

November 29, 2016 – AGENDA SESSION

President Schroth 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 4th day of January, 2016.

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 | Joanna Mustafa, CFO |
| ▪ Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Present | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Ms. Steward – 6:36 p.m. | Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk |
| ▪ Ms. Wollert - Absent | |
| ▪ President Schroth – Present | |

President Schroth said that he was advised that Vice President Steward is running late and then said that he has not heard anything regarding Councilwoman Wollert.

CLOSED SESSION – A Resolution (Resolution #16R-212) to Enter into Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of 1) Contract Negotiations - AFSCME

At 6:32 p.m., the Attorney read the Resolution to enter into Closed Session pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act to discuss contract negotiations and to receive the advice of Counsel; specifically, with respect to the following matter: AFSCME contract negotiations. Minutes will be made available to the Public, if and when appropriate, after the matter is concluded.

At 6:33 p.m., Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney made a motion to enter into Closed Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Baxter. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote.

At 7:06 p.m., Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney made a motion to close the Closed Session, seconded by Vice President Steward. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote.

At 7:07 p.m., Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney made a motion to enter back into Open Session, seconded by Vice President Steward. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION

- 1. ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF \$498,887.25 IN BOND PROCEEDS REMAINING UNSPENT NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES AND TO TRANSFER SUCH PROCEEDS TO THE CAPITAL SURPLUS FUND FOR FUTURE CAPITAL PROJECTS**

President Schroth said that this is relatively standard fare when we have this situation – unspent funds.

The CFO replied that that is correct. These projects are all completed. When we do capital ordinances, we project what the expenses are going to be. These are the balances left over after the projects are completed.

It is funded by our previous bonds. We cancel it back to capital surplus so we can use it for new projects without having to borrow more money.

Councilman Baxter commented that this is new capital projects.

The CFO replied – yes.

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

2. ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$440,000 FROM THE CAPITAL SURPLUS FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY.

The CFO explained that this is to now reapply those proceeds to a new generator for the Municipal Building, and a kids water playground (a splash park) at the Ewing Senior and Community Center as well as to reappropriate \$20,000, which had been applied to a breathalyzer that the State had anticipated using but changed their minds, towards an upfit of a command post for the Police Department.

Councilman Baxter asked if one of these water parks will be installed at Hollowbrook once all the work is completed.

The CFO replied – yes, but, that will be part of a grant that we are applying for.

President Schroth asked if the generator is replacing an existing one or is it a new generator.

The Mayor responded that it is a new generator replacing the old one; except, this generator is larger and will take care of the entire building. Right now, only certain sections in the Police Department as well as this side of the building are covered. During Hurricane Sandy we were in desperate need; we were running a couple different generators. The current generator needs renovations at a cost of about \$40,000. It did not make much sense to pay to rebuild the current generator plus buy a generator for the Police Department. So, we decided not to rebuild the current generator and instead, we decided to put a bigger capacity generator in that would cover the entire building.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney commented that it has been a concern that we do not have a full backup system here that would cover everything. It is important in the event of a disaster that we are able to use the system.

The Mayor commented that with the new generator, if the employees could get to work, we could work. Right now, we could not do that.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked, in terms of the water playground, what was the impetus to decide that this was something we wanted to do.

The Mayor replied that, initially, the recommendation came from Ted Forst when we found out that the kiddie pool was not being used. The new trend is this type of water park. We also got a recommendation from the Recreation Department. The Mayor added that whatever we do here, we will be doing at Hollowbrook.

Vice President Steward said that it is also an improvement in safety as there is no standing water.

The Mayor responded (comment unclear on the tape).

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

3. ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, AMENDING CHAPTER 354: TRAILERS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PORTABLE ON-DEMAND STORAGE OR PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS ON RESIDENTIALLY ZONED PROPERTY EXCEPT IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE ORDINANCE.

The Attorney introduced the Township Planner, Chuck Latini, and said that he is here this evening to explain this Ordinance.

Chuck Latini (Township Planner) said that this is an amendment to Chapter 354 which used to be titled just “Trailers”. This Ordinance is long overdue. What we found over the years, is that our definition of “trailers” along with the ability for folks to store these on-demand storage units or trailers on their property has led to a number of different neighborhoods experiencing these things being stored in driveways or on lawns for extreme amounts of time. It can be quite burdensome to look at.

Mr. Latini explained that in this Ordinance we expanded the definition to include storage facilities, and better defined “trailers”. Previously, people were allowed to park a trailer on the street as long as it was registered with the DMV. This Ordinance does allow for the temporary use of storage facilities or to have things delivered for a set time period - seventy-two hours - with extensions granted through the Construction Office. There are two exceptions: one, if someone is moving – the time period is up to two weeks and two, if someone is a victim of a natural disaster – there is some latitude.

A brief discussion followed as to whether or not this would need to be referred to the Planning Board. The Attorney said that it does not as it is not a zoning ordinance. It is a general “police powers” ordinance.

Councilman Baxter asked if it would be enforced by the Police.

The Attorney responded that any enforcement officer in the Town, could write a ticket.

Councilman Baxter and Mr. Latini then discussed whether these storage facilities or trailers would have to be registered.

A discussion followed as to what would be done about all the unregistered storage facilities or trailers.

The Attorney added that Section Four of this Ordinance affords anybody who is currently in violation of this Ordinance; 120 days – four months – to come into compliance.

Vice President Steward asked if this primarily applies to parking or placing storage facilities on the street.

Mr. Latini responded that it applies to both – on the street and on property. People are storing and selling things off their property or shipping items overseas.

Vice President Steward asked if a camper can stay in your driveway.

Mr. Latini replied – yes.

The Attorney added that you have to look at the definitions. A camper is not a portable on-demand storage unit.

Mr. Latini then said that all of those things are differentiated in the definitions. Most of the definitions were taken from the DMV in order to be consistent.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney stated that pull trailers and RVs are regulated on the street for not more than two hours and not overnight; pods are regulated on the property for seventy-two hours with an additional forty-eight hours upon application and then asked how were those time-frames decided.

Mr. Latini replied that we looked at different ordinances and talked with a few zoning officials.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that, regarding the section concerning using the pods to store stuff that is going to be sold, the Construction Official would have to have access to the pod to be able to verify that.

Mr. Latini replied that that would be a more difficult thing to prove. But, if they want to own a home business, they would have to come before the Zoning Board for a variance to use their property that way.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney stated that not being able to do this more than twice within a ninety day period was also built around what other communities have done.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that one of the biggest things with this is going to be communicating this change to the Community because this is huge. Pods are popping up all over the Town because people use them for kitchen remodels and everything else. Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney then said that she is curious as to where the Community “falls out” on this. Perhaps we can get out in front by having a conversation as to how people feel about this before moving forward.

The Mayor commented that the problem is not so much what is being stored in these trailers but the trailer itself. At the end of the day, people can make all kinds of excuses as to why these pods need to be there. The biggest problem that we are having is that these are not just regular sized pods, but rather are these big containers that sit for months and months in a driveway and then are shipped overseas. The Mayor said that he thinks it is a disservice to the Community if this Ordinance is not acted upon. Ninety percent of the people would support this. We will never be able to make everyone happy. The Mayor then said that he constantly gets complaints about cars parked on the streets because they look ratty. These cars are registered so there is nothing that we can do about it. This is something that we can do something about. It is not fair that a neighbor has to look at this. There is also a consequence for the Town in general – people driving through would not want to live in this community. Jackson just adopted the same policy that we are looking to do. This is a problem that needs to be fixed.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney commented that she gets what we are trying to do. The intent is pure. But we want to make sure that we are addressing fully those things that we may not have thought about. It is a huge change. Communication is going to be critical. People need to know that this is something that we are pursuing. It is about having a conversation. It makes sense to ensure that we are not having shipping containers in driveways. But we need to think about this – to make sure that there is not another type of vehicle that the DMV has not classified or another situation besides a natural disaster that might have to be added to the list.

President Schroth said that he supports the idea behind this Ordinance. President Schroth then discussed Subsection B which makes a provision for applications for extensions of time for people acting in good faith. President Schroth then mentioned that if the Ordinance is vague and citations are regrettably issued, people has access to the Municipal Court for redress.

The Mayor said that we are out of time. If it does not go now, it can not go again until next year. And this problem just continues. This Ordinance can always be amended. There are sections of this Town where this is a big problem. These huge trailers are a distraction. The Mayor stated that he is getting phone calls but we could not address it under the current Ordinance. We reached out to other communities who are having the same problem. The Mayor asked Council to introduce this and said that we can have a discussion about it. If it does not work, we can do something about it later. At least, we will have set the wheels in motion. The Mayor added that some people will not like it. Most are just ignorant of the fact that you can not just do whatever you want on your property. The Mayor then gave the example of rental property registration. That went into effect three or four years ago and there are still fifty, sixty, seventy homes that are not registered. These people with shipping containers in their driveways most likely will not come in to register. But, this is how you catch them.

President Schroth said that this has been drafted in such a way as to protect people who are acting in good faith.

Mr. Latini added that we can post this and get feed back before the next Council meeting. We did look at other communities but the initial drafting of this was with the help of the Community. And then we opened it up to our inspectors who are out on the street and see the various things that are stored on properties and how their hands are tied on a lot of this stuff. It is a better Ordinance because more eyes saw it.

Vice President Steward asked about the penalty for non-compliance.

The Attorney responded that the maximum penalty is \$2,000.00. However, for a violation like this which involves a property owner, if a fine is more than \$1,250.00, a thirty day period to abate the violation has to be afforded prior to the fine being assessed.

Councilman Keyes-Maloney asked if this would be considered a housing or zoning violation because we are using our public safety authority.

The Attorney and Council then discussed this. A thirty day period to abate was added to the Ordinance.

Councilman Baxter stated that he respects Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney's opinion, but this is being driven by the residents. People have come and asked us to get something done. When we think about this Town and what we have done so far to beautify it; this goes hand-in-hand with that. These trailers are eyesores. There are a lot of neighborhoods who feel as if they have been neglected; that we only care about certain sections of this Town. Councilman Baxter said that he is glad to see that a path has been started to address this. The main thing is the education component; to let the people understand what is happening. We have to start getting compliance immediately. These trailers are tearing up our roads; people are running commercial businesses out of their homes. We have to put a stop to it in order to make Ewing a better place. This is a great way to start; we may even need to make the Ordinance a little stronger.

Councilman Baxter then asked why are the forms coming out of the Clerk's Office when it is Construction that will be enforcing it.

Mr. Latini, Councilman Baxter, the Attorney, the Mayor and the Clerk then discussed this. The Ordinance was amended; it will reside with the Construction Office.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council.

Jonathan Savage (10 Westwood Drive) said that he appreciated the opportunity to collaborate with your professional staff as well as with the Mayor and the Administrator on this matter. Mr. Savage then related a personal story as to what occurred in his neighborhood – a relative of his neighbor was using a shipping container for commercial purposes. Code Enforcement came out; a citation was issued. It was thrown out of Municipal Court because the Ordinance was not sufficient enough to address the specifics of what is a “container”; what is a “pod”. This was a terrible situation for his neighborhood and for other neighborhoods; bad for the aesthetics. This Ordinance is necessary and needed. Mr. Savage stated that he understands that the Public needs to be informed and said that he believes that once these pod companies know that a license is required or fines will be levied; there will be action. Mr. Savage said that he believes that this is a really good Ordinance and said that he was proud to participate in this. It will benefit the Community. Mr. Savage thanked Council for the opportunity to be here tonight and said that he would be glad to be one of the Township’s outreach persons to the Community.

David Lyons (530 Washington Avenue) said that this is a tremendous idea and that he was not aware that this sort of thing was happening around the Township.

The Attorney then responded to Mr. Lyons question regarding sections 354-13 and 354-14. The Ordinance language is broader than the Title language. The Title is just descriptive for indexing purposes. The Attorney then suggested that it be changed to add language.

Mr. Lyons then asked what do people do to get action if they see these containers in their neighborhood and is it just a one time call or do people have to keep following up.

President Schroth said that you would call the Construction Office. As a practical matter, you could call the Mayor, the Police or email Council but ideally it would be the Construction Office as these other offices would only pass it along to Construction.

The Mayor added that if you do not get a response the first time, the second call is to his office and you will get a response.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

4. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING AND MERCER COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER TO OVERSEE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP’S PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE

President Schroth said that this a renewal of what we have been doing for a number of years now where we had the Health Officer from the County who worked with the Township part-time to oversee our health services.

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

5. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A ONE-MONTH SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SWIFTREACH NETWORKS, INC. AND THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$791.25.

President Schroth said that we have to do this as a one month contract because these are the only funds that the Township can certify at this time.

The CFO explained that as the Finance Officer she can only certify those funds that are available in the current budget. We agreed to start them as of December 1st instead of January 1st so there is no issue of a break in service.

President Schroth said that we will revisit this in January because then the CFO will be able to certify the funds.

The Attorney explained that the Township wants a continuation of service. The Township has an existing reverse 911 call provider who requires a ninety day notice period and their contract expires on January 1st. Notice has been given to them. However, there is a certain amount of startup work that has to be done by the other contractor so as to not have a break in service. The goal would be to have this one

month period of overlap between the two contracts so the new contractor can boot up.

President Schroth reiterated that Swiftreach will not be our 911 provider during the month of December; rather they will be getting up and running so in January they can start.

The Mayor said that we will still be using Honeywell the remainder of this month for any calls that we may have to make. The reason why we needed this month is so Swiftreach can load their database with all the phone numbers that we have.

