

The regular monthly meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Pohatcong was called to order on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 7:03 p.m. in the Alpha Borough Municipal Building. Mayor Kern being in the Chair, Councilman Snyder, Councilman Vangeli and Councilwoman Van Lieu were present. Township Engineer, Gwen Steckel, and the Township Clerk were also in attendance. Councilman Schick arrived at 7:05 p.m. Attorney, Kevin Benbrook was absent.

The Chair announced that adequate notice of the meeting was given the Express Times and the Star Gazette satisfying the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Kern led us in silent prayer and a salute to the flag.

Approval of minutes

Councilman Vangeli made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2012 meeting. Seconded by Snyder, the motion carried 4-0 (ayes: Snyder, Vangeli, Van Lieu and Kern, nays: none, absent for vote: Schick).

Vangeli moved to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2012 meeting; seconded by Snyder. The motion carried 4-0 (ayes: Snyder, Vangeli, Van Lieu and Kern, nays: none, absent for vote: Schick).

Councilman Vangeli made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Kern and carried 5-0 (ayes: Schick, Snyder, Vangeli, Van Lieu and Kern, nays: none).

Approval of bills

Councilman Vangeli moved that the payment of all bills presented in proper form, signed by a majority of the members, and listed on the bill list be approved, Schick seconded. The motion carried 5-0 (ayes: Schick, Snyder, Vangeli, Van Lieu and Kern, nays: none,).

Public Comments: (pertaining to agenda items)

Michael Newman of River Road questioned why there was no mention of the Highlands Council attending this meeting on the agenda. Mayor Kern responded that he, Benbrook, Marc Metzger, Gene Weber, Susan Gruel and Steve Babinsky attended a meeting at their office July 12th. Because this is a municipal decision, the Highlands Council would not come to a public meeting but offered to meet with Council and Land Use Board members.

Attorney's Report - Kevin Benbrook

Attorney Benbrook was absent.

Engineer's Report – Gwen Steckel

Ms. Steckel provided the following report:

White Castle: White Castle submitted a Zoning Permit Application asking to place a 10' x 20' tent and storage pod in their parking lot during the first 2 weeks of business to cook and sell food to keep up with anticipated demand when they first open. She was concerned for public safety reasons that this tent was adjacent to a driveway and suggested they come to this meeting to discuss with Council because the Land Use Board meeting will be held after their grand opening.

Mr. John Whitaker, Area Supervisor, White Castle and Tom Bray addressed Council and distributed a plan showing their planned traffic pattern and complimented Gwen Steckel for the excellent suggestions she had made. They explained that they anticipate a huge response to the Grand Opening on Sunday, July 22 and for the first two weeks of business. He advised that when they opened in Whitehall, traffic backed up on MacArthur Road and there was a two hour wait at the

drive-through. In order to avoid any traffic problems, they want to implement the plan they use for events. They have obtained their permit from the Warren County Health Department and are in the process of obtaining the permit from the township's fire official.

Mr. Whitaker answered questioned posed by Mayor, Council and Fire Chief Pursell.

Motion: (to authorize the Zoning Officer to issue a Zoning Permit for the temporary storage pod and tent during the initial two week opening period)

Councilman Vangeli made a motion to authorize the Zoning Officer to issue the permit as stated. Seconded by Van Lieu, the motion carried 5-0 (ayes: Schick, Snyder, Vangeli, Van Lieu and Kern, nays: none).

Silver Hill Road: She spoke with a resident of Silver Hill Road who is asking if the residents could make some improvements (drainage, paving) so that the Township will take over the road. If Council wants to entertain this, she would recommend that the residents hire an engineer to prepare a plan showing what they will do to bring it into compliance with the RSIS standards.

Mr. Wade Warren of Silver Hill Road explained that ten homes were built on Silver Hill Road in the 1960s. It is a private road and the residents formed an association to cover maintenance of their road. They have done some drainage and millings over the years. Before they do more, they wanted some direction from Council to ensure that what they do would meet with township standards as they would like the township to take this road over. Ms. Steckel stated that the road has a steep grade and a big ditch on one side. The work would have to be done to the RSIS standards and a civil engineer would know how to do it. Mayor Kern said that if the road was all brought up to code, he would consider taking it over as a township road. There was further discussion about this and other private roads within the township and the impact of taking them over.

Wal-Mart: We have a meeting on Friday morning with Wal-Mart to discuss the lack of upkeep on the property and the non-functioning fountain in the detention basin.

Hurricane Irene Storm Damage Repairs: Are seeking acceptance of the plans and authorization to go out to bid.

Still Valley Stone Arch: We strongly recommend holding off on the construction work for the concrete repairs until after the repointing work has been completed. After further discussion with our restoration expert, he has convinced her that there is a need to allow for sufficient contingencies because of unknown conditions.

Township Council Reports

Schick, Director of Buildings/Grounds – reported that the improvements to the Municipal Building are moving along and provided more details.

Snyder, Director of Public Safety – nothing to report.

Vangeli, Director of Public Works – informed Council that there is a problem on Salem Alley; it is not passable for emergency vehicles due to overgrowth of weeds and trees. The clerk informed Council that the Zoning Officer had sent out violation notices to the

property owners and that only two had taken action to abate the problem. Council can now take care of the problem and put a lien for the cost on the properties involved.

He then reported that the “No Littering” signs along River Road have already been vandalized; painted, bent or torn down. In response to Van Lieu’s question, Chief Greenemeir stated that he saw that and filed a police report.

Councilman Vangeli informed Council that roots like concrete have clogged the sewer main near 302 Liggett Boulevard. He authorized the DPW to hire someone to line the pipe. He also said that the street sweeping would be starting tomorrow on the roads that were chipped and oiled. Mayor Kern asked how we can better inform the residents about this process in the future. The information was on the website and Michael Newman stated that signs were posted weeks in advance. Vangeli also reported that the DPW had filled in some sinkholes on River Road.

Vangeli also advised that there had been a bad accident last night at Route 22 and Greenwich Street where there is no red light traffic enforcement. He asked Chief Greenemeir to come to tonight’s meeting with some statistics to prove his point of view that they made the right decision about the cameras at the two intersections of Route 22 and 122 and Route 22 and Route 519.

Chief Greenemeir addressed Council and those in attendance with motor vehicle crash statistics. He stated that in 2010, before the installation of the red light enforcement cameras, there were 82 accidents: 40 at the intersection of Routes 22 and Route 519 and 42 at the intersection of Routes 22 and 122 (New Brunswick Avenue). Eighteen of these accidents were caused by someone running a red light resulting in 2 injuries. In 2011, that number was 57: 23 at the intersection of Routes 22 and Route 519 and 34 at the intersection of Routes 22 and 122 (New Brunswick Avenue). The red light enforcement cameras were activated on August 23, 2011 and warnings were issued for a thirty day period through September 23rd. In the three months that the cameras were active in 2011, the number of motor vehicle accidents was reduced to ten accidents caused by running a red light with eighteen injured. From January 1, 2012 through July 6th, the number of accidents at these two intersections dropped to a total of 12, none caused by running a red light and two injuries. The cameras are working to reduce the number of accidents and injuries. There have been no rear end accidents. There was further discussion about the number of citations issued, the road signage and traffic lights, etc. Jerry Kern questioned if the township was keeping up with the requirements and Chief Greenemeir explained the pilot program and the traffic study was completed, certified by our township engineer and submitted to NJDOT for their approval. Marc Metzger inquired if there was something unique about the Greenwich street design configuration. Greenemeir responded that it is a new intersection and talked about the lanes and lights. Ingrid Gray asked if caution lights could be installed and Greenemeir replied that would be regulated the NJDOT. Mr. Michael Newman added that he noticed that people look at the second set of lights when approaching Route 22 from 519 toward Phillipsburg Easton Honda.

Councilman Vangeli thanked Chief Greenemeir for providing this valuable information.

Van Lieu, Director of Administration – informed Council that Rose Toth’s family would like to purchase a plaque to honor her term as the first elected female to serve on Pohatcong Township Council. Van Lieu wanted to accept this plaque by motion.

Motion:

Councilwoman Van Lieu moved to accept a plaque to honor Mrs. Toth’s term of office; seconded by Schick. The motion carried 5-0 (ayes: Schick, Snyder, Vangeli, Van Lieu and Kern, nays: none).

Van Lieu informed Council that she is working to find a new Animal Control Officer to replace Tony Fontana who is retiring after doing this job for over thirty years. She expects to hire this new person retroactively at the next meeting. She also reported that the search for a CFO continues and that Andrew Coppola has continued to cover this position off hours until we find someone.

Kern, Director of Public Welfare/Health – informed the public that our shared service agreement with Alpha for police coverage will be ending in September. They have chosen

to negotiate with Phillipsburg for police services. Councilman Snyder wanted to clarify that there was no negotiations with us. We made an offer to Alpha and sent letters asking what they were looking for, what we could do and never heard anything back from them. Mayor Kern added that the township offered the best price we could; but couldn't match Phillipsburg's offer. We don't want our tax payers subsidizing Alpha's police service.

He also reported that he had asked each Council member to prepare a written report on their respective department with regard to their accomplishments last year and this year. This could be helpful in preparing next year's budget.

Mayor Kern advised Council that he had talked to Benbrook about preparing an ordinance that would limit the amount of times any board member could recuse themselves for a conflict of interest. More than twice would be cause for removal from their seat. Councilman Snyder thought this wasn't necessary and it's hard enough to get people to volunteer for these boards and commissions as it is. Limiting the amount of times they can recuse themselves would limit the number of people interested in serving the township.

Motion:

Van Lieu moved to authorize Benbrook to draft an ordinance limiting the number of recusals, seconded by Schick. The motion carried 4-1 (ayes: Schick, Vangeli, Van Lieu and Kern, nays: Snyder).

Mayor Kern informed the public that a special meeting was held on Monday July 16 to adopt an amended spending plan prepared by our planner, Susan Gruel and Attorney Benbrook. This was needed to secure our affordable housing fees.

The following five (5) resolutions were introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION

**PREMIUM RETURN
OF TAX CERTIFICATE 2012-013**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Pohatcong has advised Mayor and Council that tax sale certificate #2012-013 for Block 56, Lot 11 has been redeemed;

WHEREAS, a premium of \$4,000 was paid at the tax sale and has been redeemed within five (5) years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Pohatcong this 17th day of July 2012 that the premium of \$4,000 be returned to the following lien holder:

FWDSL & Associates, LP
Certificate #2012-013
290 US Highway 22
Green Brook, NJ 08812

RESOLUTION

**REDEMPTION OF TAX
CERTIFICATE #2012-013**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Pohatcong advised Mayor and Council that the following property has been redeemed and the money due thereon paid to the Township of Pohatcong Tax Collector;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Pohatcong this 17th day of July 2012 that refunds are made to the certificate holder as noted:

CERTIFICATE HOLDER	BLOCK/LOT	CERT#	AMOUNT
FWDSL & Associates, LP 290 US Highway 22 Green Brook, NJ 08812	56/11	2012-013	\$ 6,486.76

RESOLUTION

**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE
SOUTH WARREN MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE**

WHEREAS, The Township Council of the Township of Pohatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Warren;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Pohatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize submission of an application for the South Warren Municipal Alliance grant for calendar year 2013 in the amount of \$ 39,251.00
2. The Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED: _____
James R. Kern III, Mayor

RESOLUTION

**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF POHATCONG
COUNTY OF WARREN
SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUSTAINABLE
JERSEY® MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Pohatcong strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Pohatcong hereby acknowledges that the residents of Pohatcong desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS the Township of Pohatcong wishes to support a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future by exploring and adopting sustainable, economically-sound, local government practices; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path the Township of Pohatcong is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of the Township of Pohatcong, we have a significant responsibility to provide leadership which will seek community-based sustainable solutions to strengthen our community:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that to focus attention and effort within the Township of Pohatcong on matters of sustainability, the Township Council wishes to pursue local initiatives and actions that will lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Township of Pohatcong that we do hereby authorize Mayor, James R. Kern III to serve as the Township of Pohatcong's agent for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process and authorize him to complete the Municipal Registration on behalf of the Township of Pohatcong.

RESOLUTION

TO EXTEND GRACE PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES TOWNSHIP OF POHATCONG

WHEREAS, the 2012 final and 2013 preliminary tax bills will be mailed out beyond the June 14, 2012 statutory date, N.J.S.A. 54:4-64 as a result in a delay in obtaining the Municipal Tax Rate, and

WHEREAS, the law of 1994 known as A179 requires a minimum of a twenty-five day payment period for either estimated or final tax bills.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Pohatcong this 17th day of July, 2012 that the grace period allowed for payment of the August 1, 2012 tax quarter be extended to August 21, 2012 and any payment received after said date will be charged interest from the original August 1, 2012 due date.

Motion:

Councilwoman Van Lieu made a motion to adopt the foregoing five (5) resolutions. Seconded by Schick, the motion carried 5-0 (ayes: Schick, Snyder, Vangeli, Van Lieu and Kern, nays: none).

The introduction of the following two (2) ordinances:

12-07 ORDINANCE

APPROPRIATING \$30,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP OF POHATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, FOR STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS

WHEREAS, repairs to catch basins, drainage and roads need to be made due to storm damage from Hurricane Irene; and

WHEREAS, FEMA will reimburse an estimated 75% of the costs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Pohatcong that:

1. The amount of \$30,000.00 be hereby appropriated from the capital improvement fund.
2. There is no debt authorized by this ordinance.

This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after final publication in accordance with the law.

12-08
ORDINANCE

**APPROPRIATING \$13,777 FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF POHATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN,
FOR RUSSELL AVENUE SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT
AND AMENDING AN ORDINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR
RUSSELL AVENUE SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT**

WHEREAS, there was a need for an emergency sewer main replacement due to an unexpected line failure; and

WHEREAS, ordinance 11-09 appropriating \$100,000 was adopted for Russell Avenue Sewer Main Replacement; and

WHEREAS, there is additional excavating and a change order was required; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Pohatcong that:

1. The amount of \$13,777 be hereby appropriated from the fund balance of the sewer utility capital fund.
2. The amount appropriated for Russell Avenue Sewer Main replacement be increased to \$113,777
3. There is no debt authorized by this ordinance.

This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after final publication in accordance with the law.

Motion:

Councilman Schick made a motion to introduce the foregoing two (2) ordinances and schedule the second reading and public hearing for the August 21st meeting. Seconded by Van Lieu, the motion carried 5-0 (ayes: Schick, Snyder, Vangeli, Van Lieu and Kern, nays: none).

The 2nd reading of the following two (2) ordinances for public hearing and adoption:

12-05
ORDINANCE

**APPROPRIATING \$108,982 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF POHATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN,
FOR POLICE FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT**

Motion:

Councilwoman Van Lieu made the motion to open the foregoing ordinance to public comment, seconded by Schick. The motion carried; all were in favor.

Judy Forbes of Creek Road asked what this money was for. The clerk responded that it was for furniture, lockers and an SUV for the police department.

Motion:

Hearing no further comment, Van Lieu made the motion to close public comment and adopt the foregoing ordinance. Seconded by Schick, the motion carried 5-0 (ayes: Schick, Snyder, Vangeli, Van Lieu and Kern, nays: none).

**12-06
ORDINANCE**

**ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED,
“BOND ORDINANCE REFERENDUM REQUIREMENTS”**

Motion:

Councilwoman Van Lieu made the motion to open the foregoing ordinance to public comment, seconded by Snyder. The motion carried; all were in favor.

Jerry Kern commented that this is long overdue and hoped that Council would all adopt it.

Laura Reper had some questions about what this ordinance means. Mayor Kern replied that it would cap Council's ability to bond for any project(s) in excess of \$400,000 without going to referendum on the ballot for the voters to decide. There were exceptions for emergencies.

Marc Metzger asked for the state's definition of emergency and questioned the impact to our infrastructure.

Ms. Steckel asked if this ordinance would restrict the township from taking advantage of grants. She explained that a few years ago the township got a reimbursable grant from the DRJTBC in excess of \$900,000 that was used for improvements in the Riegelsville area.

Laura Oltman asked what the cost of public referendum would be or for a special election if that would be required. She also asked how this would affect the township's participation in farmland preservation.

Councilman Snyder responded that this could end up costing the town money by losing grant funding and the potential for additional election expenses especially since we no longer have the May municipal election.

Marc Metzger questioned how this would work operationally from a budget perspective. Mayor Kern responded that the township should not budget more than we have to spend.

Jeff Loveatz, Assistant DPW Supervisor, asked if there was any consideration to the situation on River Road that was just temporarily fixed. The cost to do the full reconstruction was well over this \$400,000 amount. Mayor Kern said this doesn't mean we can't bond; it would go to referendum to get the public involved.

Judy Forbes stated that things come up that may need to be bonded. How will the question be worded, with what tone or attitude; the public would need to fully understand the need for the specific project.

Mr. Richard Stevens asked if the township is having trouble meeting the bond obligations. What's the reasoning behind this, why is this needed? Mayor Kern explained that several years ago the township bonded for the municipal building project. When it came to vote to move ahead with the project, only Councilman Snyder voted against it. He said he regretted his vote to do it; but at the time we were negotiating a regional police department with Lopatcong. He came up with this idea in response to Frank Becker's concerns about the cost for the municipal building. Mrs. Forbes said she was not in favor of it either but the bond ordinance was properly advertised and the public had every opportunity to speak their concerns then. That was done years ago already.

Motion:

Hearing no further comment, Van Lieu made the motion to close public comment and adopt the foregoing ordinance. Seconded by Schick, the motion carried 3-2 (ayes: Schick, Van Lieu and Kern, nays: Snyder and Vangeli).

Motion(s):

Motion: (to accept the plans and specifications for the 2011 FEMA Storm Damage Repairs and to authorize Cherry, Weber & Associates to advertise the project for bidding)

Motion: (to accept the plans for the Still Valley Stone Arch: Masonry Repairs and to authorize Cherry, Weber and Associates to solicit bids and/or publicly bid for specialized stone masons)

Motion: (to authorize the Mayor to sign the Final NJDOT Voucher for the Reconstruction of Haig Boulevard that will allow the Township to receive the remaining balance of the grant (\$40,000) pending review and approval of the Maintenance Bond by the Township Attorney)

Councilman Schick moved to approve the foregoing three (3) motions. Seconded by Kern, the motion carried 5-0 (ayes: Schick, Snyder, Vangeli, Van Lieu and Kern, nays: none).

Motion: (to accept the plans and specifications for the Still Valley Stone Arch: Concrete Repairs and to authorize Cherry, Weber and Associates to advertise the project for bidding)

After discussion with Ms. Steckel, Mayor Kern moved that the foregoing motion be tabled and reconsidered once the interior work of the tunnel is completed. Van Lieu seconded and the motion carried; all were in favor.

Motion: (to authorize an additional \$1500.00 to pay Tim Hoffman, an expert appraiser, to assist Mr. Murdoch, Tax Assessor, with assigning values to the commercial properties)

Councilman Schick made the motion to authorize an additional \$1500 to pay Mr. Hoffman as stated; Van Lieu seconded. The motion carried 4-1 (ayes: Schick, Vangeli, Van Lieu and Kern, nays: Snyder).

Motion: (to reimburse Lois Anderson, 302 Liggett Boulevard, for plumbing expenses in the amount of \$385 resulting from a clog in our sewer main)

Councilman Snyder moved to reimburse Lois Anderson for plumbing expenses as stated. Seconded by Schick, the motion carried 5-0 (ayes: Schick, Snyder, Vangeli, Van Lieu and Kern, nays: none)

Public Comments:

Trish Becker, 51 Creek Road, wanted to publicly thank Mayor and Council for adopting the ordinance to cap the bonding amount. She also offered her comments about the “no Littering” signs on River Road and questioned the status of the wells after the Finesville Dam Removal. Ms. Becker also advised that the Road Department had removed the graffiti on River Road and thought something should be on the roadway to alert drivers about the narrow roadway by the tracks. Council discussed. Don Grube, DPW Supervisor, suggested that the railroad be contacted to ask them to widen the road by the tracks and explained further. Snyder asked Mr. Grube to spray along the road edge to indicate the narrowing. Ms. Steckel was asked to check into the situation further.

Judy Forbes of Creek Road inquired about the township’s waste water management plan and if the town would have to pay for something the Highlands Council would have done for us. Mayor Kern replied that this issue was addressed at the meeting with the Highlands Council. Mr. Metzger added that the waste water management plan is a plan in progress. The Township has not updated the WWMP; Highlands Council was doing that

with us. We've worked an agreement with the Highlands Council and they will be submitting a plan with notations to the NJDEP to meet the deadline. As it stands now, there are no additional resources needed for this but there's no way of knowing what future requirements will cost. Mrs. Forbes wants to know how much is going to be put into the budget to cover these planning expenses. As a tax payer and resident, she wants the town to inform the public of expenses that the township will be paying and the Highlands would have paid.

Laura Oltman wanted to clarify that if the township were not to opt in, what the effects would be to the WWMP and EAI, gallonage capacity issues and the Phillipsburg treatment plant. Mayor Kern said that what has to happen to stop funding from the Highlands Council is that the Township Council would need to adopt a formal resolution to opt out. Ms. Oltman thanked the Mayor for this information and for attending the meeting.

Mr. Richard Stevens said that at the last Highlands Council meeting, there was talk about the exemptions that would apply to the preservation area. He felt that it would behoove the township to keep an open mind.

Jerry Kern stated that he hoped his voice has prompted these changes because his life has been stalled for eight years.

Donald Grube informed Council that as the Emergency Management Coordinator he is working on the Township's Emergency Management Plan that must be submitted to the state for approval in November. Any grants the township gets from the state and FEMA are contingent upon the township having an approved Emergency Management Plan. Mr. Grube explained that all damaged areas must be photographed and all work, time, equipment and materials used by the Police Department, Fire Department and Road Departments must be fully documented to submit for reimbursement from FEMA and the state. We are getting reimbursed 75% of costs associated with the damage from Hurricane Irene and the October snow storm. The state did not contribute their 25% share for these two events.

Enrique Hernandez, 301 River Road, said that low bridge signs should be posted on Snyder's Road to warn big trucks about the low bridge on River Road. He added that a tractor trailer could not fit under the bridge and had to back up all River Road. There was further discussion with Ms. Steckel.

Mayor Kern addressed an email from Mr. Jim Rogers. Mr. Rogers could not attend tonight's meeting but wanted to know if Councilman Vangeli had done anything about checking into his suggestion for the township to provide trash collections. He also commented on the reappointment of the township attorney. The clerk had responded to Mr. Rogers email and explained that the contracts for all township professionals were extended through December 31, 2012.

Laura Reper said that competition is a good thing. She did not think this idea would save the residents anything and likes having the option to select from three carriers. Councilman Snyder agreed and said that was what he had heard from the residents he talked with about this. If the township were to provide the service, the fee would be the same to all households regardless of whether one person lived there or a large family.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Correspondence

Copies of all correspondence were distributed, action taken where necessary and filed for further perusal.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, on motion by Van Lieu, seconded by Schick this meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Wanda L. Kutzman, RMC
Township Clerk

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