

February 3, 2016
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 for publication in the Asbury Park Press and posted on the bulletin board."

THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT WERE:

COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI MAYOR TROTTA DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK
CLERK HENDRICKSON DAVID LEUTWYLER, CDC ATTORNEY KELLY
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR DANCER

Committeeman Lotito and Committeeman Wysong were excused.

Mayor Trotta called the workshop session of the meeting to order with the Flag Salute and Invocation was led by Pastor Cuzzo. Mayor Trotta introduced the professionals at the dais.

Mayor Trotta reviewed the agenda. There is an ordinance for adoption and two for introduction. There are two add-on resolutions as well; the agenda was amended.

We recently had a meeting with a chaplain in the state and found out that our program with police chaplains was not up to state standards. This program has been in place for a long time now. We will be introducing an ordinance shortly to get this program in compliance. In the meantime, the appointed chaplains will be rescinded. After the ordinance is passed, we will appoint chaplains in accordance with the required training.

The police will be able to use county services if they need a chaplain; they still have coverage. Pastor Cuzzo questioned the procedure for chaplains. Deputy Mayor Sorchik advised that they may have the required training; they need to review the program requirements. Also, we were appointing chaplains by resolution and they need to be appointed by ordinance.

Mayor Trotta called Chief Petrecca for his presentation of the Police Department Annual Report, 2015 Year End Report and Public Safety Goals and Objectives. One of the standards in accreditation is to address all issues and concerns with the agency. Chief Petrecca started by identifying Sergeant Pintye, 25 year veteran of the force. Also, Corporal Meroney, 15 year veteran of the force; Corporal Jason Reilly, 12 year veteran of the force; Patrolman Gary Schaal, 7 years; Anthony Covone, 8 1/2 years; Lead Detective Uricks, 9 years; Detective Mantz, 2 1/2 years; newly appointed Officer John Garrigan, also our SRO; Officer DePalma, 2 1/2 years as an SRO in the Elementary School; K-9 Officer Nani, 2 years; Office Engrassia, 3 months; Frank Murphy 15 years; former officer Vince Doell, 10 years of service. Thanks for showing support for the agency. The Chief expressed his appreciation for all they do.

The Chief also recognized several people: a Seaside police officer; two Jackson township police officers; John Marchese from Emery's Farm; Pedro, a fairly new resident; Pastor Cuzzo who assisted on a major incident last year; Assemblyman Dancer and the governing body.

Chief Petrecca began by explaining he conducted a SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats). This helps him review 2015 and prepare for 2016 to better serve the community. He said that the strengths are his officers and how they are dedicated with high integrity. They have strong, outstanding leadership in Sergeant Pintye. There is an updated RMS, Records Management System. The criminal investigations bureau is a strength under Detective Uricks and Mantz. The number of cases handled and solved was unprecedented. Committeeman Lotito also helped out with their computer systems. One of the members of the detective bureau has considered leaving and the Chief is hoping some concerns can be addressed to avoid that.

The SROs are a strength. Officer DePalma has established a relationship with the students. Officer Garrigan is new to the force but he is confident he will establish a relationship with the staff and students of the middle and high school. Community Relations are a strength. The relationship with Committeeman Marinari and the business owners is appreciated.

Body cameras have been purchased and the officers will be wearing them in 2016. These are crucial to protecting the officers in today's world. 360° cameras are being looked into as well. The Chief spoke about the K-9 Unit led by Officer Nani. Carlos Rojas donated the dog to be trained. This is a \$15,000 dog fully trained in narcotics.

There is a heroin epidemic in this country, this state and this county specifically. We have had five Narcan saves in this town this year. Sgt. Pintye, Detective Mantz, former Officer England, Patrolman Schaal and Officer Nani were officers that responded to those in need. This is another tool to assist the officers in doing their job.

Chief Petrecca commented on the traffic safety unit. There were seven fatalities in this township in 2015. There were over 300 motor vehicle crashes. Sgt. Pintye has been involved in every fatality, investigated every one, and spoke with the families.

The Chief began to talk about weaknesses. The lack of manpower in this agency. As a Chief, I feel I need 20-24 officers based upon calls of service, those officers that call in sick, the residents in this town. The Chief indicated that the FBI recommendations are that there be 2.7 police officers for every thousand residents. We have 9000 residents in this town. Currently, there are 12 police officers on patrol. Fourteen are on the books but two are dedicated SROs. If there were more officers, they would be out there more aggressively and uncovering more issues in this town. Chief Petrecca has tapped into other resources, the DEA, etc.

Another issue is financial constraints needed to purchase new equipment. There are currently 9 radios in the PD but 14 officers. If the entire agency was needed at once, everyone wouldn't have a portable radio. This is a safety issue. The revolving door of loss of officers. This is a public concern. With newer officers responding to calls and no supervisor on the shift to help make a decision, it may be a problem. It is not fair to put them into this position. The Chief stated that over the years, he has requested a lieutenant and three sergeants, to have a sergeant or supervisor on each shift. A supervisor is needed on every shift, in the building and on the road to be a resource for officers. The Chief said the Consent Decree done by the NJ State Police in 1991 indicated that a supervisor was required on each shift and one at the station. As of now, officers are calling Corporals or Sergeants while they are home sleeping.

Firearms are another need. In 2015, half of the firearms were replaced that were over 10 years old. He is looking at replacing the other half of Glock 40s in 2016. The rifles are between 8 and 12 years old. They should have upgraded capabilities.

Morale issues exist from constant turnover in the department. Morale is the lowest he has ever seen. It is important to have bonds between the officers and create a chemistry within the department which takes about five years. Sixty percent of the force has under five years' experience.

The building is a weakness. There is no locker room for the officers, no place to change. If there is a weather incident or clothes are contaminated, officers have to go home or change in their car. Petrecca said he has a female officer that has certain female needs and she should have what she needs. The OEM building has mold on the ceiling tiles and the walls. The vents are black. This is going into the officers' lungs. Sometimes there are contaminated police uniforms in the kitchen where the officers eat their food. There is no heat in the OEM office, the suspect interview room and the records room. The Chief would like to address these issues in 2016.

Moving on to opportunities. Chief Petrecca reviewed the body cameras purchased through grants. Over \$10,000 in cash was seized in drug forfeiture money, thanks to the detective bureau. That doesn't including assets, like vehicles. We are off to a good start in 2016 with \$8,000. Everyone in this room wants to get rid of drugs. The tow yard generating revenue numbers haven't been received yet. This money goes into the General fund.

The DDEF officers on patrol utilize the grant to go out and patrol for drunk drivers. Sgt. Pintye is one of the biggest known drunk driver officers in the county.

We need a better contract for the preservation of officers in this township. With each exit interview, the Chief hears it is all about income. In order to meet their financial needs, they have to get second jobs. This isn't a good idea as officers are then tired. Because of this, officers leave our town to work elsewhere for more money. The Chief stated that it is not a normal thing to see the turnover that we have in this department. This is not an issue in Toms

River, Manchester, Jackson, Tuckerton, South Toms River, Beachwood, etc. He is looking for an incentive program to keep his officers.

Chief Petrecca started discussing threats. Officer safety is number one. Loss of veteran officers with rookie officers on patrol. They may not know exactly how to deal with something. Heroin overdoses are an issue. The detective bureau and the officers on patrol engaging these issues are a threat. It is putting them in danger. He would like to see this problem eliminated.

Burglaries and larceny are another threat. They are part of the heroin epidemic. That's what is motivating these crimes. Sexual assaults are up again. The reason why is because over the years, the confidence in the agency with the residents has grown. Because of the quality of workmanship, cold cases from 2004 and 2006 are being reported. The residents deserve this.

Chief Petrecca feels he has a terrific quality of residents. He loves working here for the past 17 or 18 years. He has the best community to work for.

The Standards program is an opportunity. Officer Covone is his accreditation manager. He tries to meet the best standards to remain an accredited agency. There is an opportunity for a three year Standards program for \$800; it is done electronically. It isn't scanning papers, highlighting and costing a lot of money in toner. It is \$2400 to do electronically over the three years. They are up for accreditation after this year so he is looking at 2017 to start this program. Accreditation has brought them a long way.

Radio communications – there are not enough radios. They have lost radio communications in the school as well as cellphone coverage. This needs to be rectified. How are they supposed to communicate with these resources? He is working with the schools. He is hoping perhaps the new cell tower may help.

There are group homes in the town that require major service. This is a threat to the officers to go into a volatile situations. In 2015, there were 130 arrests - 121 were adults and 9 were juveniles.

Things do happen in Plumsted. The officers have dealt with the following:

DWIs, possession of marijuana and heroin, hindering apprehension and prosecution, violation of court orders, manufacture of CDS and distribution of CDS, reckless endangerment of children, disorderly conduct, obstruction of justice, aggravated assault, possession of crack cocaine, simple assault, arrest on warrants, shoplifting, fights in progress, terrorist threats, domestic violence, etc.

The officers don't sit in headquarters, they are handling serious calls. In 2015, there were over 252 gun permits and 85 new IDs, 352 alarm sounding, 133 animal calls, over 250 EMS calls which may be a low number, 84 erratic drivers, 69 domestic violence calls, 1 homicide which is unacceptable, 331 times an officer was requested-a call they don't know what they are going into, over 251 property reports, 10 overturned vehicles in the town, fatalities, almost 300 MVAs, 856 motor vehicle stops, over 7000 total calls for service with 2 officers responding. The officers do this because they want a better, safer community.

Chief Petrecca said the 2016 goals will be to correct these issues. The governing body and residents are needed for support of this.

A new resident, Pedro Lescalle, who lived in Hudson County, spoke. He recognizes there is a problem but there is a solution. He is hoping that people will step up to support as he will financially and help in any other way he can. He moved here because it's a quiet, conservative town.

Chief Petrecca reiterated the need for keeping his officers and adding to his force. The Chief indicated that he had a plan but has to keep adjusting the plan because of a loss of personnel. The strategy he has does work so now he has to start over and restructure to make the plan work. Mayor Trotta reviewed some numbers since he came on board in 2010. Total appropriations were 3.1 million in 2010. The new budget to be introduced is 3.4 million, an 11.4% increase. Police is about a 28% increase from \$98,000 to \$125,000. The police budget is more than double what the budget grew. Salaries and wages were increased 36% from \$700,000 to \$950,000 - a \$250,000 increase. We cannot put the whole budget into police but we are adding to their budget. In 2011, there was a special vote to dedicate additional monies to

the police. There were 5000 registered voters at that time and under 1600 came out to vote (32%); it was voted down 2 to 1. \$10,000 was spent to get that no vote which could have been used.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik advised that he would be more than happy to go to the voters but the State gets to write the question on the ballot. So it would read something like "would the residents approve a percentage tax increase to increase the viability of the police force". If it is turned down and if they had the money, it would be against the law for the town to use the money for the Police Department. Deputy Mayor Sorchik said that they have looked at this with their business plan. Sorchik indicated that he had asked the Chief and the PBA to be present at the budget hearings. The Chief and PBA rep attended the first meeting but did not attend the other two hearings. Some items will be approved within the 2% budget constraint. The governing body is addressing issues as they can financially. The original budget hasn't yet been approved. The State has to approve the budget and it has to meet certain guidelines. They have put a new car on every year and they are addressing the firearms and other issues. Deputy Mayor Sorchik understands manpower has been an ongoing issue. In his business, there is a 10-14% turnover each year. Of course it is of more significance with 14 people. They have tried to address issues with it; replacing people as soon as possible. Money is finite and that is the law.

Lescalle said his knowledge was very little but perhaps there is a way to reach the voters. He has researched fundraising and new ways to help the force. For instance, a reserve police force. Deputy Mayor Sorchik said there is a program under Title 40 Appendix A9 regarding an Auxiliary force but services are limited and they work under OEM. Deputy Mayor Sorchik also mentioned the use of special police officers and their limitations, but all augmenting forces are regulated by the state and have limitations placed upon them. Also, there could be a program in the schools using retired officers. Sorchik advised that he doesn't doubt anything regarding the department but there are guidelines to follow. If additional monies are there, it would mean eliminating the recreation fund or something else.

Lescalle continued by saying that he is aware of a program that involves reserve police officers, who are not really police officers, but would pay \$1500 toward their uniform and badge but it would mean a second police officer would be in vehicles. Finally, there is nothing worse than being around low morale and that scares him. He grew up in an area where crime was prevalent. Whatever could be done would be better.

Resident Danielle Peacock discussed the referendum from a few years ago and the process. She said the State had to word it and we could not promote it, the reality was the percentage was a big number but if you allocated it to the average tax bill, it came to an average of \$20-25 for the entire year which is not a big number when divided in quarters or monthly. Residents want to know how it is going to hit the checkbook. That small number never came out in letters or the website.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik commented. The State writes the question. He said that it did not state what the amount per household would be on the question, just a percentage.

Another resident spoke and said that in the past five years, how many crimes were committed and what did they cost? There are not enough officers to cover our town.

Barbara Diblin said her church does a \$1 offering to be used for something. She would be willing to give a \$1 towards the police to the Clerk's office. Is that legally ok to donate money? Deputy Mayor Sorchik advised a trust would have to be created and the money couldn't be used the first year.

Resident Lynn Pryzbylowski spoke about her love of this community. She had two circumstances in the snowstorms recently that she called upon an officer to check on students. The officers are needed. She is a teacher and there is a great turnover at the schools. How many mentors are on the staff? How much are we losing when an officer leaves with all of that extensive training and experience? We will have to pay to train new officers. Chief Petrecca responded. Resident Pryzbylowski talked about her hiring pay step scale in the schools. She wondered if this could be incentive for officers. The Chief deferred to the PBA President as it is a contractual amount. Finally, Mrs. Pryzbylowski asked about a possible shared service with maybe the military or homeland security. Chief Petrecca felt they would ask for additional help if needed after this department is solidified.

The Chief said that if two officers are responding to a domestic, then there are no officers on the road. More officers are needed. Veteran officers are entitled to their vacation and other leave time.

A resident asked about donating the radios to the Police department; is that allowed? Business Administrator Dancer said that a trust fund could be set up for donations.

Resident Lenny Grilletto said that there were some arrests at the group home, he asked was there reimbursement for that? Assemblyman Dancer talked about a Supreme Court case that in the State of NJ, a municipality cannot do exclusionary zoning. So if an application to the Department of Human Services is made, you cannot discriminate because of developmental disabilities. Grilletto said that if we are taking care of the criminality of these people, are we responsible for them? Can we get reimbursed? Peacock advised that group homes are tax exempt. Perhaps we should address how much it costs and could we charge the group home? Dancer advised that he will sponsor legislation and make the request but he said that the State may not force reimbursement for that.

Resident Peacock said there is an opportunity to bring the officers up to a more reasonable salary as the Police contract is up in 2016. She is concerned with the safety of her family and feels that is a priority.

Resident Ted Kucowski spoke highly of Chief Petrecca and appreciated other residents' ideas. He is asking for a commitment from the governing body to help the Police Department. Mayor Trotta is committed to helping with these issues.

An additional resident (of 24 years) spoke about the condition of the Police building after having a walk through of it. He said the Chief is dedicated to this town and he sees poor portable radios, bald car tires and a terrible building. He feels that the governing body is not addressing the issues. He sees the officers taking care of the community and the township not treating them properly.

A question was asked, how long does it take for a new officer to be hired and trained? Chief Petrecca advised it takes 5 years to have a veteran officer. The governing body has always responded immediately when there is a vacancy in the department. He mentioned Anthony Ringle is being sworn in tonight and that he was committed to his department and cares for his department and officers.

Resident Kucowski then asked what happens when something tragic happens, can this town afford a civil lawsuit when this town cannot react and fix a problem? Deputy Mayor Sorchik said that litigation is avoided if possible. Committeeman Marinari said that there are two members excused. Two members have only been on the committee a short time. Marinari knows them personally and said that they care about this community. There is an issue but there is no money. He would expect not a single person to vote for me when he is up for reelection this November if this is not resolved. He said that it is impossible anymore. There is a budget and it's impossible these days in business and personal finances. This committee is trying to fix issues with this lack of money. There may be grant money. We have one of the best governmental people in Mr. Dancer. Marinari said that he cares about everyone in this community. He feels every word being heard. The PBMA in this community helped fund training the K-9. No one knows this but there is a person that's business is failing but they helped with the K-9 training. But Marinari said that he commits something will be done to the best of their ability. He knows that the police force protects us and in these times, there are people that are not always good. We need to focus on the good in people. Marinari said that if he cannot help fix these issues, he will resign.

Chief Petrecca stated that Business Administrator Dancer notified him the day after the budget meeting that if he had the money, he would give it to him. Dancer will do his best to help find funding. Petrecca appreciated that.

A resident advised that the town should be honored to have the Chief lead this department. He is appalled by some things he has heard but he doesn't feel there is a commitment to fix these things. The trailer should be remedied immediately, not the following year. The turnover is not normal and in the 21 years he has been at his town of business, just a few officers have left in all that time and the issues weren't financial. To him, unless the issue is solved with their contract and their pay scale, turnover will continue. Supervision needs to be there and immediate and this is open up to litigation if it is not. He wants to hear a commitment of things to be done.

Officers getting changed in a kitchen should be addressed this week, not in the future. Lack of radios is not acceptable. There are things that need to be fixed immediately.

Another resident came forward and said that she just took on her fourth job. She said that things need to be fixed immediately. Something needs to be done. Mayor Trotta said there were budget meetings unattended. Deputy Mayor Sorchik said that some of the items have been addressed. He said that the budget has to be approved first.

A resident asked since the budget is being proposed, is the 2% max cap included? Mayor Trotta replied it was.

Resident Danielle Peacock said that public safety is a priority. If the Recreation program has to be cut or reduced, then that is what has to be done. She said that perhaps money has to be moved in the budget. The budget hasn't been approved yet so look at the numbers again and reconsider. She would like to see a commitment to public safety.

There was question as to where the money from the resigning officer's salary since it was almost twice what the new hire is. The committee replied it is in the police budget. The Chief is doing a cost analysis for everything but he said that he feels another veteran officer may be leaving and wants to be sure his analysis is accurate.

Officers spoke about the possibility of the department being replaced by the State Police. Deputy Mayor Sorchik and Mayor Trotta advised that has never come up as a possibility. Officer Covone feels they are treated as a line item and nothing more. They said that they want to be here and they love working here. But they feel they are not connected to the committee.

A resident asked how many officers were first step. Many residents were commenting on the low salaries and how they cannot afford to live on that. Chief Petrecca stated that not only do they protect people, they protect assets. If crime is high, home value reduces. The Chief has had other opportunities but he is loyal to this town. The Chief told resident Freddy that he works extra jobs to take care of his family. But he is here for his department, not him. He is trying to resolve these issues.

Sgt. Pintye spoke about all of the officers who have left the department. He has been here 25 years and has to work a second job to pay his bills. He cannot go to another department. He is older and cannot start again. He would be leaving with nothing. This has been the same problem for years and years. The problem needs to be fixed. It wouldn't benefit him but it would the newer officers. He said that over the past 25 years, he has heard about disbanding the department or have the State police come in and service the Township. Three years ago the trailer was removed due to mold and it is still not replaced. Deputy Mayor Sorchik responded that they are researching to invest in the trailer.

Chief Petrecca feels a trailer is not the issue, a 5-10 year plan for infrastructure should be made. A resident came in to the building a week ago and an officer was embarrassed. The resident smelled mold. It is not acceptable.

Chief Petrecca thanked the Committee for their time.

Attorney Kelly read Resolution No. 2016-100 for Executive Session.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, RESOLUTION NO. 2016-100, AUTHORIZING THE CONVENING OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT WAS ADOPTED AS AMENDED, ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

The Township Committee returned to Open Session.

Mayor Trotta called the Regular Session of the meeting to order.

The first order of business upon the return to the regular session was the appointment of Anthony Ringle to the Plumsted Police Department. Ringle has been interviewed by the Chief of Police and tonight by the Township Committee. Ringle was asked to come to forward and to bring any family members and friends too.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI,

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-119, AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY RINGLE AS A PROBATIONARY (FULL-TIME) REGULAR PATROLMAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED.

Assemblyman Ron Dancer administered the Oath of Office Anthony Ringle while his mother held the Bible. Ringle thanked the Township Committee and the Police Department for the opportunity to work in Plumsted. Ringle is a fully certified officer to his credit has a great deal of police knowledge to bring to Plumsted Township.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing

Mayor Trotta presented the second reading of Ordinance 2016-01 amending salaries for Township employees. Mayor Trotta asked for public comment; there was none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01 – 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 THE MANNER OF PAYMENT OF SAME” WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, ORDINANCE 2016-01 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ORDINANCES: Introduction

Mayor Trotta said that Ordinance 2016-02 is making a change so that when the MUA need police to work off duty jobs, they would get charged the same amount as the school district.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 47 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT – OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT” WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for March 2, 2016, the next regularly scheduled Township Committee meeting.

Mayor Trotta then introduced Ordinance 2016-03. This was discussed a few of months ago and they had legal counsel take what his firm did in other towns to change and fit Plumsted.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, ORDINANCE NO. 2016-03 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 45 OF THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITATIONS AND TO ESTABLISH A “NO KNOCK” REGISTRY WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

CONSENT AGENDA:

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. 2016-101 – AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT WITH AETNA FOR EMPLOYEE DENTAL COVERAGE IN 2016 FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-102 – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2015-312 APPROVING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT LAURITA WINERY (JANUARY 23, 2016 RAIN DATE JANUARY 24, 2016)

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-103 – APPROVING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT LAURITA WINERY, LLC FOR VARIOUS DATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-104 – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2015-108 TO CANCEL TAXES DUE TO DELETIONS, EXEMPTIONS AND REASSIGNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-105 - AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-106 – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO GOLDMAN BEALE ASSOCIATES AS FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-107 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO BONNIE R. PETERSON, ESQUIRE AS ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-108 – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO BRIAN RUMPF, ESQUIRE OF THE FIRM OF RUMPF, REID & DOLCY AS ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-109 – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-110 – AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A.40A:4-59

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-111 – (AFTER PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG GRANT APPLICATION)

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-112 – CLARIFYING THE RENEWAL OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF ALLENTOWN TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-113 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SCHEDULE “C” AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-114 - TO CLARIFY THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR LAFRATTORIA, LLC, LAURITA FARMS WINERY (BLOCK 75, LOT 5.01)

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-115 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-116 – AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP AND PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE COURTESY BUSING FOR HAZARDOUS ROUTES FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016

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

NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, RESOLUTION NO. 2016-117 – APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI,

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-118 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE YEAR 2016 STATE OF NEW JERSEY SAFE & SECURE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT AND GENERAL CONDITIONS, WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

MOTION TO CONSIDER:

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, THE FOLLOWING BINGO AND RAFFLES LICENSES WERE APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2016-01 – ON PREMISE 50/50; McKaig-Test- Mullen American Legion Post #455; BINGO LICENSE NO. 2016-02 – SPECIAL BINGO; McKaig-Test-Mullen American Legion Post #455; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2016-03–On Premise Merchandise; McKaig-Test-Mullen American Legion Post #455; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2016-04 – Off Premise 50/50; McKaig-Test-Mullen American Legion Post #455. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE BILL LIST OF FEBRUARY 3, 2016 WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW: CONSTRUCTION REPORT – December, 2015; TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT – November, 2015 and December, 2015; FINANCIAL REPORTS - Revenue Summary by Month – December, 2015; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status – December, 2015; 2015 Annual Debt Statement filed with the Division of Local Government Services

OTHER BUSINESS:

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT

Mayor Trotta stated the Township has advertised for a second reading and Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant. He explained that monies are received from the County every other year. The money is to be used for certain areas in the Township for the public good. Mayor Trotta indicated the Township Committee had some projects they were looking at like paving municipal parking lots, the recreation field lot, the maintenance building Pine Street lot, the 17 Main Street municipal lot and also improvements to public facilities like the First Aid Building and Police.

Based on the availability of the dollars and getting the job approved, we have come up with some choices for paving jobs. Mayor Trotta turned it over to David Leutwyler, Community Development Coordinator, who worked with Peter Ylvisaker, Main Streets Executive Director, to obtain quotes. The recreation field parking lot, without the driveway as it is in decent shape, and the 17 Main Street parking lot would be included. We are pretty sure we would get approval for these two lots and based on the estimates, we hopefully could afford to do both.

Business Administrator Dancer said that Peter Ylvisaker was in touch with the administrator at the County for this program to discuss potential projects. He inquired about the police building and unfortunately, it was very unlikely that it would qualify. An inspection by HUD would be required to get it qualified. It was something that was a priority but when you read the regulations, they state that when the police chief’s office is in the police building, it is disqualified. If we put in an application for the police building, it would be rejected and we would not get any money. So we are applying for these paving projects since we are confident they would be approved.

Mayor Trotta asked for any public comment. There was none so he asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Trotta also asked for a motion to move forward with the D&H Paving quote for those two parking lots.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, RESOLUTION 2016-111, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND FILE THE 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Trotta asked for any old or new business from the committee. Committeeman Marinari said that he attended the Environmental Commission meeting and there was discussion about the Sustainable Jersey Committee. Bev Vienckowksi will not be able to continue with that committee but will remain on the Environmental Commission. It is his suggestion that they look at it again on July 1st to see if there is any activity with Sustainable Jersey.

In addition, Marinari said that the Board of Education has narrowed the Superintendent search to two candidates possibly a new superintendent be named next month. The teacher's contract appears to be close to being signed. With regards to the recent snowstorm; it was very bad. Marinari feels a good job was done by everyone. Mayor Trotta agreed. Committeeman Marinari said he was wearing a red tie because it is Women's Health month and red symbolizes that.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik commented on the public discussion regarding the analysis by the Police Chief. He would like to see what dollar amount the Chief wants. It is important to see the dollar amount to know what we are talking about. What specifically is he looking for. Sorchik said that we could investigate to see what it would cost to put a question on the ballot regarding this issue and what amount would be raised by taxation. His fear is that when you begin to put a number on it, you cannot market it with that question. Sorchik questioned if there was a limit to the amount of questions could be put on a ballot year after year. Mayor Trotta felt that it might be too late this year to put it on the ballot – there is a timeframe for that process. Business Administrator Dancer also said that no changes are able to be made to the Police contract in this year. There was discussion about this. Mayor Trotta suggested every committee member get a copy of the budget to see if any money could be moved around.

Mayor Trotta asked for public comment. Resident Lenny Grietto at 41C Highbridge Road asked a couple of questions about the referendum and the No Knock Ordinance – did it include door knockers? Attorney Kelly said that the ordinance was designed to put a house address on a registry to prevent solicitors.

Mayor Trotta asked and there was no further business.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Municipal Clerk