

AGENDA SESSION 2-11-13

President Hyser 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, 2013.

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 THE 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 |
| ▪ Ms. Keyes-Maloney - Present | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth – Present | Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk |
| ▪ Ms. Wollert – Present | |
| ▪ President Hyser – Present | |

PRESENTATION

1. ELSA Budget- Robert Filler, Director ELSA

President Hyser introduced Charles Geter, Ewing Township Commissioner, ELSA. Charles Geter talked about ELSA stating that in 1947 Ewing & Lawrence needed to come up with something about its pollution problem. He pointed it out that it started operation in 1953 servicing about 210 miles, now today its 260 miles. He also explained that ELSA handles about 10,000 calls a year for Ewing Township. He turned this presentation over to the Executive Director, Bob Filler.

Bob Filler introduced his finance committee, Anne Zamonski, Vance Stevens (Finance Officer), Bill Hill (Maintenance & Collection Supervisor). He stated that we treat 5 billion gallons of waste water a year and 60% of the gallons of flow come from Ewing. The operating budget is a major piece of the annual charge. The operating budget change from 2012-2013 is .17% increase that .0017 in terms of dollars is 7,000 more than last year. Mr. Filler stated that the Seix Academy, Hotels, State Command Center, State Police Laboratory, Capital Health Systems and Jefferson properties brought more flow in. We are going to see 59.4% total flow which is going to come from Ewing. He stated that the debt service increase is around \$600,000 which is 2 projects (Force Main, Rt. 29 to Parkway Ave and Carlton Ave to Upper Ferry Rd). Members from Council asked questions, Bob Filler responded.

DISCUSSION

President Hyser explained we are going to start with #4 on discussion first since we have 3 officers from the Police Department - Lt. Lunetta, Detective Holt & Sgt. Stemler

4. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO REPEAL CHAPTER 211 AND ESTABLISH RULES, REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES FOR ANY PERSON OR ENTITY ENGAGING IN THE SALE OF USED GOODS AND EQUIPMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING (2013)

Attorney Cannon explained that this is an ordinance which will require people who sell used goods in Ewing a background check, finger printing and a weekly report. Attorney explained that "Occasional sales" mean yard sale, real estate or auction who are excluded from this ordinance. Detective Holt explained that its main purpose is to be more of an investigative tool. President Hyser asked questions and Detective Holt responded.

Greg Chassar (Ewing resident) explained that Ewing Administration is doing well making the Olden Avenue corridor better. He explained his personal experiences with these dealer and jewelry shops.

Simon (D&S Cash for Gold Shop Rite shopping center) asked is the waiting period time 5 days, Attorney Cannon explained that the waiting period for a sale is 5 days unless if there is an economic hardship.

Fred Potzer (Colavita Jewelers) asked is there a provision for dealer to dealer transactions, what's the waiting period. Attorney Cannon and Detective Holt explained.

President Hyser asked to hold this so this issue can be tweaked out and give Detective Holt opportunity to look into it. Vice President Baxter asked a question and Detective Holt responded.

Mayor Steinmann explained that we are acting on this ordinance from the police department and the businesses here in the Township and suggested to Council that they introduce this ordinance for tomorrow and have second reading and changing it at a later date would be easier. He said that time is of the essence.

1. 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 VIII § 225-52 SCHEDULE V: HANDICAPPED PARKING ON STREETS (2013)

President Hyser explained that it's adding on a request for Pasadena Avenue for handicap parking. Moved for First Reading

2. 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 VIII § 225-48 SCHEDULE I: NO PARKING ANYTIME (2013)

President Hyser explained that this is up for amendment to adding on the street Kirkbride Avenue. Administrator McManimon explained that there have been complaints about parking at 1605 Calhoun Street. Vice President Baxter asked questions, Administrator McManimon explained. Moved for First Reading

3. 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 VIII SCHEDULES, § 225-49 SCHEDULE II: EMERGENCY NO PARKING TO ADD ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY NO PARKING LOCATIONS AND TO DELETE HOURS OF PROHIBITED PARKING (2013)

Attorney Cannon explained that this is Section 225-49 implements 225-6 any of the streets listed on the schedule, specifically for snow because we have to plow. She also stated that the hours of parking have been removed. Members of council asked questions, Administrator McManimon explained.

5. A RESOLUTION AWARDING GRANT WRITING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT TO RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT NETWORK FOR HUD AND NON HUD RELATED GRANTS IN AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$64,800

Administrator McManimon introduced Susan Caruso Greene who will be doing our Grant Writing. Susan Caruso Greene explained that her company is based in Cranford and been doing grant writing for about 20 years. Members of council asked questions, Susan Caruso Green explained. Administrator McManimon explained that Sandy Stark our previous grant writer, has offered to work with our new grant writer with contacts and paper work.

6. AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A TAX ABATEMENT AND AUTHORIZING EWING TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES ("PILOT") AGREEMENT WITH TWO PETERS INC, TO PAY EWING TOWNSHIP, IN LIEU OF FULL PROPERTY TAXES, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO PERCENTAGE OF TAXES OTHERWISE DUE.

Attorney explained that Two Peters Diner can apply to the Redevelopment Agency for tax abatement for 5 years. President Hyser acknowledged that Heather Kearns-Latini from our Redevelopment Agency was here. Moved for first reading

Members from our Police Department came back about Item #4 under discussion and Detective Holt stated that if the store is in Ewing is purchasing jewelry with another jeweler with a verifying documents they can sell within 24 hour period and if not they have to wait the 5 days. Language will be inserted and this will go on tomorrow for First reading.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Hyser presented the Consent Agenda for review.

1. Authorization for the Chief Financial Officer to pay Township bills in the amount of \$5,044,521.45.
2. A Resolution authorizing a Refund, as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$1197.60 for February 1, 2013 tax quarter to Azore, Karen, 9 Browning Avenue, Ewing, NJ, 08638, for property owner Azore, Karen, for Block: 139.01 Lot: 1 also known as 9 Browning Avenue due to overpayment.
3. A Resolution authorizing a Refund, as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$1782.35 for February 1, 2013 tax quarter to Duerr, Steven J. & Deborah J., 8 Beth Ann Way, Ewing, NJ, 08638, for property owner Duerr, Steven J. & Deborah J., for Block: 581 Lot: 11 also known as 8 Beth Ann Way due to overpayment.
4. A Resolution authorizing a Refund, as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$1686.59 for February 1, 2013 tax quarter to Picerno Steven, 507 Howell Avenue, Ewing, NJ, 08628, for property owner Picerno, Steven, for Block: 384 Lot: 5 also known as 507 Howell Avenue due to overpayment.

Seeing no questions from Council the Consent Agenda was approved for action.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

(None at this time)

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

(None at this time)

NEW BUSINESS

(None at this time)

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Michael Coryell (24 Lochatong Road) talked about the Mayor's position should be a full time position and it's far from a part-time position. Greg Chassar commented on the Sale of used goods ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Hyser asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Baxter so moved seconded by Mr. Schroth. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Hilary Hyser, President

Keysha Preston, Deputy Municipal Clerk