

April 6, 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	DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK
MAYOR TROTTA	CLERK HENDRICKSON	DAVID LEUTWYLER, CDC
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR DANCER		ATTORNEY KELLY

Committeeman Marinari was absent.

Mayor Trotta called the workshop session of the meeting to order with the Flag Salute and asked everyone remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of former Police Chief Edward K. Earley, Sr. who passed away earlier in the week. The invocation was led by Rev. Gutacker. Mayor Trotta introduced the professionals at the dais.

Mayor Trotta reviewed the agenda. The budget will be presented. He noted on the agenda was a resolution for a new car for the police K-9 unit and a resolution authorizing the Statewide Click It or Ticket It program. Also, there is a resolution for Body Worn Cameras, a phone system that was being authorized to buy for the Police Department and since six were authorized the Township was receiving seven. There were also resolutions supporting Assemblyman Dancer's assembly bills regarding the pipeline and making it possible for the Township not having to go through the State every time for Trust account donations. State approval is required to create a trust fund. This would make things a lot easier going forward.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik said they would be recognizing Emergency Management Coordinator Linda Salcfas next month. Sorchik said there was correspondence from Sheriff Michael Mastronardi, Ocean County Sheriff, verifying that our Municipal Emergency Operations Plan has been approved by the County and has been forwarded to the State Police Office of Emergency Management for their four-year review. He was also in receipt of a letter from the Superintendent of State Police confirming that Coordinator Linda Salcfas' plan has met the criteria for approval as of March 15, 2016. They recognized the time and effort put into the plan and all of the efforts that go with it. The Emergency Operation Plan consists of a basic plan listing continuative operations in times of critical emergencies. This is a large document and is a lot of work verifying the information. Salcfas should be complimented on getting this approved and recognized by the State. Mayor Trotta said she will be invited to the next meeting to officially thank her.

Committeeman Lotito wanted to discuss some IT matters. He said the Township has a stack IP address which needs configuration to get it publicized and on the road. There is a new website design and it is hoped that in the next few weeks, it will be rolled out. Lotito noted that someone will need to coordinate this. There was a current employee who has some experience. It will require extra hours and also impact our budget. He wanted to bring this to everyone's attention so we can move forward. He also explained that there was a meeting with Chief Petrecca regarding working on body cameras and also replacing old XP workstations.

Mayor Trotta also wanted to point out that the Township received approval from the State for Brynmore Road to be repaved in the amount of \$275,000 and as also previously notified, there was approval for Hopkins Road which we are going out for bid now.

Attorney Kelly read Resolution No. 2016-136 for Executive Session, as amended to include Fee Simple Investments vs. Plumsted Township.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, RESOLUTION NO. 2016-136, 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.

MINUTES:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2015 WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED: ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION OF DECEMBER 2, 2015 WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 2015 WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 29, 2015 WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 1, 2016 WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2016 WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED WITH COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO ABSTAINING.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION: Effective April 11, 2106, Brant Uricks will be resigning from the Police Department.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITIO, THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ACCEPTS BRANT URICKS LETTER OF RESIGNATION WITH REGRETS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Trotta said the next order of business is to swear in a new officer, James Tillett. He asked him and anyone he wanted to come forward to be sworn in by Assemblyman Ronald Dancer.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, RESOLUTION NO. 2016-156, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES E. TILLETT AS A PROBATIONARY (FULL-TIME) REGULAR PATROLMAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED: ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

After Assemblyman Dancer performed the swearing in, he congratulated Officer Tillett. James thanked his family, the Township of Plumsted and especially Chief Petrecca for giving him the opportunity and was excited to start his new adventure. The Committee congratulated him and welcomed him aboard. Chief Petrecca thanked the Committee and Assemblyman Dancer for their support.

The Committee took a five-minute recess. The Committee returned from recess.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Trotta asked Barbara Diblin to come forward to accept the Proclamation for “National Day of Prayer Day”. Deputy Mayor Sorchik read the proclamation.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTТА, THE PROCLAMATION FOR “NATIONAL PRAYER DAY” WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Deputy Mayor Sorchik presented the proclamation to Ms. Diblin. She thanked the Committee and invited everyone to National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 7:30 PM, here in

the Municipal Building. She stated the theme was “*Wake Up America*” and the scripture was “*shout it aloud, do not hold back, raise your voice like a trumpet, Isaiah 58*”. She showed everyone a two-minute video about National Day of Prayer. Diblin thanked the Committee.

Shazai Zaman was asked to come forward to accept the next proclamation for National Library Week – April 10-16, 2016. Committeeman Wysong read and presented the proclamation to Librarian Shazia Zaman of the Plumsted Branch of the Ocean County Library.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, APRIL 10-16, 2016 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

The Committee thanked Zaman for coming. She said on behalf of the Ocean County Library, the Library Staff and her, she thanked everyone for this recognition. She then gave some history about National Library Week. She said this year’s national theme is “Libraries Transform” and Ocean County Library’s Theme is “*Connecting People, Building Communities and Transforming Lives*”. She noted that Plumsted Library is loved and valued by this community and the public and felt it was the heart of the community. They help many people get access to free books, magazines, newspapers, videos, movies and over 120 databases for research. They now have free downloadable books, audio books and digital magazines. She said people can print remotely from their homes and send the print jobs to the library. She also said they will soon be introducing a product call Hoopla, which will help people stream free movies and music. They offer free technology and English as a second language classes. They also have trained staff who provide help to prepare people who are in taking the citizenship exam. Their staff is always available to help. She thanked the Committee.

The next proclamation was for National Volunteer Week – April 10-16, 2016. Committeeman Lotito read the proclamation.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, THE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 10-16, 2016 AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Deputy Mayor Sorchik said our community really would not run without our volunteers. From the Planning Board/Land Use Board to the School Board, TNR, SOS, Historical Society, etc. it is very difficult to recognize all of the groups. All of these people donate their time and everyone is busy and some are on more than one committee. The community owes a lot to all of the folks who are willing to give up their time and volunteer and, in many cases, at their own expense. He said it was important that they are recognized in April.

Mayor Trotta asked Linda Leutwyler, Chairman of the Drug and Alcohol Alliance to come forward to accept the proclamation for National Alcohol Awareness Month, April 2016. Mayor Trotta read and presented the proclamation to Leutwyler.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL, 2016 AS NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Leutwyler wanted to thank the Township Committee and all of the community for their support for all of the Alliance’s endeavors. The Committee wanted to thank the Municipal Alliance for all of their hard work. Leutwyler also noted that there was a Family Dinner scheduled for the Primary School which is open to the primary and elementary school families with a speaker for the parents and crafts and entertainment for the children. The family dinner is a way of keeping the family unit together and thus keeping them away from bad influences.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING

Mayor Trotta said Ordinance No. 2016-04 was to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and establish a Cap Bank according to N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14. He opened the public hearing and asked for any comments. There was none.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2016-04 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

(N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14) WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, ORDINANCE NO. 2016-04 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Mayor Trotta said the Municipal Budget was introduced on March 2, 2016 and the Public Hearing today on April 6, 2016. This information was posted on the Township Website at www.plumsted.org and a copy will be available in Municipal Building and the Library. He said the budget was \$3,407,700 which is \$170,887 less than last year's budget, which is the lowest in the four-year cycle. This year the salaries are \$1,389,884 which is \$41,745 more than last year. Operating Expenses are \$1,416,937 which is \$35,593 less than last year, which is 2.4% and are still \$146,651 less than 2010 which is 9.2% less than 2010. He said the Township was within the 2% CAP Law. The maximum tax is \$1,966,753 which is \$75,882 tax dollar increase or one cent on municipal tax rate. The municipal rate will be 25.1 cents for 2016. The average home ratable base for 2015 was \$279,327 and in 2016 its \$279,293 and the base for the entire township was a little over \$783 million, roughly \$337,000 or .04% more than last year. He said the change for the average home last year was 24.1 per \$100 and this year it is 25.1 per \$100. The increase is \$27.93 or 4.15%. He said the average municipal tax portion is the lowest in the Ocean County. He said the estimated tax bill increase for 2016 for the taxing entities is School \$302,000, County \$69,000, Township \$75,000, Fire District \$48,000 and Open Space \$67. The increase is about 2.28% or \$436,059. Of the total budget, the School receives 63.1%, County 18%, Township 10%, Fire District 8% and Open Space .08%.

Mayor Trotta asked if anyone would like to be heard on the budget, please come forward. Danielle Peacock, 3 Brynmore Road, said there were two sides to the budget, expenses and revenues which need to equal out. She asked on the revenue side if the Township was doing everything possible to bring in every cent of revenue that is available. Peacock then said the building is being used every Sunday by one of the churches and 31 Main Street is used by different entities and asked if there was an ordinance or fee to use them, which she could not find any. She wanted to know what was offsetting us as taxpayers for paying for the utility bills for the individual entities who are using the building.

Mayor Trotta said that the Township set up a Trust account for donations for the upkeep. Bible Baptist Church has made donations to the Trust and have also donated products to the town. Parishioners also clean the open areas of the building every Saturday before using it. Peacock noted that 31 Main Street was also being used. She asked if any analysis has been done to make sure there was compensation. She mentioned that the Fire District has rental fees, they do not use taxpayer dollars to offset the use of their building. She wanted to know if the Township was doing the same thing to offset the taxpayer dollars by private entities.

Mayor Trotta said this can be looked into again and he was not mayor when this decision was made and did not say there would not have been any different decisions. Trotta did not have all of the facts in front of him but if we start charging the churches which are nonprofit organizations to use the building, don't we have to start charging the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and various other groups that use the building. She said if it were her tax dollars, she said that is a specialized group of people and now you come to me and say her taxes are going up a penny, 2.28% on my tax bill and now she is asking if the Township was doing everything to make sure her tax dollars are being used and offset by every revenue possible. She said in looking at other municipalities and their ordinances and how they use their building, it is common practice in most towns to allow people to use their buildings but there is usually an offset cost to that or a lease agreement for insurance purposes to make sure if someone gets hurt and things of that sort. She asked if this was something this community was doing or will do in the future. It is our money being used to pay for that.

Mayor Trotta said this would be looked into again but if we decide to charge any one group, it has to be made fair for everybody. He said he wasn't sure we want to start charging some groups like Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. He didn't think the public would like that.

Business Administrator Dancer said from a historical perspective, he said since the late 1980's the Township has never charged nonprofit organizations. That's not to say that we can notify that a citizen has brought forth a suggestion and that the nonprofits be charged. With respect to the firehouse, there are private groups that use the firehouse for a fee, but he was not aware of

any private groups that were all nonprofit that were utilizing the facilities.

Peacock also noted that something should be looked into with respect to the amount of usage of the building for particular groups, like ones that meet every week all day, compared to groups that meet once a month for an hour. She felt it was something that should be looked into as far as monetary expenses to offset those expenditures. She asked if there had been an analysis since the two years the church has been using the building and if there was an increase and if so, has there been an offset to that. She felt that was something the Township Committee and Finance Office were obligated to do to make sure that it is being done the proper way.

Committeeman Lotito said that this was a public building and Plumsted is about a sense of community and that really goes a long way in terms of meeting the community, supporting them and they are community members that do pay taxes. He believed there was a public use aspect of that, but also he knows that the kind of things she was mentioning where people were volunteering labor and cleaning this building, we would have to hire people to do that. That was an expense. She mentioned there were maintenance people which Committeeman Lotito said they were part-time people which that alleviates some of their load, a savings to the Township. She said in looking at the big picture, are the donations an offset to the cost of using the building.

Committeeman Lotito said that the Township Committee struggles so much. They meet several times a year trying to put together a budget that meet the needs and demands of the Township. In our town, there is a dichotomy of views about what we should be doing and how we should be doing it. He appreciated Peacock's comments. At the same time, there are people that say I moved into Plumsted and their expectations of the town are they want lower taxes and less services and things to be leaner and meaner. Then there is a side of the coin, looking at the Township budget that 10% of our budget dollars coming from the Township where we support a police department. He said it was very difficult to make ends meet and at the same time try to accomplish things; it is not an easy task. He wanted to thank Business Administrator Dancer and the CFO and everyone who is involved in the process. It is a difficult process to try to meet the two equal but opposite point of views in trying to accomplish that.

Pastor Dominick Cuozzo, 98 Lakewood Road, said in mentioning the churches, the Bible Baptist Church has paperwork and gets special insurance wherever they meet. He did not know how all nonprofits work, but they carry the proper insurance which was on file at the Township. He said as soon as their building is built and they leave the municipal building, he wanted that announcement to be like ahhh man. He wanted the Committee to miss them. Cuozzo said he appreciated the Township Committee's volunteerism and thanked them.

Mayor Trotta asked for a motion to close the public hearing on the budget.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION 2016-137, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET WAS ADOPTED. 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. 2016-138 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN AMAZING AMUSEMENTS & ENTERTAINMENT, INC. AND PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP'S MAIN STREET NEW EGYPT

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-139 – AWARDING THE PURCHASE OF A 2016 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY 4WD VEHICLE WITH K-9 TRANSPORT SYSTEM THROUGH STATE CONTRACT #T-0106 (81332)

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-140 – AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY CLICK IT OR TICKET 2016 STATEWIDE SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT MOBILIZATION APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-141 – AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SMALL AGENCY BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM FY2016

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-142 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR THE 2016 ROCKIN' FIREWORKS BANNER

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-143 – APPROVING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT LAURITA WINERY FOR VARIOUS DATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-144 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-145 – REFUNDING WIRELESS EDGE'S BID BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,000.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-146 – SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3537 (Sponsored by Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer, District 12)

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-147 – REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 (OCEAN COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND SAFETY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00)

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-148 – ENDORSING ASSEMBLY BILLS SPONSORED BY THE HONORABLE RONALD S. DANCER, DISTRICT 12, REGARDING CERTAIN UTILITY COMPANY RIGHTS OF WAY, INTRA-STATE NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PLACEMENT AND BPU PROCEDURES

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-149 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF PLANNING/LAND USE BOARD ESCROW BALANCE TO AT&T MOBILITY & SUBSIDIARIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-150 – AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR THE NJDOT FY2015 MUNICIPAL AID GRANT ROAD PROGRAM (DISCRETIONARY AID) FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HOPKINS ROAD

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-151 – AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #2 TO AN AWARDED CONTRACT TO EARLE ASPHALT FOR THE NJDOT FY2014 DISCRETIONARY AID (OAKWOOD DRIVE)

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-152 – DESIGNATING EMPLOYEE SALARIES FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-153 – REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 (NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY2016 MUNICIPAL AID GRANT ROAD PROGRAM (DISCRETIONARY AID FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BRYNMORE ROAD (\$275,000.00)

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-154 – AWARDED THE PURCHASE OF SEVEN POLICE RADIOS THROUGH STATE CONTRACT #83909

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-155 – AWARDED THE PURCHASE OF TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH STATE CONTRACT #80801

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADDED TO THE AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-157 – AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS ON PERFORMANCE BOND NUMBER AMBOY NATIONAL BANK, #1612 FOR BLOCK 43, LOT 59.01

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

MOTION TO CONSIDER:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE FOLLOWING BINGO AND RAFFLES LICENSES WERE APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2016-11 – Off Premise 50/50 for Warrior Booster Club, Inc. (06/12/16); RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2016-12 – Off Premise 50/50 for Warrior Booster Club Inc. (06/26/16); and RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2016-13 – Off Premise 50/50 for McKaig-Test-Mullen American Legion Post #455. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, THE BILL LIST OF APRIL 6, 2016 WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

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

Mayor Trotta asked for any old business; there was none. He asked for any new business. There was no further business from the committee.

Mayor Trotta asked for public comment.

Robert Ball, 72 Lakeview Drive questioned the Township’s website not being user friendly whatsoever and asked who maintained it. Mayor Trotta said at the 7PM Workshop Session the website was discussed. Committeeman Lotito said they have been making strides to host in the Township. We have a server and public IP space which has been allocated to the Township and there will be a firewall called the DMZ and we have a content management system in place and design in place. He said one of the biggest struggles is that we do not have personnel readily available to maintain it. The people who are maintaining it now are volunteering. There is a conflict and it is now being maintained on an as needed basis. Lotito said he personally has been funding the domain name for Township and the Website and hosting it on his servers at no cost. He said they are making strides but the biggest struggle was how can we, in light of the budget constraints and availability of resources, designate someone in the Township to really take control of that and drive it. There is a special skill set that needs to happen, not only do you need to be familiar with putting in information and making sure it gets on the site and proofread it as well. There is also a public relations aspect to that in putting out news releases, etc. He said regarding Facebook a social media site for a township is like a full time job. He said they have a website for the Municipal MUA that has an interactive map with web alerts and news lists that run from Plumsted.net which advises residents about recycling, trash and bulk pickup. There is also a subsystem for potholes and street lights and deer carcasses.

Mr. Ball asked if there was any idea as to when this was going to take effect, which he was told that until they had a part-time or full time person to do the job but they were currently deploying the infrastructure. Mr. Ball noted that for many years it has been a stagnant website and Committeeman Lotito agreed because of budget and dollar constraints. Committeeman Lotito said in terms of technology on the site, it will be a responsive best practices kind of a website so it can run from your phone or different places. It will be getting a big update and facelift, it’s just a matter of discerning what data to put on there and publish that data.

Ron Tabor, 1 Holly Hill Drive said he had concerns regarding the turns going from 539 towards town and people who want to turn left into the Wawa, which is a danger zone and how to make it better. This has been going on since it has opened. Also there is a dip in the road going from town towards the New Egypt Church of Christ and the road is starting to break away, which will

eventually be a large pothole there. Tabor said something needs to be done there.

Mayor Trotta said next week there was a meeting between the Township and the County as this is a County Road. Both of these issues will be brought to their attention.

Mr. Tabor also asked about the cell tower. Deputy Mayor Sorchik said he was frustrated as well. The deal is the Township signs a contract with the tower construction company who guarantees an income for the town based on the number of vendors who go on the tower. They currently have two vendors and they are paying the annual fee to the town for use of the land and having the tower there. The vendors have decided that they were not in a hurry to put antennas on the tower yet. Everyone is getting paid, it is just that the two companies who have contracts with the vendor for antennas have failed to move. He has contacted the contracting company and the legislative office of Verizon and their best estimate was June of this year when there will be some action. He has received nothing in writing at this time. He said with him it is a public safety issue because the police department has to go outside of their building to make a cell phone call, which is unacceptable. At this time there is nothing we can do to force them.

Mr. Tabor asked who was in charge of renting out those spaces, which he was told it was the owner of the tower. Deputy Mayor Sorchik said Wireless Edge is the company and they have told the Township that Verizon and AT&T have contracts with them to install antennas. Three more companies can put antennas on that tower which would be an increase in service but also it would increase the revenue coming into the town. Mayor Trotta said \$37,497 for 2016 was in the budget for the cell tower.

Business Administrator Dancer said that any member of the public that has any questions or concerns with regard to the traffic pattern at Wawa, he encouraged them to attend the May 3rd meeting of the Planning Board as Wawa will be there.

Barbara Diblin, 12 Terrace Avenue, wanted to pass out National Day of Prayer pens and thanked everyone for their support.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy J. Hendrickson, RMC
Municipal Clerk