

August 11, 2015 – AGENDA SESSION

President Keyes-Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Statement:

The notice requirements provided for in the “Open Public Meetings Act” have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in a notice which was transmitted to the Times of Trenton and the Trentonian, filed with the Clerk of the Township of Ewing and posted in the Ewing Township Municipal Complex, all on the 2nd day of January, 2015.

THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL DURING THE “STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC” SEGMENT OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN IN ON SHEET PROVIDED IN THE FRONT OF THE ROOM. ALL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, WHEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL, PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME AND YOUR ADDRESS.

THE COUNCIL INVITES AND ENCOURAGES PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC IN ITS MEETINGS, HOWEVER A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY UTILIZE FIVE MINUTES OF TIME FOR REMARKS AND QUESTIONS, UNLESS OTHERWISE ENGAGED IN A DIALOGUE WITH A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL. ANY FURTHER REMARKS OR QUESTIONS BEYOND THE TIME LIMIT MUST BE AUTHORIZED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.

ROLL CALL

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| ▪ Mr. Baxter – Excused | Jim McManimon, Administrator |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth – Present | Joanna Mustafa, CFO |
| ▪ Ms. Steward – Present | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Ms. Wollert – Present | Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk |
| ▪ President Keyes-Maloney – Present | |

The Clerk stated for the record that Mr. Baxter has an excused absence this evening.

PRESENTATION

1. Robert Green – New Township Website

President Keyes-Maloney said that several months ago Council approved changes to the Township website and then introduced Robert Green (Director of Technology) who is here tonight to preview the new website.

Mr. Green said that we are still tweaking some things; however, this is a good representation as to what the end product will be. Two things that we tried to do is one, make the website more aesthetic and two, make it more easy to navigate. One complaint is finding documents. A solution is to use an embedded Google Docs Document Library. After the folders are created, departments will be able to upload their own documents. Mr. Green next demonstrated the document upload procedure. Mr. Green then discussed the front page and said that we are trying to provide better space for our notices. There will be space for more urgent notices. Mr. Green said that we are still looking at other layouts. Our goal is to make the website easier to use, easier to navigate and more aesthetic.

President Keyes-Maloney said that she likes the fact that we will be creating a repository for our documents.

Mr. Green added that documents can be organized in any way that we want.

Councilwoman Steward asked if the documents will be searchable.

Mr. Green replied that we can make them searchable.

The Administrator asked, if there was an event listed on the front page and the event had already happened, will the notice fall off the website automatically.

Mr. Green explained that one of the underlying technologies that we are looking at, called Adobe Business Catalyst, is a suite of software like Word Press but is more tailored for business. It includes automatic post aging and automatic go live date.

President Keyes-Maloney asked when do you foresee the new website going live.

Mr. Green said that it should be ready within the next couple of weeks for department heads to look at and comment on their section. Mr. Green said that it is his goal to have that done by the next Department head meeting in September. After that, maybe another month or two to go live.

President Keyes-Maloney commented that her workplace is also going through a website migration and said that what she has seen at the Township is significantly better than what she has seen at her workplace.

President Keyes-Maloney said that the load time of the current website has gotten significantly better.

Mr. Green said that he has made some adjustments, but is still not happy with the speed.

Councilwoman Steward said that the larger issue is to have uniform dedication to provide content to the site.

Mr. Green replied that he agrees and will emphasize that to each department head when they look at their section. There will be some amount of customization for each department, but each will have to stay within the template in order to have uniformity across the site.

Vice President Schroth asked, if documents come down automatically, will there be a process for those documents to be archived so the content is not lost.

Mr. Green answered that only posts will come down. Documents will never timeout.

Councilwoman Steward asked if there are going to be any significant changes with the Calendar.

Mr. Green replied that we are looking at a number of different calendars. One is Google Calendar. Adobe Business Catalyst also includes a calendar; we are still evaluating it. At the moment, we are not sure which one we are going to use. The goal is the same – to allow the individual department to post their own events or cancel, if necessary.

Ms. Steward suggested that we ask residents who use the website a lot to give feedback on what the new website should include.

The Attorney asked if there will be an “About Ewing” section.

Mr. Green answered that we currently have a small “About Ewing” section on our website. We can build that section up as part of a long term plan for the new website.

The Attorney then mentioned links to outside organizations.

Mr. Green replied that we have to make a decision on this prior to posting links, saying that he is concerned that if we decide we will take all links, we have to then take all links. If a thousand different organizations request links, then...

Councilwoman Steward added that maybe it is more a question of links to resources, rather than to organizations.

President Keyes-Maloney said that that deals with developing the business rules that the Administration will have to flush out.

Mr. Green commented that this new page is more flexible and can be expanded if necessary.

There were no additional questions or comments for Mr. Green.

DISCUSSION

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, ARTICLE XII, LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

President Keyes-Maloney stated that this item along with number two and three came at the request of a resident, Mr. Prykanowski, who a few months ago identified some items that needed to be looked at and updated. In response, we are making a couple of changes. President Keyes-Maloney explained that because we currently are able to avail ourselves of services through the Mercer County Division of Community Services, this Ordinance is redundant in many ways. However, this Ordinance is worded to allow the Mayor, with the advice and consent of Council, to appoint a Local Assistance Board should the need arise.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, ARTICLE II, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

President Keyes-Maloney explained that because a large percentage of the work done by the Economic Development Commission is now being handled by the Redevelopment Agency, it was thought that this is duplicative. The Ordinance is worded to allow the Mayor, with the advice and consent of Council, to appoint this Commission if the need arises.

The Administrator remarked that the Mayor is on vacation and he has not been able to discuss this with him.

President Keyes-Maloney said that we will have the Mayor weigh-in on this as we move forward. This is only for First Reading.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

3. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND CHAPTER 26, CODE OF ETHICS

President Keyes-Maloney said that this is somewhat duplicative in that we can refer these matters to the Local Finance Board. This will create permissive language within the existing Ordinance, to allow us to establish a Local Ethics Board in the event one is needed. However, it will not require us to establish such a Board as we do have the option of referring matters to the Local Finance Board.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

4. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER TO AUTHORIZE THE PRIVATE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, SPECIFICALLY BICYCLES, TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF TRENTON AND MERCER COUNTY, A 501(c)(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

President Keyes-Maloney explained that this will allow us to sell bicycles to the Boys and Girls Club of Trenton and Mercer County for a nominal value. These bikes were part of proceedings that had occurred over a period of time that have since been settled. This property is available for us to dispose of.

Vice-President Schroth asked what is the source of these forty-eight bicycles that have been collected.

The Administrator replied that the source is the Police Department – whether the bikes were abandoned, picked-up or part of some mischief that has been settled. In the past, we have tried to auction these bikes off but there were no bidders. The Boys and Girls Club then came along. The Club does a great job of refurbishing these bikes and selling them at low cost. We usually do this once a year.

President Keyes-Maloney said that this allows members of the community to benefit from something that would just stay on our books until we dispose of it.

Councilwoman Steward asked if these bikes were checked against those that had been stolen.

President Keyes-Maloney replied that any matter has long since been settled.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

5. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 FOR THE PAYMENT OF PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF A COMPLETE REVALUATION IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

The CFO explained that this is a five year special emergency appropriation allowed by Local Government Services for not only the preparation of the tax maps but also for the complete reevaluation. It is not expected to exceed this amount and will be paid back over five budget years.

President Keyes-Maloney said that the County required us to do this reevaluation.

The Administrator added that it is the County Board of Taxation, appointed by the State, which required us to do a reevaluation. 1993 was the last time we had one. We had done all the preparation of the tax maps. The State has finally signed off on those. This is necessary in order to start paying the company that did the work.

Councilwoman Steward asked when will the reevaluation occur.

The Attorney said that the tax maps had to be redone first.

The Administrator added that the reevaluation will take at least a year. They will attempt to enter every home and reevaluate the property. There will be adjustments – some up, some down and some level. The company was awarded the contract last year; the price remains the same. It will be effective for the 2017 tax year. Public meetings are required to explain the process.

Vice President Schroth asked if these will be Special Meetings; the meetings will not be in conjunction with Council meetings.

The Administrator replied that the company will have to hold their own meetings to explain to the Public the reevaluation process along with the appeals process.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council.

Mildred Russell (119 King Avenue) said that she thought that the reevaluation was voted on last year. Mrs. Russell asked if this money is for the company that is going to be doing the reevaluation. Mrs. Russell also asked if the reason why the reevaluation will not happen until 2017 is because the Township does not have the proper tax maps.

The Administrator replied that the money is for the company doing the reevaluation. The tax maps are now complete. By the time it is all said and done, it will be for the 2017 tax year.

Mrs. Russell asked if the people who are doing the reevaluation will be holding these meetings.

President Keyes-Maloney replied – correct.

Mrs. Russell stated that this would be the first reevaluation that she has experienced where they will be entering homes.

The Administrator replied that you do not have to let them into your home. However, the reevaluation might not be as accurate as you would want. If you do not let them in, they will do the best that they can to reevaluate based on the information that they have.

Mrs. Russell then commented that the Township needs more inspectors. We have the worst looking Township in Mercer County and we need to do something about it.

President Keyes-Maloney commented that we disagree on that.

Mrs. Russell responded that it is okay for you to disagree, but business places are not taking care of their properties – buildings are not being painted, grass is not being cut. And never mind about the homes. You do not have to agree but it is a common sense point of view and can easily be taken care of. All you have to do is work with the citizens who dearly want to take care of their homes but are at a loss.

There were no additional questions or comments from members of the Public.

6. A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECKS

The CFO explained that this will cancel some outstanding checks that are sitting on a monthly bank reconciliation. These checks have been through both the 2013 and 2014 audits and we can cancel them. This is just to clear the books.

There are no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

7. A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FINAL TO RICHARD T. BARRETT PAVING COMPANY, INC. FOR THE EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIRS 2015 RV&A#1102T013

President Keyes-Maloney stated that it is a bit of a savings - \$71,751.55.

The Administrator explained that there had been significant damage to some roads due to the harsh winter. We could not wait for our normal bidding process. The roads were: Browning Avenue, Hawthorne, Westwood, and Bull Run Road. From the time we bid it out, to the time the work was done, fuel prices had come down. At some point we will ask for these savings to be reallocated to pay for the paving of other roads.

President Keyes-Maloney explained that, under regular appropriations, we have a primary list – a schedule; and if we can, we do those roads on the supplemental list. The Administrator added that they are out there now starting the road paving projects under the capital budget.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council.

Joe Murphy (9 Malaga Drive) said that he was confused by Bull Run Road getting a fix; he stated that he thought that it was Hopewell's turn to pave the entire road.

The Administrator responded – no. In 2006, Hopewell did their portion of the road and then we did ours using different contractors. The majority of the damage was to our side. The Administrator said that he spoke with Hopewell's Engineer and Administrator who said that there was not much to be repaired on their side.

Mr. Murphy said that he thought that the road was divided right down the middle. The north side was Hopewell and the south side was ours.

The Administrator replied that there is a dividing line, but it is not that simple.

There were no additional questions or comments from members of the Public.

8. A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND REVISING RESOLUTION #15R-1/3 TO CHANGE THE STARTING TIME FOR REGULAR SESSION MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FROM 7:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

President Keyes-Maloney explained that we had some conversations with a member of the Public at our last meeting who had reached out to the Prosecutor's Office to express some concerns about ensuring that there was a definitive start time for both our Regular and Agenda meetings.

Councilwoman Wollert asked why the "Formal Action May Be Taken" text listed on the Agenda Session agenda was there as she could not recall a time when Council took formal action during an Agenda Session.

The Attorney replied that that language was added some time ago to preserve Council's right to take formal action particularly when Council met on both Monday and Tuesday nights. The Attorney added that she could not recall when this had occurred. It was more of a safeguard; not a practice.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from members of the Public.

9. A RESOLUTION AMENDING (RESOLUTION #15R-67) THE PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF COUNCIL, 2015

President Keyes-Maloney stated that the Procedures for the Conduct of Council, 2015 have to be amended in order to reflect the changes made in Item Eight.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

10. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2015 OR NEWER AMBULANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$159,320

President Keyes-Maloney explained that this was in our capital budget; this effectuates our ability to purchase this vehicle at this time.

The CFO added that this did involve the trade-in of two of our older vehicles.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

11. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) CHEVROLET TAHOE 4 X 4 POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLES FOR USE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM MALL CHEVROLET THROUGH THE CRANFORD POLICE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM – IDENTIFIER #47

President Keyes-Maloney said that this references the specific Ordinance that authorized the various improvements which we adopted on June 9, 2015.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

12. A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT SUBGRANT FY2013 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE AWARD FROM THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE EWING OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

President Keyes-Maloney said that we get this on an annual basis. It is for \$5,000. Two of these are on the Agenda, Item Thirteen is for FY2014. The grant allows the Office to provide services during an emergency.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

13. A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT SUBGRANT FY2014 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE AWARD FROM THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE EWING OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This item was discussed with Item Twelve.

14. A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE *DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER 2015 STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN*

President Keyes-Maloney explained that our Police Department put out a press release related to this today. It is a statewide campaign every Labor Day holiday period.

Councilwoman Steward pointed out a typo in the Resolution.

President Keyes-Maloney responded that this is a de minimis change and will be corrected.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

15. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN-REM FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST TAX SALE CERTIFICATES SET FORTH ON EWING TOWNSHIP TAX FORECLOSURE LIST NO. 1

President Keyes-Maloney stated that Items 15, 16 and 17 are identical.

The Attorney explained that these are in-rem tax foreclosures which means that the foreclosure is not against the person but against the property. It is the Township foreclosing against properties that have liens due to non-payment of taxes. There are three resolutions because it was too cumbersome to have all of these on one complaint which is filed with the Court. The title work has already been done on these properties. With Council's authorization, the complaint will be filled with the Court and the foreclosures will begin. The Attorney added that most of these involved public safety. Others are estate issues, odd lots or just undesirable properties.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Peter Boughton (119 Florence Avenue) asked, considering human factors which may have led to the foreclosure, could a resident come into the Tax Office and get assistance before this happens.

The Attorney responded that this is a lengthy process. Up until the final judgment, anyone can come in and redeem the property. The Tax Collector is always willing to work with a resident. The Attorney then explained the tax sale process and how it actually helps the property owner as the interest is bid down from the eighteen percent rate that the Township is required to charge.

The Administrator added that in the past, The Township helped people out with payment plans. The Township cannot do this. Council objected, as well as some citizens, saying that if you do this for one resident you have to do it for all. The Township has to collect the money because it has to send the money to the schools and to the County. The accelerated tax sale does buy these homeowners some time. Nothing can be done for two years.

President Keyes-Maloney said that there are both Federal and State programs to help those who are underwater.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

16. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN-REM FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST TAX SALE CERTIFICATES SET FORTH ON EWING TOWNSHIP TAX FORECLOSURE LIST NO. 2

This item was discussed with Item 15.

17. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN-REM FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST TAX SALE CERTIFICATES SET FORTH ON EWING TOWNSHIP TAX FORECLOSURE LIST NO. 3

This item was discussed with Item 15.

All items were approved for action.

BILLS LIST

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$5,798,603.60 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #15R-27 in the Amount of \$537,969.78.

President Keyes-Maloney asked the CFO the location for item #658519015.

The CFO responded that it is at the Hollowbrook Center.

President Keyes-Maloney then asked about the item related to Country Travel and Tours.

The CFO replied that the Seniors are going to Oktoberfest.

Vice President Schroth asked where is Oktoberfest.

The CFO answered that she is not sure.

The Administrator added that we have instructed Recreation, whenever possible, to keep the trips in New Jersey or in Bucks County.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Keyes-Maloney presented the Consent Agenda for review.

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an On Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle Sponsored by Interfaith Caregivers Greater Mercer County
2. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an Off Premise Cash Raffle Sponsored by SERV Foundation, Inc.
3. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Township Construction Official, for Overpayment in the Amount of \$176.00 to John Wesley Stoop, 212 Nancy Lane, Ewing, NJ 08638 for Permit #20150480 at 212 Nancy Lane, Ewing, NJ 08638. The Applicant was Unaware of the Senior Discount.
4. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Township Construction Official, for Overpayment in the Amount of \$125.00 to Joseph Schino, 23 W. Upper Ferry Rd., Ewing, NJ 08628 for Permit #20150252 at 23 W. Upper Ferry Rd., Ewing, NJ 08628. The Applicant was Unaware of the Senior Discount.

5. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the Amount of \$19.40 for Oct. 1, 2015 Sewer Bill to Levitt, Brian, 42 Albemarle Ave., Ewing, NJ 08638 for Property Owner Levitt, Brian, for Block: 81 Lot: 118 also known as 42 Albemarle Ave.**
6. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the Amount of \$12.74 for Oct. 1, 2015 Sewer Bill to Baird, Elmer & Marva, 20 Brattle Street, Ewing, NJ 08638 for Property Owner Baird, Elmer & Marva for Block: 170 Lot: 374 also known as 20 Brattle Street**
7. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the Amount of \$62.45 for Oct. 1, 2015 Sewer Bill to Brown, Robert E. & Diane M., 108 Broad Ave., Ewing, NJ 08618 for Property Owner Brown, Robert E. & Diane M. for Block: 497 Lot: 3 also known as 108 Broad Ave.**
8. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the Amount of \$150.00 for Oct. 1, 2015 Sewer Bill, to Gonzalez, Guadalupe, 28 Chesney Ave., Ewing, NJ 08638 for Property Owner Gonzalez, Guadalupe for Block: 132 Lot: 372 also known as 28 Chesney Ave.**
9. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the Amount of \$47.45 for Oct. 1, 2015 Sewer Bill to Farquharson, Phyllis & C. Gilliam, 99 Chelsea Ave., Ewing, NJ 08638 for Property Owner Farquharson, Phyllis & C. Gilliam for Block: 61 Lot: 24 also known as 99 Chelsea Ave.**
10. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the Amount of \$20.55 for Oct. 1, 2015 Sewer Bill to Lynn Francis O. & Suzanne Caimi, 423 Brickhouse Road, Princeton, NJ 08540 for Property Owner Lynn Francis O. & Suzanne Caimi for Block: 219 Lot: 20 also known as 17 Clement Ave.**
11. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the Amount of \$18.60 for Oct. 1, 2015 Sewer Bill to Smith, Richard J. & Lisa A., 30 Colleen Circle, Ewing, NJ 08638 for Property Owner Smith, Richard J. & Lisa A. for Block: 582 Lot: 17 also known as 30 Colleen Circle**
12. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the Amount of \$333.90 for Oct. 1, 2015 Sewer Bill to Pinchot, Dale B., 1597 Parkside Ave., Ewing, NJ 08628-3303 for Property Owner Pinchot, Dale B. for Block: 419 Lot: 51 also known as 762 River Road**
13. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the Amount of \$69.86 for Oct. 1, 2015 Sewer Bill to Bennett Jr., William J. & Ingrid, 28 Rockland Road, Ewing, NJ 08638 for Property Owner Bennett Jr., William J. & Ingrid for Block: 214.09 Lot: 48 also known as 28 Rockland Road**
14. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the Amount of \$56.34 for Oct. 1, 2015 Sewer Bill to Weaver, Mark, 143 Susan Drive, Ewing, NJ 08638 for Property Owner Weaver, Mark for Block: 214.04 Lot: 11 also known as 143 Susan Drive.**
15. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the Amount of \$218.01 for Oct. 1, 2015 Sewer Bill to Lewis-Daniels, Sabrina T., 54 Woodland Ave., Ewing, NJ 08638 for Property Owner Lewis-Daniels, Sabrina T., for Block: 141 Lot: 70 also known as 54 Woodland Ave.**
16. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the Amount of \$11.30 for Oct. 1, 2015 Sewer Bill to Rice, Eddie & Yvonne, 63 Woodland Ave., Ewing, NJ 08638 for Property Owner Rice, Eddie & Yvonne for Block: 139 Lot: 26 also known as 63 Woodland Ave.**

17. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the Amount of \$15.27 for Oct. 1, 2015 Sewer Bill to Steen, Kelly, 290 Wynnwood Road, Ewing, NJ 08628 for Property Owner Steen, Kelly for Block: 459 Lot: 53 also known as 290 Wynnwood Road.**

President Keyes-Maloney noted that Item #1 (Interfaith raffle) is being done out of order. Interfaith had such a strong response to their event that they do not have enough room to hold their event at the Nottingham Fire House and need to move the event to West Trenton. Interfaith has done everything needed for this raffle and was licensed by the Hamilton Clerk's Office and the State to hold this raffle. We are just affirming all the work that had been previously done.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

(None for this Meeting)

ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

1. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, ADDING ADDITIONAL BUS STOPS ALONG MUNICIPAL ROADWAYS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 39:4-8(e)**

President Keyes-Maloney said that information concerning this request by N.J. Transit is in Council's packet.

The Attorney said that she is going to recommend a non-substantive change because Charles Ewing Boulevard, as of yet, has not been accepted as a municipal roadway. The Attorney recommend that this Ordinance be edited to include a fourth category heading - "Private Roadways".

The Administrator added that there is a reason why Charles Ewing Boulevard is not a municipal roadway as of yet. It needs to be repaved by the Developer. The Township wants a 100% brand new roadway prior to the Township accepting it. There are thousands of people who work in those building; some use public transportation. The bus stops are needed.

President Keyes-Maloney thanked the Attorney for her work on cleaning up this Ordinance.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

2. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ASSIGNMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 146 SCOTCH ROAD AND SHOWN ON THE EWING TOWNSHIP TAX MAP AS BLOCK 367, LOT 46 FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$310,000**

President Keyes-Maloney said that this will allow us to satisfy our Green Acres requirements more substantially.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Peter Boughton (119 Florence Avenue) said that the current owner only paid \$150,000 for this property in October 2014 which is less than half of the \$310,000 that Council is thinking about authorizing tonight. Mr. Boughton asked Council to explain the over 100 percent profit that the current owner would receive.

The Administrator explained that the price referred to by Mr. Boughton was a settlement of an estate. It was a part of the old miniature horse farm. It is a way to work with Green Acres since it has been a long time since Green Acres has been involved with purchasing land in Ewing and we are looking forward to doing more purchases with Green Acres. Green Acres will be here this Thursday to look at all of our properties to make sure the properties are being taken care of properly. Green Acres likes that this property connects to an existing park. The Administrator

described what will be done to the property. Two appraisals were done by appraisers approved by Green Acres and the \$310,000 splits the difference.

Mr. Boughton said that he is very much in favor of the intended use and said that the Township had done much more research than he had been able to do. Mr. Boughton thanked Council and the Administration.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

3. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, ARTICLE VII: DIVISION OF FINANCE, ADDING NEW SECTION 35, PURCHASING AGENT

President Keyes-Maloney explained that this came to us by way of a resident, Mr. Prykanowski. This notes in our Ordinances the position of Purchasing Agent.

The Attorney said that the appointment of a Purchasing Agent is done by Resolution; this formally codifies the position along with setting the purchasing threshold that had recently been raised by the State to \$40,000.

President Keyes-Maloney added that what is good about this Ordinance is that it allows for liquidity, we do not have to go back to revise our Ordinances every time the threshold is adjusted.

The Attorney added that it will automatically adjust if increased by the Governor in 2020. Council is also able to amend this by Resolution at their discretion.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

President Keyes-Maloney stated that the Planning Board did not meet in August but is expected to meet in September.

Councilwoman Steward said that the Green Team as a whole did not meet. However, there is significant planning going forward for the Fall Bike Ride that will be held on October 24th. There is a meeting this Thursday at the ESCC starting at 7 p.m. for anyone interested.

Vice President Schroth stated that the Drug and Alcohol Alliance did not meet in July or August but is slated to meet in September.

There were no additional comments or questions from Council or the Public regarding Commission and Committee Reports.

NEW BUSINESS

(None of this Meeting)

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Eric Todd Roundtree (110 Crescent Avenue) said that he was here tonight to request help with the young people who walk through and disrupt his neighborhood. The College is not in session yet. Mr. Roundtree then described some of the things that are happening in the neighborhood. Mr. Roundtree asked for suggestions as to how to solve this ongoing problem.

President Keyes-Maloney mentioned that we have quarterly meetings with the College; we can definitely have conversations with the College Administration. And we can alert our law enforcement when issues occur.

Mr. Roundtree said that this behavior does not happen during normal hours; it usually occurs between 10:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.

The Administrator said that he will discuss it with the Police to schedule a nighttime drive-thru and will also get the College Administration involved again. The Police do meet with the incoming freshman class, but as much as you meet with them and they say that they would never do this; alcohol has an effect on the brain that overrides common sense.

Joe Murphy (9 Malaga Drive) said that he wanted to say one more thing about Bull Run Road; we have to figure out a better way for the paving to be done. Mr. Murphy said that he disagrees with what another resident said – Ewing is a nice looking town. We have communities within a community and everyone took pride. Mr. Murphy then said if we could only get the businesses to clean-up a little. And we are doing that on Olden Avenue.

Mildred Russell (119 King Avenue) said that she is speaking to Council on behalf of the Ewing Park Brae Burn Civic Association. Mrs. Russell held up a letter sent to the Mayor regarding the Association's request for speed humps for certain parts of the Community. We know that the Police, EMS, Mayor do not want this and we are trying to figure out where the citizens come into this as we have signatures of the citizens who live on these streets. Mrs. Russell commented that she thought that their wishes would come first. The Association requested that the Township do a traffic study. Mrs. Russell said that these are cut through streets – we get it from both sides. The Association has researched five college communities in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. Mrs. Russell then asked why should we wait for something bad to happen.

President Keyes-Maloney said that she will refer the matter to the Administration and then asked Mrs. Russell that Council be given a copy of the letter and the petition sent to Administration. Part of the concern with traffic humps is the need for Police and Fire to move through those streets quickly. The Township Engineer has looked at alternatives; however, the Council President said that she is not sure where he is in that process, but that she will raise this with the Administration.

Mrs. Russell then said that the letter also mentioned that something needs to be done regarding people putting out garbage early and leaving out empty garbage cans for a while after the pick-up. There are one hundred ten rooming houses in the neighborhood. All the garbage just makes things a mess. There should be a limit to the number of garbage cans that can be put out and a time when garbage cans can be placed at the curb. People should be fined if they do not follow the rules.

President Keyes-Maloney replied that our Ordinances do limit when garbage can be put out to the curb; it is a question of enforcement. The matter will be referred to the Administration and we will be in touch with you.

There were no additional questions or comments from members of the Public.

CLOSED SESSION

(None of this Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Keyes-Maloney asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schroth so moved seconded by Ms. Wollert. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

David P. Schroth, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk