

## FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 AGENDA SESSION

President Wollert called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

### ROLL CALL

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| ▪ Mr. Baxter - Present        | Jim McManimon, Administrator   |
| ▪ Ms. Hyser – Present         | Maeve Cannon, Attorney         |
| ▪ Mr. Murphy - Present        | Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk |
| ▪ Mr. Summiel - Present       | Joanna Mustafa, CFO            |
| ▪ President Wollert – Present |                                |
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President Wollert introduced Mayor Steinmann to talk about the CY2012 Budget – Mayor Steinmann gave a brief overview of the budget. He stated that the tax rate for 2011 was \$1.50. Under the current structure, the tax rate for 2012 will be \$1.23, a drop of \$.27. Mayor Steinmann commented that the township has a capital budget this year for repairs to the building. Councilman Summiel asked him to elaborate on the repairs that need to be done to the building. Mayor Steinmann said there is a desperate need to fix the heating and ventilating, duct work, all the bathrooms and the roof. He said we can’t keep throwing a band-aid on these things. He commented that the capital budget will have zero impact on the taxpayers. He also commented that our commercial ratable has gone up 3%. He sang CFO Joanna Mustafa’s praises for doing a magnificent job on the budget. He said that overall it is good news to the taxpayers. President Wollert wanted to recap and understand that we are looking at a tax decrease, money back to the taxpayers on the municipal side of things and looking at repairing and doing some capital projects that have a definite need. After some discussion, President Wollert thanked the Mayor and the CFO for their presentation.

### DISCUSSION

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, VACATING THE PAPER STREET KNOWN AS CAMPUS COURT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING – Mayor Steinmann explained. Councilman Summiel questioned the word “paper” street. Mayor Steinmann responded that it is not a “paper” street and it should be stricken from the title. Attorney Cannon agreed and will send new Ordinance to Clerk with the change.
2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE EWING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR GARAGE AND A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER – Administrator McManimon explained that this is a repeat of shared services, but the township has moved out of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street location and are now at the Gusz Building on Ewingville Road. Councilman Summiel commented that he understands that we vacated a building on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and moved the facilities to the Gusz Building to operate and the Board of Education has allowed us to do that and in turn we are offering a School Resource Officer for the schools. He doesn’t think the township should sponsor the School Resource Officer. He doesn’t think it is in the best interest of the town and doesn’t think it should be a police officer. After much discussion, this resolution was pulled from the agenda pending information from the CFO, showing cost savings to the town.

3. **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR THE PAVING OF THE EWING COMMUNITY AND SENIOR CENTER PARKING LOT-Administrator McManimon stated that this is the final project to the ESCC and to bring the parking lot into historical standards. The Resolution was approved for action.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

President Wollert presented the Consent Agenda for review.

1. **Authorization for the Chief Financial Officer to pay Township bills in the amount of \$898,752.91.**
2. **Approval of minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2011 (Agenda) September 27, 2011 (Regular), October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (Agenda), October 25, 2011 (Regular).**
3. **A Resolution authorizing a Refund, as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$389.23 for February 1, 2012 tax quarter to Mich, Agatha, H., 1720 Prospect Street, Ewing, NJ 08638 for property owner Mich, Agatha, H., for Block: 49 Lot: 353 also known as 1720 Prospect Street for overpayment.**
4. **A Resolution authorizing a Refund, as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$377.33 for February 1, 2012 tax quarter to Reeves, Bernice, 80 St. Paul Avenue, Ewing, NJ 08638 for property owner Reeves, Bernice, for Block: 172 Lot: 408 also known as 80 St. Paul Avenue for overpayment.**
5. **A Resolution authorizing a Refund, as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$11,134.07 and a CANCELLATION in the amount of \$13,360.88 for January 16, 2011 through May 1, 2012 tax quarter to Aruta, Bruce D. & Claudia R., 23 Crown Road, Ewing, NJ 08638 for property owner Aruta, Bruce D. & Claudia R. for Block: 223.08 Lot: 10, also known as 23 Crown Road due to 100% disabled veteran from 1/16/11 through 5/1/12 tax quarter.**
6. **A Resolution approving Matthew J. Iannarone as a Senior member of The Pennington Road Volunteer Fire Company & First Aid Squad.**
7. **A Resolution approving Tre'von A. Walker as a Junior member of The Pennington Road Volunteer Fire Company & First Aid Squad.**
8. **A Resolution approving Emergency Medical Service members to The Pennington Road Volunteer Fire Company and First Aid Unit.**
9. **A Resolution authorizing a Refund, as recommended by the Township Construction Official, for a senior citizen discount to Frank Cleary for 66 Upper Ferry Road.**
10. **A Resolution authorizing a Maintenance Guarantee Release for Johnson & Johnson (Block 373/Lot 9) Trenton Mercer Airport Ewing Engineers Remington Vernick and Affiliates #1102 I 026**
11. **A Resolution authorizing a Maintenance Guarantee Release for Enterprise Park (Block 341.01/Lot 5) Silvia Street Ewing Engineers Remington Vernick and Affiliates #1102 I 025**
12. **A Resolution authorizing the conduct of an On-Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle sponsored by Prospect Heights Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary**

13. A Resolution authorizing the conduct of a Bingo Night sponsored by Incarnation- St. James School Parent Teacher Association
14. A Resolution authorizing the conduct of an Off-Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle sponsored by Incarnation- St. James School Parent Teacher Association
15. A Resolution authorizing the conduct of an On Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle sponsored by Incarnation- St. James School Parent Teacher Association
16. A Resolution authorizing the conduct of a Casino Night sponsored by West Trenton Volunteer Fire Company

After some discussion of the bills list, the Consent Agenda was approved for action.

#### **E. ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION**

1. AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2012 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) (2012) – CFO Mustafa explained that the State allows us a cost of living increase of 2 ½% annually on our appropriations. By doing this Ordinance we can increase the 2 ½% to 3 ½% to allow us to have a little extra in the appropriations. Should we not need to use it, we can bank it for use in the next 2 succeeding budget years. President Wollert stated that it is a safeguard and allows the township to use it in an emergency. This Ordinance was approved for action.
2. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LEASE OF A PORTION OF HOLLOWBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER TO THE CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF MERCER COUNTY, INC. FOR OPERATION OF A DAY CARE (2012) President Wollert explained that this had been held over and people were brought in to explain it and because it is a whole new lease, it needs to be done by Ordinance. Council asked that Community Affairs Director, Ted Forst, be present at the Regular Tuesday session to answer questions of Council if needed. After some discussion, the Ordinance was approved for action.

#### **F. ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION**

(None for this meeting)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Wollert presented the New Business agenda for review.

1. A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 FINAL TO ARAWAK PAVING COMPANY, INC. FOR RESURFACING OF PHILLIPS BLVD (PHASE I) Administrator McManimon explained.
2. A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 TO ARAWAK PAVING COMPANY, INC. FOR 2011 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Administrator McManimon explained.
3. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PUBLIC DONOR AGREEMENT WITH THE CYO OF MERCER COUNTY
4. STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES RESOLUTION (Moody Park Tennis Courts) – Administrator McManimon explained. President Wollert commented that this is being done through grant money at no cost to the township.

The New Business agenda was established for action.

#### **STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**Ron Prykanowski (16 Thurston Avenue) questioned the signs for the school crossing guards and the solid waste bids. Administration responded. George Steward (30 Gilmore Road) asked about the current budget. CFO Mustafa responded.**

**There being no further business, President Wollert asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Murphy so moved seconded by Ms. Hyser. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.**

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**Kathy Wollert, Council President**

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**Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk**