

April 22nd, 2014 – AGENDA SESSION

President Baxter 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 13th day of April 2014.

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

PRESENTATION

1. **Presentation of Proclamations to the Ewing High School Robotics Team – Mayor and Council**

Mayor Steinmann stated that it is a great pleasure to award these Proclamations to the Ewing High Robotics Team. Mayor Steinmann then said that the Robotics Team will be participating in a world competition.

President Baxter offered his congratulations to the team and stated that we have honored other Ewing High teams, particularly in athletics, but we also want to honor students in other areas; to show that we have well-rounded students.

Mayor Steinmann read the Proclamation; the Mayor and Council then presented it to each team member.

Vice President Keyes-Maloney thanked the team members, the mentors and the advisors. Vice President Keyes-Maloney added that a reason why this program is one of the best in the State is the partnership with the Katzenbach School. Students from each school come to the table with unique skills and work together to accomplish amazing things.

The Mayor then presented Proclamations to the mentors.

The Mayor added that our nation will be much better off in the future with scientists such as these that are here in this room.

(A photo with the Mayor, Council and the Robotics Team was then taken.)

Vice President Keyes-Maloney added that she wanted to put on the record and also wanted to thank Brian Bowles, a Ewing resident who is involved with the Robotics Team, who had approached her regarding this Proclamation.

DISCUSSION

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

The Administrator explained that we apply for the tonnage grant each year based on our recycling efforts around the town. We are getting a little less each year but it is still worth getting as it helps us to encourage recycling, shredding and mulching. Councilwoman Wollert asked the Administrator how much funding does he anticipate this year.

The Administrator replied that last year it went down to about \$4,600; we do not know how much we will get this year.

There were no additions comments or questions from Council.

2. A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE USE OF A “NO PASSING ZONE” ON NJ ROUTE 31 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWEING AS RECOMMENDED BY NJDOT

The Attorney explained that this is at the request of the Department of Transportation to legally establish the no passing zone on Route 31.

Councilman Schroth asked if this was already a no passing zone and that it is just being ratified.

President Baxter responded – yes.

The Administrator added that it is an update at the request of the State.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council.

3. A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO GOLDEN CROWN CONTRACTORS FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING INTERIOR RENOVATIONS

The Administrator explained that this is for the ongoing work here at the Municipal Building. The Administrator gave a listing of the additional work that will be done and then stated that it is within twenty percent of the original contract that is required for a change order.

The Mayor added that when we did the initial walk through, a few things were missed. The Mayor then stated that Council’s next meeting will be held in Council Chambers instead of being held in the Court Room. The Court Room will be renovated next and Court will be held in Council Chambers. The Mayor said that he hopes the work will be completed by the end of June.

President Baxter stated that in the end the finished product will be worth it.

Vice President Keyes-Maloney said that the new lighting will not only be environmentally friendly but will provide significant cost savings.

The Mayor added that two of the new boilers are now on line. That, along with the parking lighting here and at the Community Center will give us green points to keep the Sustainable Jersey Bronze grants for the next two years and then we will move into the Silver.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council.

4. A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS SUBMITTED FOR BLEACHER REPLACEMENT AT EWING SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER

The Attorney explained that at the time the bids were advertised, there was some confusion regarding an item in the bid specs that caused the bidders to bid on different standards; this would affect the cost. The Attorney said that the efficient course is to reject all bids and to rebid clarifying the specs so that bidders are bidding on the same standards.

President Baxter asked if this was a difference in a design standard.

The Attorney responded – correct, it is with respect to a specific standard on an aisle whip.

President Baxter said that this is for bleachers at the Ewing Senior and Community Center which are fixed, roll out bleachers that have additional safety standards.

The Mayor said that Speizle Architects designed this and for whatever reason there was miscommunication about the standard for this type of project. The Mayor added that it would have a cost impact because a couple of seats will be eliminated. The Mayor said that once Council rejects all bids, we will rebid; it will not be a big holdup, but it will be a holdup.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council.

