

March 2, 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 LOTITO COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI
DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK MAYOR TROTTA CLERK HENDRICKSON
DAVID LEUTWYLER, CDC BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR DANCER ATTORNEY KELLY

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. The budget will be introduced. There is a second reading of a two ordinances. There are no add-on items.

Committeeman Wysong asked for a clarification of Resolution 2016-122, Authorizing the Township of Plumsted to Make Application for Participation to Enroll in the 1033 Federal Program to Obtain Federal Surplus Equipment. Wysong reviewed Schedule "A", the first page 1B regarding "allowing local law enforcement to obtain, *without* local governing body approval" and then 2B about "the acquisition of property by a county or municipal law enforcement agency shall be approved by a resolution adopted by a majority of the full membership of the governing body of the local unit". Wysong said this law sounds like it is contradicting itself, unless 1B just outlines what it says in the federal law. Mayor Trotta said the federal law says we don't need local governing body's approval. The state enacted a law saying they do need approval. So Mayor Trotta said the Township is signing up for the program. Anything that will be requested, the township will have to pass another resolution to obtain it.

Assemblyman Dancer advised the interpretation by Mayor Trotta is correct; he introduced the legislation. Dancer said we are enrolling in the program by resolution. A second resolution will be required in order to approve any acquisitions.

Committeeman Lotito asked for clarification on Resolution 2016-133 regarding the appointment of chaplains. Mayor Trotta advised the chaplains were appointed by resolution in January but the program isn't official. An ordinance has to be passed for this program. In addition, chaplains have to go for training. Trotta doesn't believe any of the chaplains we've appointed for many years have been through this training. Therefore, we have to take a step back and do it the right way. We may move forward with the ordinance, training and then appoint chaplain. In the meantime, should the police need a chaplain, they are able to. We can use the county services. Lotito confirmed the ordinance will include the clarifications, regulations, etc. The attorney general has driven this program.

Mayor Trotta took the opportunity to thank Barbara Diblin. She is going to organize the invocation for the Township.

Committeeman Wysong had a question on Resolution 2016-132 regarding the aircraft at McGuire. Mayor Trotta advised other towns have passed the same resolution. With the base so close to us, we want to support them.

Mayor Trotta wanted to welcome the Boy Scouts as well.

Business Administrator Dancer asked that we add a couple of items for the executive session under contractual or potential litigation. This includes public building improvements and the cell tower lease agreement. There are estimates right at the bid threshold. The committee may want to discuss these potential projects to determine if they should go to sealed bids.

Attorney Kelly read Resolution No. 2016-120 for Executive Session, as amended.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, RESOLUTION NO. 2016-120, AUTHORIZING THE CONVENING OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT WAS ADOPTED, ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

The Township Committee returned to Open Session.

Mayor Trotta called the Regular Session of the meeting to order. There were no minutes to be approved and no correspondence.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Trotta presented Jim Dowd with a Certificate of Recognition for his over 20 years of service to the Planning/Land Use Board. He is a retired state trooper. Assemblyman Dancer also presented a certificate from the legislative office. For over 50 years, Jim Dowd and his family, wife Marie and daughter Deneen, have contributed so much to our town. Dancer thanked him for his service.

The next presentation as for “Read Across America Day.” The Plumsted Township Librarian, Shazia Zaman, explained it is celebrated on March 2nd Dr. Suess’ 112th birthday. It is an annual reading motivation day for children across the nation. Three children came forward to read from their favorite Dr. Suess book. They are: Matthew Adamski, Allison Suler and Grace Tedesco. Committeeman Wysong read a proclamation for Read Across America Day.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2, 2016 AS READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The final presentation was for the New Egypt Junior Pee Wee Pop Warner, Warrior Football Team – Division III Eastern Region Championship. Mayor Trotta asked the coaches to come forward and present their certificates. Head coach Larry Peslak came forward and explained that for 30 years, there hasn’t been a team in Burlington County to win an Eastern Region Championship. Throughout the season, they realized that they had a great football team and this was within reach, a dream come true. Peslak said this couldn’t have been done without the support of the town and community through fundraising. All of this support pushed these kids to attain this. He is so proud of these kids. Peslak talked about teamwork – the coaches, parents, team mom, and the kids. Mayor Trotta said that everyone is proud of this accomplishment.

Certificates were presented to all of the coaches: Bob Kudrick, Ralph Darienzo, Antwon Hicks, Andrew Kloc, and Rob Sempervive. Certificates were then presented to all players.

Mayor Trotta called for a five minute recess.

ORDINANCES: Introduction

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, ORDINANCE NO. 2016-04 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14) WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Trotta said the second reading and public hearing will be held at the April 6, 2016 Township Committee Meeting.

Mayor Trotta said the next resolution, Resolution 2016-121 was to introduce the 2016 Municipal Budget of Plumsted Township, which a majority of full membership is needed to approve the budget.

He read the following into the record: Be it resolved that the following statements of Revenue and Appropriations shall constitute the municipal budget for the 2016 year; Total General Appropriations \$2,782,119.46; Appropriations Excluded from Caps, \$573,562.12; Reserve for Uncollected Taxes \$52,018.42; Total General Appropriations \$3,407.700; Less Anticipated Revenues other than Current Property Taxes \$1,440,947.41; Local Tax for Municipal purposes \$1,966,752.59. Be it further resolved that said budget will be published in the Asbury Park Press

in the March 16, 2016 edition.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2016-121, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO INTRODUCE THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Trotta further stated for the record that notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Plumsted, County of Ocean on March 2, 2016. A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on April 6, 2016 at 8 pm at which time and place objections to said budget and tax resolution for the Year 2016 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested parties.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing

Mayor Trotta presented the second reading of Ordinance 2016-02 amending Chapter 47 regarding Police Department – Outside Employment. Mayor Trotta asked for public comment; there was none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, 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 CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE – ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, ORDINANCE 2016-02 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Trotta presented the second reading of Ordinance 2016-03 establishing a “No Knock” registry. He asked for public comment; there was none.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, ORDINANCE 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 CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE – ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, ORDINANCE 2016-03 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. 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. 2016-122 - AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION TO ENROLL IN THE 1033 FEDERAL PROGRAM TO OBTAIN FEDERAL SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-123 – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF GILMORE AND MONAHAN AS TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-124 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-125 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE THE JCP&L INDEMNITY LETTER FOR THE MERIDIAN HEALTH PAINT THE TOWN PINK BANNER

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-126 – AUTHORIZING JOHN J. MALLON, P.E. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER OF T&M ASSOCIATES AS PROJECT ENGINEER FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT FY2016 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HOPKINS ROAD

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-127 – 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. 2016-128 – AMENDING 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. 2016-129 – RATIFY THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO EFFECTUATE THE DISPOSAL OF OR RECYCLING OF OBSOLETE ITEMS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-130 – AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 2001, CHAPTER 30

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-131 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-132 – SUPPORTING THE SITTING OF THE NEW KC-46A TANKER AIRCRAFT AT JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-133 – RESCINDING RESOLUTION NOS. 2016-71; 72 AND 92 IN ORDER TO SEEK CLARIFICATION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAINS

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-134 - AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF UNUSED VACATION HOURS AND ONE FLOATING HOLIDAY FOR VINCENT DOELL

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-135 - AMENDING THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2016

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

MOTION TO CONSIDER:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO THE FOLLOWING BINGO AND RAFFLES LICENSES WERE APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2016-05 – Off Premise Merchandise Horse Park of New Jersey at Stone Tavern, Inc.; BINGO LICENSE NO. 2016-06 – Basket Bingo Cookstown Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary #1; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2016-07 – On Premise Merchandise Cookstown Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary #1; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2016-08 – On Premise 50/50 Cookstown Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary #1; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2016-09 – On Premise Merchandise McKaig-Test-Mullen American Legion Post #455; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2016-10 – Off Premise 50/50 New Egypt Elks No. 2457 BPOE; ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE BILL LIST OF MARCH 2, 2016 WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW: CONSTRUCTION REPORT – January, 2016; TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT – January, 2016; FINANCIAL REPORTS - Revenue Summary by Month – January, 2016; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status – January, 2016

Mayor Trotta asked for any old business; there was none. He asked for any new business.

Committeeman Marinari commented on the last BOE meeting. A new superintendent was selected, past administrator Mr. Gerald North. North will take over as of April 1, 2016 with Curriculum and as Assistant Superintendent. July 1, 2016 he will begin his new term as the Superintendent. There was no further business from the committee.

Mayor Trotta asked for public comment. Boy Scout Christian Olivo, came forward asking about the pipeline. He wanted to know where the Township and community stood on the issue. Mayor Trotta advised this has been ongoing for some time. There have been several resolutions for changes to state laws to prevent pipelines from going where local residents don't want them. We have asked the state legislature to submit bills to act on this. Mayor Trotta said that many people are against the pipeline but it is guided by the state since it is for the general good of the state. The BPU approved the plan as it is now. NJ Natural Gas still needs a lot of approvals. The committee stood against this pipeline and asked for different routes away from our community but have been turned away by NJ Natural Gas. The military base is not an option. It appears this is going through, even though Plumsted Township stands against it. It is a state issue; we have little control over it.

Olivo's second question was how can the young people of this community help with this? Mayor Trotta advised that at this point, the public hearings are done. He recommended contacting County Freeholders as they have to issue permits to open roads for the pipeline. Perhaps write to them to oppose this. Committeeman Wysong advised supporting the Assemblyman's legislation may be another route.

Danielle Peacock, 3 Brymore Road, questioned the possible referendum to raise taxes over the 2% cap. Mayor Trotta advised the timelines to do so were impossible to meet. The information was due to the county within a week of the last meeting and there wasn't a way to do that and do it properly. Mayor Trotta said the plan is to work smartly with the Chief to see what can be done. They will work with the Chief to get real numbers and plan to add a non-binding referendum to the November election. Based on the results of that election, they will know if there should be a question on the ballot for April 2017. The cost is roughly \$10,000 to do that. If there is tremendous support, they will consider it. If it fails in November, there may not be enough reason in April to add the question to justify that \$10,000.

Peacock also commented that she hopes the public will be kept informed about the progress. She mentioned the New Egypt Newsletter that is published. She said there is a lot of information from the Assembly office which is appreciated. However, the last edition didn't have one Plumsted item in it. No listing of Township meetings or any information about Plumsted. Peacock said this is a free publication to reach every resident.

There was no further business.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy J. Hendrickson, RMC
Municipal Clerk