

February 4, 2015
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 Trotta.

STATEMENT: "This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act." It was advertised in the Asbury Park Press and posted on the Bulletin Board.

The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT:

COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO	COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG	MAYOR TROTTA
COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI	CLERK HENDRICKSON	ADMINISTRATOR DANCER
CDC LEUTWYLER	ATTORNEY KELLY	

Deputy Mayor Sorchik was in attendance via telephone.

Mayor Trotta said in reviewing the evening's agenda that Resolution No. 2015-104 was being pulled from the agenda. Resolution No. 2015-115 was added this will change an appointment for the Municipal Utilities Authority. Mayor Trotta noted that everyone received a proposal from the Fire Department regarding some of their rates. He suggested before moving forward that the Fire District survey other towns in the vicinity who are comparable to Plumsted's size and Ocean County to check their rates then we can make an informed decision before moving forward. Chief Petrecca asked the Township to consider two ordinances regarding second hand materials of scrap metals and precious metals and other second hand goods. Since Chief Petrecca was not in attendance, the Committee suggested waiting until he could attend a Township Committee Meeting.

The next item for discussion was regarding the pipeline issue. In January, Mayor Trotta, Committeeman Marinari, Assemblyman Dancer and Dave Leutwyler met with New Jersey Natural Gas to discuss the pipeline proposal. The Township is still waiting for the Committee to review their analysis. Mayor Trotta noted that the route is shown on their website. He said he would like to work personally with the towns to come up with a different route and noted there were several other routes under consideration besides the one chosen. Assemblyman Dancer has been working on legislation which he would like to see happen.

Committeeman Marinari noted that the major concern regarding the proposed route and even going with the alternate route with JCP&L, is that it would go through the middle of his property. He is totally against the route they are seeking now. He said the impact on the businesses in the township, and with the recent loss of the Subway, are really stressed now and the effect on any of the businesses along this route would be devastating for some. The Committee cannot allow that to take place. He said they are coming through our properties and the township and no one will benefit from this. At this point he would like to see another route looked into. He said the Laurita Winery, U Pick Farms and Emery's would be affected. He said he was very concerned regarding access to these businesses and was strongly against this. He said he asked for their information.

Committeeman Wysong said he was in agreement with the language of the resolution and felt there needed to be a meeting with the Counties and Municipalities that are affected to come up with a better solution because he was not in favor of route they have chosen.

Committeeman Lotito was concerned there were no plans for the pipeline beyond the National Guard on Route 539. It raises a concern and they seem a little irresponsible and complacent with the totality of the plan.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik felt that there was a lot of uncertainty there and did not have a problem. There was an issue on Long Beach Island with no gas and they are attempting to put up a backup system or a secondary system. He felt the jury was still out on this.

Mayor Trotta understood and felt that they needed a backup system at LBI and also needed to talk to the Counties and local officials to come up with a plan not just decide on their own. He noted that there were high level discussions about this pipeline and hoping for good results from those discussions.

Mayor Trotta said when it was time to vote on the resolution he would like to remove it from the consent agenda and read the resolution into the minutes. Attorney Kelly noted that a slight revision was made to the resolution.

Mayor Trotta noted there was a proposal for a shared service agreement with Allentown for Court services.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, RESOLUTION NO. 2015-97, 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

The Township Committee returned to Open Session.

Mayor Trotta called the regular meeting of the Township Committee to order and opened the meeting with the flag salute. Mayor Trotta introduced the professionals at the dais.

MINUTES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

ON MOTION COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2014 WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Trotta asked Nancy Hendrickson who was stepping down from the Drug and Alcohol Alliance to come forward to accept a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation. Linda Leutwyler, Chairman of the Alliance, said Hendrickson has been an active part in the Alliance for about 20 years and has decided to retire. The Alliance appreciated all that she has done for the organization and thanked her and said she would be truly missed. Hendrickson said it was time and she was getting tired and really appreciated this and thanked everyone.

Mayor Trotta said the next presentation was for the Volunteer Elves who decorated the Holiday Tree in front of the Municipal Building and also the tree on Main Street next to the Subway. He thanked them for being in attendance at the Tree Lighting Ceremony and asked them to come forward to accept a Certificate of Appreciation. The following children were in attendance to accept their Certificate of Appreciation: Madison and Gracie Roveda and Julianna DeMeola. Committeeman Marinari took the certificates for the other Elves who were unable to attend the meeting.

Mayor Trotta turned the meeting over to Committeeman Wysong as Liaison to the SOS. He said there were three new appointments to the Senior Outreach Services. Committeeman Wysong presented a Certificate of Appointment to Carolyn Nicolas, Charles McFadden and Joyce Capes, the other two newly appointed members were unable to be in attendance.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, RESOLUTION NO. 2015-100, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2015-82 REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS) PROGRAM WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ORDINANCES: Introduction

Mayor Trotta said Ordinance No. 2015-01 amends an Ordinance to establish salaries for various officials of the Township of Plumsted and asked for a motion for introduction.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY REGULATING PAYMENT OF SAME WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for March 4, 2015, the next regularly scheduled Township Committee Meeting.

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. 2015-98 – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-99 – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO BRIAN RUMPF, ESQ. OF THE FIRM OF RUMPF, REID & DOLCY AS ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-101 – APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-102 – APPOINTING DAVID J. LEUTWYLER AS MUNICIPAL RECYCLING COORDINATOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-103 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-105 – AMENDING AUTHORIZING THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-106 – TO EFFECTUATE THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT WITH RST LAWN CARE, LLC TO PROVIDE GROUNDS SERVICES TO PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-107 – AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CT-524-14 PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS OAKFORD LAKE PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-108 – TO CANCEL TAXES DUE TO DELETIONS, EXEMPTIONS AND REASSIGNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-109 – APPROVING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT LAURITA WINERY (FEBRUARY 21 AND 22, 2015)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-110 – CANCELLING 2015 TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS FOR JOHN E. SPRAGUE (BLOCK 3, LOT 2)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-111 – APPOINTING JEFFREY J. PIVOARNICK AS PART-TIME GENERAL MAINTENANCE LABORER

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-113 – AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF UNUSED VACATION TIME FOR DANIELLE PEACOCK

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-114 – AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A.40A:4-59

The following resolutions were added to the agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-115 – RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2015-54 REAPPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY DUE TO A CLERICAL ERROR AND REAPPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-116 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF ALLENTOWN TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES

Mayor Trotta asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as read into the record.

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

Mayor Trotta said he skipped over Resolution No. 2015-112 because he wanted the entire resolution read and voted on separately. Mayor Trotta asked Committeeman Wysong to read the resolution and asked for any discussion before the resolution was voted on.

Mayor Trotta said he was very much opposed to the current route and said there were other routes they could choose. He said the Committee was still waiting on their analytical information Committeeman Marinari requested from them which led them to choose the route they chose. He wanted to review that information. NJ Natural Gas was not willing to give it at this time and the Township Committee will continue to ask for it until it is received. A public meeting will be scheduled once this information becomes available. He said this resolution is almost identical to the legislation that Assemblyman Dancer is working on in the Legislature. He said there was a lot of discussion going on with higher levels in hopes that there will be a better route for the local residents and businesses.

Committeeman Marinari said that in his meeting he wanted to stress to them the vital importance of the economic situation that most of the businesses in the town are currently in. Small business is very hard to maintain in today's economy. The use and possible closing of the roads for many of the U Pick Farms, Laurita Winery, Emery's and many others will cause a stress on those businesses. If there are lines, such as seen at Laurita, people will turn around and go home and buy their vegetables or wine somewhere else. He said another route being considered is the JCP&L route which goes directly through his farm. He said he was totally against this and there is no reason that the businesses need any more stress than they are already in. He said we need to do the best we can even though they said there would be police control it would still not work. He said something needed to be done, there has to be a better way.

Mayor Trotta said the favored route at the moment after it comes out of Upper Freehold crossing Route 537 at Highbridge Road to Moorehouse to Lakewood Road, Applegate and then past Laurita Winery to Route 539.

Committeeman Wysong said that he did not know how the process works and what the requirements are from New Jersey Natural Gas to thrust upon the counties and townships this particular route. He said he knew that the Assemblyman and those higher levels are discussing it. He said it sounds to him like the tail wagging the dog without coordinating with the municipalities and counties. This is why he wholeheartedly supports the resolution. He said he understood the pipeline was needed to service Long Beach Island and the areas south but it did not need to disturb our township, there are other viable alternative routes that it can take. He said he totally supports the resolution.

Committeeman Lotito said he concurred with his colleagues. One of his thoughts was New Jersey Natural Gas seemed a little complacent or remiss in how they designed this route to come through our town and then when they get down to the National Guard and Base it stops. He felt there was an urgency to get it through our town and then there is no real plan on how to get it out as a secondary supply to LBI. This was a concern to him. He also supports the resolution.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik felt everyone said everything already.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO RESOLUTION NO. 2015-112, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, URGING ALTERNATE ROUTES FOR AND OPPOSING THE PROPOSED ROUTE OF THE SOUTHERN RELIABILITY LINK NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION PIPELINE PROJECT NEW JERSEY. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION TO CONSIDER:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, THE FOLLOWING RAFFLES LICENSED WERE APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2015-01 FOR AN ON PREMISE 50/50 FOR NEPS/WES PTO; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2015-02 FOR A BASKET RAFFLE FOR NEPS/WES PTO; RAFFLES LICENS NO. 2015-03 FOR AN OFF PREMISE 50/50 FOR NEPS/WES PTO; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2015-04 FOR AN ON PREMISE MERCHANDISE FOR MCKAIG-TEST-MULLEN POST 455; RAFFLES LICENSE NO.

2015-05 FOR AN ON PREMISE 50/50 FOR MCKAIG-TEST-MULLEN POST 455 AND RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2015-06 FOR AN OFF PREMISE MERCHANDISE FOR THE HORSE PARK OF NEW JERSEY AT STONE TAVERN, INC. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW:

CONSTRUCTION REPORT – DECEMBER, 2015

FINANCE REPORTS – Revenue Summary by Month – DECEMBER, 2015; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status –DECEMBER, 2015

Mayor Trotta said there was no Bill List but there will be a special meeting next week in conjunction with the Budget Meeting and will vote on it at that time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Trotta asked for any old or new business from the Committee. There was none.

Mayor Trotta opened up the public forum and asked anyone who wanted to speak to come forward and give their name and address for the record.

Sean Sweeney of Cream Ridge, Upper Freehold Township said he appreciated the resolution the Committee adopted with respect to the concerns that was addressed in the resolution. He thanked the Committee for their support to move the Southern Reliability Link to a safe and responsible location. He is a member of the Families for Responsible Pipeline. He said he has similar concerns as those who were in attendance. He said he understood the need for access to energy which means additional infrastructure to support it but this region must insure that we do it in a way that minimizes disruption for homeowners, local businesses and local communities. New Jersey Natural Gas is a for profit company. During New Jersey Resources, which is the parent company to New Jersey Natural Gas, Q4 2014 Investor's Meeting, they highlighted the southern liability link as part of their 2015 fiscal growth strategy. He said what gives New Jersey Natural Gas the right to come into the region and impose their will to meet their 2015 fiscal goal. New Jersey Natural Gas corporate greed should not come at the expense of County Parks, sensitive Historic Sites, and local businesses and should not come before public and human safety. New Jersey Natural Gas is using the sensitivity of Hurricane Sandy as part of their marketing strategy.

There have been numerous public statements of New Jersey Natural Gas about that way and what they have learned from Hurricane Sandy. His question was what has New Jersey Natural Gas learned from a 30" high pressure natural gas transmission line that exploded in San Bruno, California in 2010 killing eight people and destroying 58 homes? The 1994 incident where a 36" diameter natural gas pipeline broke and exploded into flames to Durham Woods Apartment Complex in Edison New Jersey damaging 14 apartment buildings and over 1,500 apartment residents were evacuated and hundred residents were left homeless. And the two most recent explosions within the last three weeks one in West Virginia and one in Mississippi. A recent article published highlights how the Penny's Pipeline route has been rerouted to maximize a colocation using already an existing utility right-of-way containment electrical power line because rerouting through a utility right-of-way would minimize the risk to residents and the community. He said it sounds familiar to the JCP&L proposed route that is being proposed here with the Southern Reliability Link. When the Penny says that using the utility corridor is safe that is New Jersey Natural Gas saying so because they are partners in the project.

He asked if anyone spoke to or heard or talked to New Jersey Gas with any of the municipalities or met with residents involved. He asked if the difference has something to do with New Jersey Natural Gas 2015 Fiscal Growth Strategy and their expedited timelines for their Southern Reliability Link to be completed by the fall of 2016 based on an interconnect agreement they have with Transco to supply the natural gas. He said in closing that no matter how much the industry wants to assure us that these pipelines are safe, there will be accidents and no one can guarantee otherwise. That is why a pipeline will always be safer when placed at a distance from residential homes especially when there is viable option available as there is in this project, an unpopulated area will always be safer than that of a populated one and it is up to New Jersey Natural Gas to spend the time and money to work with the municipalities, counties and residents involved and not based on their expedited timeline to maximize corporate profit.

Kathy Bullock, 43 High Bridge Road, New Egypt, said this was a very emotional issue for her and her family. The pipeline could possibly come down her road and busses travel that road every day several times a day. She said what she knows about this high pressure pipeline is the fact that often times it is not the gas company at fault when there is a problem. They have a safety record but their safety record doesn't take into account for was the contractor working in someone's yard. She noted that the pipeline would be going through residents' front yards along

Moorehouse Road and if someone accidentally does something and causes an accident no one can ever change the damage that would be catastrophic. She said she was very proud to be a resident of this town. She thanked the Committee for standing up for the community and residents. She said not to just let the words be words on a piece of paper without action because action is the only thing that will make this happen. She asked if there was a way to put power behind action and words and find a way to block this and not come into this rural community and just do what they want. She thanked the Committee for putting information out there to advise residents what was going on. She also asked the Committee to take this one step further and see what can be done beyond the resolution.

Mayor Trotta said he wanted to assure everyone that he, Assemblyman Dancer wearing both his Assemblyman hat and Business Administrator hat and Committeeman Marinari, Community Development Coordinator Dave Leutwyler have met and will continue to meet with New Jersey Natural Gas and will not stop there.

Committeeman Marinari said he asked for the statistics and they have not provided this information to the Township. Committeeman Wysong asked Attorney Kelly if this could be challenged in court. Attorney Kelly said this could be done, it is a utility and the Township is constrained by what it can do as it is a statewide regulated utility.

Mayor Trotta asked for any other comments.

Upper Freehold Township resident Jeff Gale said he wanted to point out a few things. He said Plumsted was lucky to have conversation with New Jersey Natural Gas. He said Upper Freehold Township found out about this the same way Plumsted Township did. They had no intention of having a dialogue because he felt they did not want to see what was happening here tonight. He said they were on a tight timeline as they are contracted to take gas into this pipeline in 2017 and they are using Hurricane Sandy as a reliability link to provide an alternative so that service is not disrupted to those shore communities. He said the transmission lines did not have a disruption during Sandy and there was not a recommendation in the Rutgers study that addressed the natural gas pipeline that needed to be beefed up. Their problems were in the residential lines in the local townships, not the transmission line.

Mr. Gale said in his mind they are saying you can't rely on a transmission pipeline and that is problematic. They are trying to run to the middle of nowhere. There is no plan to move further than Manchester now. He noted that across the country there is a shift and in 2015 there is due to be some more looking at regulations governing the pipelines and they may be wanting to get ahead of the changes. There is also a ground swell across the country recognizing the dangers of these pipelines and are equations that put setbacks for a pipeline of this type which is 720 psi and 30" in diameter. He said the calculations by industry experts indicate that the blast zones are 600, 700 and 800 feet when they go. They don't even belong 100' from a house which is the regulation right now, which is continually granted by a waiver by the Board of Public Utilities in New Jersey. This is now being recognized by the industry. This is not the time to be rushing this type of project through. Now is the time to sit back and recognize the evidence that we are confronted with. He said this pipeline is a risk that is being forced on us or on anyone as it will devastate our communities and the value of our homes. It will force him to move because his wife is a nervous wreck with the propane tank attached to the gas grill. He thanked the Committee for their time and applauded their efforts.

Mayor Trotta asked for any further public comments. There was none.

Committeeman Marinari said what bothered him more importantly was there was no one at the meeting from the newspapers which he said says something.

The Committee thanked everyone for coming.

There was no further business. Trotta asked for a motion to adjourn.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2015, WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy J. Hendrickson, RMC
Municipal Clerk