5. A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS SUBMITTED FOR THE DOOR ACCESS SECURITY SYSTEM AT THE EWING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Attorney explained that the recommendation is to reject all bids because the two lowest bidders were non-responsive because no subcontractors were identified. The next bids were in excess of the estimate.

President Baxter asked if this will be rebid immediately if Council votes to reject all bids.

The Mayor responded that we will go out to bid again and then discussed in detail both non-responsive bids and also those that were in excess of the estimate.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council.

6. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, AMENDING THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, AMENDING SECTION 225-52, ENTITLED "SCHEDULE V: HANDICAPPED PARKING ON STREETS," TO ADD A HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN AT 9 NEW TRENT STREET

President Baxter stated that this is fairly routine and then explained that the Police Department investigates such requests.

The Administrator added that the Police did check this out and a handicapped parking sign at this address is necessary.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

All discussion items were approved for action.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Baxter presented the Consent Agenda for review.

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$1,760,187.51 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #14R-44 in the Amount of \$1,422.54
2. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector, for Overpayment in the Amount of \$1447.88 for May 1, 2014 Tax Quarter to Barrett, George P., 634 Concord Circle, Ewing, NJ, 08618, for Property Owner Barrett, George P., for Block: 286 Lot: 124 also Known as 634 Concord Cir., for Overpayment of May 1, 2014 Tax Quarter
3. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector, for Overpayment in the Amount of \$1007.25 for April 1, 2014 Sewer Bill to Barry W. Rank, 12 Fox Run Rd, Pennington, NJ, 08534, for Property Owner Rank W. Barry, for Block: 365 Lot: 21 Qual: T0003 also Known as 1410 Parkway Ave., for Overpayment of April 1, 2014 Sewer Bill
4. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund and Cancellation, as Recommended by the Tax Collector, a REFUND in the Amount of \$561.41 for First Half of 2014 Tax Bill and a CANCELLATION in the Amount of \$2,245.63 for First Half of 2014 Tax Bill to Flowers, Willie, 1100 Parkside Ave., Ewing, NJ 08618.2626 for Property Owner Flowers, Willie J., for Block: 294 Lot: 76, also Known as 1100 Parkside Ave. Due to 100% Disabled Veteran since February 28, 2014.
5. A Resolution Authorizing the Patriotic Committee to Hold its Annual Fourth of July Parade (application with Police Department)

6. **A Resolution Authorizing Palmer Lane Lower Ferry Road Civic Association to Hold a Block Party/Road Closing on May 26th, 2014**
7. **A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an On-Premise Merchandise Raffle Sponsored by the Junior League of Greater Princeton on May 3, 2014**

There were no questions or comments from Council and the Consent Agenda was approved for action.

President Baxter then asked Council if they had any questions or comments regarding the Budget.

Council did not have any questions or comments.

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, TO AMEND CHAPTER 211 SALE OF USED GOODS AND EQUIPMENT TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC REPORTING TO POLICE OF USED GOODS OR EQUIPMENT PURCHASED BY DEALERS**

The Attorney explained that this updates the Ordinance to allow the Police Department to direct second hand dealers to submit the required information to a nation-wide electronic database.

President Baxter stated that the Police Department requested this; it is another tool for the Police Department to track the sale of second hand merchandise in the Township.

Vice-President Keyes-Maloney added that this is an extension of an Ordinance that we passed last year that looked at beginning to digitized used goods that came into the Town; this will take it national.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

2. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND CHAPTER 225 TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, TO PROHIBIT LEFT TURNS FROM THERESA STREET ONTO ROUTE 31 AND TO PROHIBIT LEFT TURNS AT DULY APPROVED SITE-PLANS WHERE A LEFT-TURN PROHIBITION IS PLACED IN RIGHT-OF-WAY**

The Mayor explained that that was a sign put up by the State illegally, as it was never codified by the Township. This Ordinance fixes that and also sets it up so that anytime the Zoning and Planning Board pass a Resolution that requires No Left Hand Turns, our Police can issue summons to violators.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

CLOSED SESSION

(None for this Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Baxter asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Wollert so moved, seconded by Ms. Keyes-Maloney. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Jennifer Keyes-Maloney, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk