

March 10, 2015 – REGULAR SESSION

President Keyes-Maloney called the meeting to order at 10:05 p.m. and read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Almighty God who holds the fate of Man and Nation, we most humbly beseech thee to bless these deliberations, and these thy servants, that they may act with wisdom and understanding for the good of our community and thy greater glory. Amen.

Flag Salute

Open Public Meetings 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 – Present | Jim McManimon, Administrator |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth – Present | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Ms. Steward – Present | Kim Macellaro, Clerk |
| ▪ Ms. Wollert – Present | |
| ▪ President Keyes-Maloney – Present | |

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no questions or comments from Members of the Public.

BILLS LIST

1. The Clerk read (Resolution #15R-60) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,180,394.59 AND TO PAY SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS PER RESOLUTION #15R-27 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,354.04

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. Mr. Schroth then moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Wollert. President Keyes-Maloney asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Wollert	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
President Keyes-Maloney	YES

CONSENT AGENDA

The Clerk read the Consent Agenda: (Resolution #15R-61/)

All items listed under Item H, Consent Agenda, are considered routine by the Township Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately. There will be one motion for all items listed.

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an Off Premise Merchandise Raffle Sponsored by Credit Union of New Jersey Foundation
2. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an On Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle Sponsored by Prospect Heights Volunteer Fire Co. #1
3. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Township Construction Official, for CO in the Amount of \$250.00 to Huzefa Hussain, 3 Irma Rivera Way, Unit C, Ewing, NJ 08618 for CO at 528 Pingree Ave., Ewing, NJ 08628.
4. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Township Construction Official, for Overpayment in the Amount of \$50.00 to Laura Sawicki, 20 Ronit Dr., Ewing, NJ 08628 for Rental Registration at 20 Ronit Dr., Ewing, NJ 08628.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. Ms. Steward then moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Baxter. President Keyes-Maloney asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
Ms. Wollert	YES
President Keyes-Maloney	YES

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

1. The Clerk read (Ordinance #15-06) 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 stated that this is a the request of NJ Transit and residents.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. Ms. Wollert then moved the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Schroth. President Keyes-Maloney called for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Schroth	YES
Ms. Wollert	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
President Keyes-Maloney	YES

2. The Clerk read (Ordinance #15-07) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND CHAPTER 225, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE II: PARKING, ADDING NEW SECTION 10.4 FIRE LANES

President Keyes-Maloney explained that this allows both our fire code officials and our Police to issue citations for parking in fire lanes.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. Ms. Wollert then moved the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Steward. President Keyes-Maloney asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Steward	YES
Ms. Wollert	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
President Keyes-Maloney	YES

3. The Clerk read (**Ordinance #15-08**) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND CHAPTER 97, ANIMALS, ARTICLE I: DOGS, ADDING NEW SECTION 7, FAILURE TO PROVIDE NECESSARY CARE IN INSTANCES OF EXTREME COLD OR HEAT

President Keyes-Maloney said that this will allow our Animal Control Officer to address situations where a dog (because of age, size and breed) is inappropriately left outside.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Les Summiel (13 Lanning Street) asked why do we need to do this.

President Keyes-Maloney replied that Title Four does not define “necessary care”; it allows greater flexibility for Animal Control to step in in these situations.

Mr. Summiel then asked if there will be an additional cost to the Township.

President Keyes-Maloney responded – no. There can be a fine for inappropriate treatment of an animal.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public. Mr. Schroth then moved the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Baxter. President Keyes-Maloney asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Baxter	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
Ms. Wollert	YES
President Keyes-Maloney	YES

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

1. The Clerk read (**Ordinance #15-03**) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EWING TOWNSHIP SALARY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Ewing that the Salary Ordinance establishing compensation of Officers and Employees of the Township of Ewing is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. The following phased Salary increase is hereby established for the compensation of Members of the Township Council and Council President:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>Prior Salary</u>	<u>New Salary</u>
President of Council for year 2015	\$7,556.00	\$ 9,370.66
President of Council for year 2016	\$9,370.66	\$11,185.33
President of Council for year 2017	\$11,185.33	\$13,000.00

Vice President of Council for year 2015	\$6,296.00	\$8,364.00
Vice President of Council for year 2016	\$8,364.00	\$10,432.00
Vice President of Council for year 2017	\$10,432.00	\$12,500.00
Member of Council for year 2015	\$6,296.00	\$8,197.33
Member of Council for year 2016	\$8,197.33	\$10,098.66
Member of Council for year 2017	\$10,098.66	\$12,000.00

Section 2. The following phased Salary increase is hereby established for the compensation of the Mayor/Director of Public Safety:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>Prior Salary</u>	<u>New Salary</u>
Mayor/Director of Public Safety for year 2015	\$17,850.00	\$28,566.66
Mayor/Director of Public Safety for year 2016	\$28,566.66	\$39,283.33
Mayor/Director of Public Safety for year 2017	\$39,283.33	\$50,000.00

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be retroactive to January 1, 2015, and shall become operative in 20 days after publication according to law pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165.

STATEMENT

This Ordinance amends the Salary Ordinance of the Township of Ewing for the positions of Member of Council, Council President, and Mayor.

Mr. Baxter made a motion to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Schroth. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote.

Faye Ball (47 Somerset Street) asked when was the first reading.

President Keyes-Maloney replied that it was at the last Council meeting on February 24th.

Ms. Ball said that she would not have known from the title as it is listed on the Agenda that it was a salary increase for Mayor and Council. Ms. Ball said that she thought it was for “regular” Township employees.

George Steward (30 Gilmore Road) said that this is an excellent example for Council to hold two separate meetings on two separate nights. Mr. Steward reiterated that he is opposed to Agenda and Regular Session Council meetings being held on the same night, only minutes apart.

Les Summiel (13 Lanning Street) urged Council to defeat this motion for reasons articulated during the Agenda Session. Mr. Summiel suggested that Council form an Advisory Panel concerning this issue. Mr. Summiel said that the Public is not being served if this passes this evening.

There were no additional questions or comments from members of the Public. Mr. Baxter made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Ms. Wollert. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote.

President Keyes-Maloney stated that there has been some conversation to amend this Ordinance in light of the conversation that we had this evening. President

Keyes-Maloney said that Council is considering phasing in the salary increase along with making it, at least in part, effective for the future. This will be advertised and there will be another Public Hearing at our meeting on the 24th.

Vice President Schroth commented that Council has taken this very seriously; none of us enjoy this process. Extensive research has been done on this issue. Vice President Schroth said that the objective is to get Council to where it should be, it is not Council seeking to increase their salary in any way that is disproportionate to the work that is done. Council has looked at Cost of Living adjustments. Mr. Schroth added that it is great that everyone is here tonight. It was advertised; virtually no one was here at the February meeting. Unfortunately, that is often the case at these Council meetings, even when very serious issues are being discussed.

Councilman Baxter said that Council has listened to what was said tonight. It is a touchy subject; to vote for your own raise but we are tasked with a job to do. This will be looked at from a different angle. Mr. Baxter then asked that the Public attend more Council meetings, particular those concerning the Budget. Councilman Baxter also asked the Public to show up at school board budget meetings as that is the largest chunk of the tax dollar. Councilman Baxter then thanked the Public for coming tonight.

Councilwoman Wollert thanked the Public for their comments and said that these comments are being taken into consideration. Ms. Wollert said that this conversation has been brought up in the past, but Council did not move the issue forward in the face of negative comments.

Councilwoman Steward said that she is grateful that this is being reviewed to see how this can be more closely aligned with the public comments heard tonight.

President Keyes-Maloney said that she fundamentally believes that Council has the authority and the responsibility to handle this issue. Ms. Keyes-Maloney also said that the Township needs a full-time mayor. Council will work with the Public to come up with a solution that meets as many of the concerns brought up this evening while staying within the spirit of what was initially proposed.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council.

The Attorney asked if Council is going to carry this Ordinance forward or amend it this evening.

President Keyes-Maloney replied – amend it.

The Attorney then gave a detailed account of the amendment: the current salary for the Council President is \$7,556.00. It will increase \$1,814.66 each year for three years beginning January 1, 2015. The current salary for the Council Vice President is \$6,296.00. It will increase \$2,068.00 each year for three years beginning January 1, 2015. The current salary for Council members is \$6,296.00. It will increase \$1,901.33 each year for three years beginning January 1, 2015. The current salary for Mayor/Director of Public Safety is \$17,850.00. It will increase \$10,716.66 each year for three years beginning January 1, 2015.

Ms. Wollert made a motion to amend the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Schroth. President Keyes-Maloney asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Schroth	YES	
Ms. Wollert	YES	
Mr. Baxter	YES	
Ms. Steward		ABSTAIN
President Keyes-Maloney	YES	

2. The Clerk read (Ordinance #15-04) BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3(A) AND 6(B) OF BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 14-06 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY FINALLY ADOPTED MAY 27, 2014 PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT, THE USEFUL LIFE OF THE PROJECT AND THE AVERAGE USEFUL LIFE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. Section 3(a) (second paragraph) of Bond Ordinance numbered 14-06 of the Township of Ewing, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Township"), finally adopted May 27, 2014, is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
Acquisition of various equipment and vehicles, including an air compressor, a mower, fencing, bleachers and dual wheel Ford F350 pickup trucks with snow plows and salters, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$247,000	\$234,650	5 years"

Section Two. Section 6(b) of Bond Ordinance numbered 14-06 of the Township, finally adopted May 27, 2014, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 9.88 years."

Section Three. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with

the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section Four. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

President Keyes-Maloney said that this allows us to purchase a number of items including an F150 in light of the fact that we are not purchasing a piece of equipment for Public Works.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Ms. Wollert made a motion to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Baxter. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote.

Les Summiel (13 Lanning Street) asked what is the total cost of this Bond Ordinance.

President Keyes-Maloney said that it was a previously approved Bond Ordinance, we are just changing what is being purchased.

There were no additional questions or comments from members of the Public. Mr. Schroth made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Baxter. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. Ms. Wollert then moved the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Steward. President Keyes-Maloney called for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Steward	YES
Ms. Wollert	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
President Keyes-Maloney	YES

- 3. The Clerk read (Ordinance #15-05) BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$170,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FIRE TRUCKS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$161,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvements described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance have heretofore been authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Ewing, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the supplemental amount of \$170,000, such sum being in addition to the \$2,322,950 appropriated therefor by Sections 3(e) (first paragraph), 3(f) (first paragraph) and 3(g) (first paragraph) of Bond Ordinance #14-06 of the Township, finally adopted

May 27, 2014 (the "Original Bond Ordinance"), and including the sum of \$8,500 as the additional down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The additional down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the additional cost of the improvements or purposes not covered by application of the additional down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$161,500 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvements heretofore authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued are: 1) the acquisition of a fire truck and a thermal imaging camera for the Prospect Heights Fire Company, including all related costs and expenditure incidental thereto, 2) the acquisition of a fire truck for the Pennington Road Fire Company, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto and 3) the acquisition of various equipment, including a fire truck, a thermal imaging camera and pagers, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvements or purposes is \$2,368,835.21, including the \$2,207,335.21 authorized by Sections 3(e) (first paragraph), 3(f) (first paragraph) and 3(g) (first paragraph) of the Original Bond Ordinance and the \$161,500 bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized herein.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements or purposes is \$2,492,950, including the \$2,322,950 appropriated by Sections 3(e) (first paragraph), 3(f) (first paragraph) and 3(g) (first paragraph) of the Original Bond Ordinance and the \$170,000 appropriated herein.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided

that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$161,500, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An additional \$10,000 is being estimated herein for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20.

Section 7. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the

Securities and Exchange Commission (the ARule@) for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

President Keyes-Maloney stated that this will allow us to modify our existing bond ordinance for the acquisition of these particular fire trucks in light of the fact that the cost exceeded what we have estimated under the original bond ordinance.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Mr. Baxter made a motion to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Schroth. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. There were no questions or comments from members of the Public. Ms. Wollert made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Ms. Steward. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Schroth then moved the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Wollert. President Keyes-Maloney asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Wollert	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
President Keyes-Maloney	YES

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. The Clerk read (Resolution #15R-62) A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SEWER RATES AND CHARGES FOR EWING TOWNSHIP FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015**

President Keyes-Maloney explained that this establishes the sewer rates for the coming year; it is the responsibility of Council to do this on an annual basis.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. Ms. Wollert then moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Schroth. President Keyes-Maloney called for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Schroth	YES
Ms. Wollert	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
President Keyes-Maloney	YES

2. The Clerk read (Resolution #15R-63) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE REDESIGN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING'S WEBSITE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,400.00

President Keyes-Maloney explained that this will allow us make some infrastructure changes to the Township website to take advantage of new technologies.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Caroline Steward (30 Gilmore Road) asked if this price includes monthly maintenance.

President Keyes-Maloney replied that it is a one-time build price; it includes some training. Our IT group will work with the group building the website to ensure it meets our needs.

Ms. Steward said that the complaint that she hears from IT, is not the building of a website, but the time to actually do the maintenance.

President Keyes-Maloney said that it will be an IT responsibility to maintain the website; the IT Department is committed to work with the other departments in the Township to do this.

Ms. Steward asked if any more IT people will be hired.

President Keyes-Maloney replied that she does not believe that there are any plans.

Louis Eschinger (8 Glenmore Avenue) suggested that the Township get the Public's ideas as to what they would like to see on the website.

There were no additional questions or comments from members of the Public. Mr. Schroth then moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Wollert. President Keyes-Maloney asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Wollert	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
President Keyes-Maloney	YES

3. The Clerk read (Resolution #15R-64) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE FIRE TRUCKS AND RELATED APPARATUS FROM THE NATIONAL JOINT PURCHASING ALLIANCE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,466,661.67

President Keyes-Maloney said that this will allow for the purchase of three fire trucks. The three fire houses are working together. Old equipment will be retired and auctioned off in exchange for the new equipment. The money will go into the Treasury.

Lou Ischinger (2191 Pennington Road) asked if the \$2.4 million includes the \$170,000.

President Keyes-Maloney replied yes.

Mr. Ischinger then asked why is it that money from the auction goes into the General Fund and is not being used to pay off this bond.

President Keyes-Maloney said that the starting place is money is put directly into the Treasury and then during the budget appropriation process it is decided how the money is spent.

Mr. Ischinger asked how much money will the retired equipment bring in.

President Keyes-Maloney said that we will not know until we go out to auction. Mr. Ischinger then commented that sold at an open auction the Township could receive ten dollars or one million.

President Keyes-Maloney said that we use a number of different vehicles. The Administration will work with Purchasing to decide on the best option for the Township.

There were no additional questions or comments from members of the Public. Ms. Steward then moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Baxter. President Keyes-Maloney asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
Ms. Wollert	YES
President Keyes-Maloney	YES

4. The Clerk read (Resolution #15R-65) A RESOLUTION RAISING CONCERN REGARDING THE PROPOSED PENNEAST PIPELINE PROJECT

President Keyes-Maloney stated that this Resolution is being amended to notice FERC as well.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. Ms. Steward moved the amended Resolution, seconded by Mr. Schroth. President Keyes-Maloney asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Schroth	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Wollert	YES
President Keyes-Maloney	YES

5. The Clerk read (Resolution #15R-66) A RESOLUTION URGING IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDITIONAL RAIL CAR SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS

President Keyes-Maloney said that we have had an increase in the number of rail cars carrying Bakken oil which is more volatile and flammable than traditional forms of oil. This urges the NTSB to work with CSX to ensure that there are better safety measures on the rail cars.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. Ms. Wollert then moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Baxter. President Keyes-Maloney called for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Wollert	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
President Keyes-Maloney	YES

6. The Clerk read (Resolution #15R-67) A RESOLUTION AMENDING (RESOLUTION #15R-58) THE PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF COUNCIL, 2015

President Keyes-Maloney stated that this is a housekeeping issue to include the splitting off of the Bills List from the Consent Agenda.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. Mr. Schroth then moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Wollert. President Keyes-Maloney asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Wollert	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Ms. Steward	YES
President Keyes-Maloney	YES

7. The Clerk read (Resolution #15R-68) A RESOLUTON SUPPORTING NATIONAL READING MONTH

President Keyes-Maloney said that this supports national reading month and encourages family and friends to read to children.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. Mr. Baxter then moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Steward. President Keyes-Maloney asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Steward	YES
Mr. Baxter	YES
Mr. Schroth	YES
Ms. Wollert	YES
President Keyes-Maloney	YES

CLOSED SESSION

(None for this Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business President Keyes-Maloney called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Baxter so moved, seconded by Ms. Wollert. The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

Jennifer Keyes-Maloney, President

Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk