, 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 WAS ADOPTED AS AMENDED to include the snowplowing contract and the Redevelopment Project (29 Main Street). ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Leutwyler called the Regular Session of the meeting was called to order with the Flag Salute. Mayor Leutwyler introduced the professionals at the dais.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Leutwyler asked Patrolman Jason Reilly to come forward to accept his Certificate of Appointment and promotion from Patrolman to Corporal.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2014-153, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROMOTING JASON P. REILLY TO THE POSITION OF CORPORAL OF THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Leutwyler asked Business Administrator Ron Dancer as Assemblyman to swear in Jason as Corporal of the Plumsted Township Police Department. Jason's wife Ashley held the bible while their children Sydney and Jack looked on. Mayor Leutwyler said Jason was a great asset to the Township and thanked him for all of his work. His wife attached the Corporal Badge to his uniform. Chief Petrecca said Corporal Reilly was a detective in the agency when they established a Criminal Investigation Bureau in 2011 with Detective Uricks. He was a 10-year veteran in the agency and is also the Internal Affairs Officer and Evidence Officer which is where integrity comes first. He said he is called the silent giant at work. His family comes first but he is also dedicated to his job and he is proud to have him as a Corporal of the organization.

Committeeman Wysong said he had the opportunity to go on a ride along with Jason about a year ago. He said he told Jason he would be his backup but would not get out of the vehicle. He congratulated Jason.

Jason thanked everyone for coming out that it meant a lot to him and was grateful for the opportunity. His wife said she was proud and happy for him.

Mr. Russo said it was not that long ago that he was present when the Chief made Corporal. These promotions just do not happen. He said along with Corporal Reilly, there was Corporal Meroney and Sergeant Pintye and they worked hard for these promotions. He said he wanted to thank them for the work they do and were very proud of them.

The Committee took a short recess. The Committee returned from recess.

Mayor Leutwyler asked Rachael Laboie-Dohn to come forward to accept the proclamation for National Library Week – April 13-19, 2014. Committeeman Marinari read and presented the proclamation to Rachael.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, APRIL 13-19, 2014 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Leutwyler said the Library has changed over the years with all sorts of different activities offered. Rachael thanked the Township Committee for their support and mentioned that every month people were waiting to Meet the Mayor. She said during National Library Week, they take the time to thank their volunteers. They have three distinct groups of volunteers: The Teen Advisory Board, who does a phenomenal job working on many programs; the Plumsted Friends of the Library who are very supportive, said they could not do the programming without them. She said they are having their annual book sale in June and the drop off days the first Saturday of each month from 9a.m. to 1p.m. She also noted that Earth Day was scheduled for April 26th and invited everyone to stop by. The Committee thanked her.

Mayor Leutwyler asked Barbara Diblin to come forward to accept the Proclamation for National Day of Prayer scheduled each year for the first Thursday in May, which is May 1st this year in the Court Room. Deputy Mayor Sorchik read and presented the proclamation to Barbara.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, THE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY 1, 2014 AS NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Barbara said she and Cathy Cliver were very grateful for the Committee's support of the National Day of Prayer since 1992 in Plumsted Township. She invited everyone to join them for the National Day of Prayer Service at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, May 1st in the Municipal Building. She thanked the Committee for doing this and making this a godly place to live in Plumsted Township. The Committee thanked Barbara for her presentation.

Mayor Leutwyler asked Linda Leutwyler, Chairperson of the Municipal Drug and Alcohol Alliance to come forward to accept the Proclamation for National Alcohol Awareness Month, April 2014. Mayor Leutwyler said the Drug and Alcohol Alliance does a lot great work in promoting awareness and education. He said they have monthly meetings and the Alliance Building is also used for AA Meetings, Al-A-Non Meetings, other self-help meetings and also sponsor programs at the Schools. Mayor Leutwyler read and presented the proclamation to Linda.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, THE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Linda thanked the Township Committee for their support. The Township Committee Liaisons always offer their support and help. She said there were many programs in the schools and SOS as well. The Alliance tries to target all areas for drug and alcohol abuse.

Mayor Leutwyler read a letter of resignation from Ray Lawson who has been a Township employee for the last 12 years. Mr. Lawson said that after 12 years of working for the Township, it is time for him to retire. He will begin retirement as April 1, 2014. He said it was a pleasure working with everyone.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, MR. LAWSON'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION WAS ACCEPTED WITH REGRETS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Leutwyler asked Mr. Lawson to come forward to accept a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation for his years of dedication and service to Plumsted Township. Ray started as a Crossing Guard, worked at the Recycling Center, and cleaned the Municipal Building. Mayor Leutwyler also noted that every Christmas he puts up the tree in the lobby.

Committeeman Wysong said, as Recycling Coordinator, he had the opportunity of working with Ray at the recycling center. He always had a friendly smile for everyone who came down and kept the place running smoothly. Ray said he received a call from Ron one day saying that the Township needed an Alternate Crossing Guard and six months later, he was still doing it. He said he made a little promise to himself that he would come in the day after Thanksgiving and put the tree up. This was something he enjoyed doing. Mayor Leutwyler said everyone was going to miss him and appreciated what he has done over the years for the Township.

Mayor Leutwyler asked George Lee, President of the SOS and Helen Kater to come forward for appointment to the SOS.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, RESOLUTION NO. 2014-144, APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS) PROGRAM, WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Leutwyler presented Ms. Kater with a Certificate of Appointment to the Senior Outreach Services (SOS) Program. Mayor Leutwyler said he appreciated the volunteerism. Committeeman Wysong gave the March SOS Transportation Report. There were 589 miles driven consisting of 43.50 hours; provided 18 rides of which 13 were for medical, 1 for grocery and 4 for other. They picked up 7 riders and had 9 drivers. He thanked them for this important service. It was also noted that last year 9,000 miles were driven.

MINUTES CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 30, 2013 WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 1, 2014 WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing

Mayor Leutwyler opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2014-03. He said the purpose of this ordinance is to clarify the fee for resale inspections. He asked for any public comment; there was none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2014-03 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 6 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “BUILDING AND HOUSING SECTION 6-4(3) WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, ORDINANCE NO. 2014-03 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. 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. 2014-131 – AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL ENDORSEMENT FOR THE OCEAN COUNTY NATURAL LANDS PRESERVATION PROGRAM (BLOCK 79, LOT 8.07 – 58 WOODRUFF ROAD)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-142 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-143 – APPROVING THE UTILIZATION OF UNUSED VACATION TIME FOR NANCY P. HENDRICKSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-145 – REAPPOINTING LINDA SALCFAS AS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED (FEBRUARY 28, 2014 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2017)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-146 – TO FURTHER AMEND THE CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2013-276 (2013/2014 SNOWPLOWING/SALTING SERVICES)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-147 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF PLANNING/LAND USE BOARD ESCROW BALANCE TO WYRS BROADCASTING (BLOCK 77, LOT 2.05)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-148 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE OCEAN COUNTY COMMUNITY WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (CWEP) WORKSITE AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-149 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-150 – SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3040 “THE TROTTA SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ACT” (Sponsored by Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer, District 12) Committeeman Trotta said he travels over 40 miles to work one way and every morning he sees these private vehicles transporting a child to a specialized school and cannot make a complaint about the erratic driving that is observed. He said he spoke to Assemblyman Dancer about having a State website to report using the license plate number. Assemblyman Dancer said Committeeman Trotta did an outstanding job. He received positive feedback from colleagues in both houses of the Legislature.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-151 – SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2947, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS TO MOVE ANNUAL FIRE DISTRICT ELECTIONS TO NOVEMBER (Sponsored by Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer, District 12)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-152 – AUTHORIZING A 2014 SPECIAL TEMPORARY SIDEWALK MERCHANDISE SALE PERMIT TO SNOOPER'S COOP

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-154 – DESIGNATING EMPLOYEE SALARIES FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-155 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT TO RALPH BITTER, BLOCK 51, LOT 17

The following resolution were added to the consent the agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-156 – AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL ENDORSEMENT FOR THE OCEAN COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (This is for the Krowicki Farm)

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-157 – URGING THE NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY TO APPROVE THE GOVERNORS CONDITIONAL VETO OF S-1869/A-3067

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-158 – EXTENDING THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST TO DECEMBER 31, 2014 TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES

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

MOTION TO CONSIDER:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, THE FOLLOWING BINGO AND RAFFLES LICENSES WERE APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2014-14 – FOR AN OFF PREMISE 50/50 FOR MC KAIG-TEST-MULLEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 455; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2014-15 FOR AN ON PREMISE MERCHANDISE FOR MC KAIG-TEST-MULLEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 455; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2014-16 FOR AN ON PREMISE 50/50 FOR THE GIVE BACK FOUNDATION, INC; AND BINGO LICENSE NO. 2014-17 FOR A BINGO FOR THE GIVE BACK FOUNDATION, INC. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, THE APRIL 2, 2014 BILL LIST WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. Committeeman Trotta asked that PO #193 check be held as one of the bleachers was damaged when it was delivered and release it when that issue is resolved.

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW:

CONSTRUCTION REPORT – FEBRUARY, 2014; TAX COLLECTORS REPORT – FEBRUARY, 2014; FINANCE REPORTS – Revenue Summary by Month – February, 2014; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status – February, 2014

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Leutwyler asked if there was any old or new business from the Committee.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik said the Committee passed a resolution reappointing Linda Salcfas as Emergency Management Coordinator for another three years. He noted that this was a State Law, N.J.S.A. Appendix A:9-40.1 requires that every municipality in the State appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator for a period of three years and they also must appoint one deputy. The importance of why it is a State Law, not municipal, is the fact that the Governor can only remove the Emergency Management Coordinator. This is so that the local elected body cannot interfere with the Emergency and Disaster roll that this person plays. It is a position of responsibility in the community reportable to the Governing Body and their job is to establish the Emergency Plans our response to critical and large-scale events that go beyond the normal day-to-day operations in the community. He said Linda has been doing this for 18 years and in that time we have an Emergency Management Center that is located in the Police Headquarters.

He also said the Township has a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)) as a direct result of Linda's involvement in getting volunteers in the community. This Team is a 7-week class for fire suppression, emergency medical treatment, how emergency responders work in emergencies, and personal safety issues. He explained that during the Hurricane Irene in 2011 and Hurricane Sandy in 2012 when the State of New Jersey could not support this Township with our shelter in the school, Plumsted's CERT Team staffed that shelter. He said many folks do not recognize the role Emergency Management plays in communities. Deputy Mayor Sorchik and the rest of the Committee congratulated Linda on her three-year appointment and thanked her.

Linda thanked Mayor Leutwyler, the Township Committee, residents, EMS, Fire District, Assemblyman Dancer for getting her where she was today.

Committeeman Trotta said at 9 A.M. on Saturday, May 3rd, the Brain Cancer Walk will start in the parking lot over by the new playground at the Recreation Field.

Committeeman Wysong said New Egypt Day is scheduled for May 10th from 11AM to 4PM and the Air Show at Joint Base was scheduled for May 10th and 11th.

Mayor Leutwyler opened the meeting for public comment.

Mr. Russo, Sr. of Brynmore Road said Emergency Management does a wonderful job and he thought it was time to move forward to think about and discuss moving the Police Department to the basement in 121 Evergreen Road where everyone would be together. He also asked about reports as to where money is being spent which Mayor Leutwyler said that information was on the Township's Website. He was looking for hard copies. He also questioned advertisement of meetings which Clerk Hendrickson explained the process. He said his family Susie Q Farm, which is in litigation, is a witch hunt because other farms are not being asked to do what they are asking them to do, such as producing certain documents. He said the DEP issue regarding his property was resolved two or three times already, but somebody in Trenton is stopping the issue from being resolved.

Russo said they were approaching \$100,000.00 in taxpayers' money in local, county and state and now the Federal level. Plumsted Township's Tax Assessor reduced and took away their Farm Assessment and for the past five years, they have submitted appeals. He said this has cost him a lot of money and asked how much it has cost the Township in legal fees for all of this. Mayor Leutwyler said if he wanted any information, he could complete an OPRA Request. He felt this has gone on long enough and wanted the Assemblyman to do something in Trenton to put this to an end. He said his wife just passed away and did not go in peace because of this.

Ron Tabor wanted to make a statement regarding the playground because there were a lot of people in town that are not willing to admit that the playground came out a lot better than was expected. He wanted to applaud the Committee for their effort and hope they go a little farther to finish it off because it is getting used more than anyone knows. Committeeman Trotta said there were a few more things to do such as a couple of paths from the parking lot, adding gates and installing a couple of signs.

Business Administrator Dancer said the Township received an email asking the Township Committee if it would be okay for the Cub Scouts to temporarily store some items in the basement. Committeeman Marinari also asked if the PBMA could store tables they purchased to use at events in the basement. The Committee agreed to both of these requests.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy J. Hendrickson, RMC
Municipal Clerk