January 1st, at the Reorganization, we can go ahead and get them for the remainder of the three year contract with options. The Mayor added that Swiftreach is a little more versatile as we will be able to target certain areas of the Town to get the message. Plus, in the three year period, we will actually save \$21,000.

The Attorney added that at the end of the three years, there will be two one year options at the locked rate.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked if it allows us to do notifications not just for the emergency stuff but for community events as well.

The Mayor responded that it does not matter what we put out there, they will send the message.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney then asked if it allows us to send the notifications via text and e-mail.

The Mayor replied that however you want it, that is how you will get it.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney commented that it is an on-going problem with Comcast; Verizon picks up the database immediately. We will still have to have a conversation with Comcast.

The Mayor replied that Comcast is still playing hardball. The Mayor added that he encourages people to sign-up on the website. We are still trying to go through and purge some of those numbers; some of our businesses have multiple lines so they get multiple calls – that is a problem. The first time that we tried it, every phone at the State Police Barracks rang notifying them of a storm.

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

6. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR EWING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Attorney explained that all Emergency Medical Service providers are required to have standard operating procedures for every aspect of their operation. That is what this is – the official SOP of our EMS. It is quite lengthy. The Attorney added that she would be happy to answer any questions. The State has, in the past, told the Township to make sure that we have an updated, current and usable SOP for the Township's EMS provider.

Councilman Baxter asked where is the Township requiring EMS keep copies of the SOP.

The Mayor replied that a copy will be kept in Administration and a copy will be distributed to every EMS employee who will have to sign for it.

The Attorney added that she believes that a copy must be kept in each ambulance as well.

Councilman Baxter stated that we do not bill Ewing residents for ambulance services.

The Mayor replied that we bill everyone. The difference being if a Ewing resident does not have insurance, we waive the fee.

Councilman Baxter asked if that is in the SOP.

The Attorney responded that we actually have an ambulance billing Ordinance that is separate and apart from the SOP. And, we have a contractor who does the billing for the Township.

The Mayor added that the SOP is strictly how you do the job; it does not cover anything financial.

The Attorney added that the SOP is purely service delivery issues.

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

7. A RESOLUTION GRANTING FREDERICK DOW PERMISSION TO RECEIVE HIS SERVICE FIREARM (GLOCK 21, .45 CAL. SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOL SERIAL NUMBER RYA-915) UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE EWING TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT DECEMBER 1, 2016

President Schroth explained that this is standard fare, custom, and practice of Ewing Township to allow an Officer, upon retirement, to keep his service revolver. It is also a practical matter, not just a gesture on the part of the Township, as these revolvers, at that point in time, really do not have the ability to be reused by other officers because of the age and use of that weapon.

The Mayor added that the Officer is required to get a permit to carry that weapon prior to getting the weapon.

The Attorney added that it has to be approved by the Chief of Police.

Councilman Baxter asked when is his retirement date.

The Mayor responded - December 1.

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

President Schroth announced that there are two walk-on items.

8. A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REVISIONS OF A NEW CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING ("THE TOWNSHIP") AND LOCAL 2472 OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ("AFSCME")

President Schroth stated that this memorializes the contract that has been long negotiated between the Township and the union representing Township employees.

The Mayor said that it has been a long arduous process. And it continues to be arduous; after they ratified their contract, a couple of individuals are still trying to make changes. The Mayor stated that he told the union representative that he is not going to make changes every day; we are done negotiating. There are thirty-nine members; a few did not vote. It carried with twenty votes. It was not the most pleasant of negotiations but we got through it. The Mayor added that our Public Works Department is still one of the highest paid in the State. At one time we were the highest and that was when the State came to us, when we were in financial distress, and said that we can not pay these starting salaries for laborers - \$55,000. We scaled back to \$17.00 per hour but we still protected all those already in that particular group. They did not take the hit; new hires took the brunt of what the State mandated, which is actually the State average.

At the request of the Council President, Rocky Peterson (Labor Attorney) gave a synopsis of the agreement which runs from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2019. Some highlights include: a ninety day probationary period for new hires and for those who move up; the work week will be Monday to Friday or Tuesday to Saturday; starting in January 2017, a one hour lunch period will be tried for ninety days; eleven paid holidays; employees will be allowed to buy back five vacation days; employees have to work for the Township fifteen years before receiving Township benefits; there will be a two percent raise each year and two \$500 clothing allowance payments.

Councilman Baxter asked if it is a forty or thirty-five hour work week.

The Mayor responded that it is forty hours.

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

President Schroth stated that the second walk-on item is:

9. RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87

The CFO explained that this is the 2016 HUD/CDBG allotment for Ewing in the amount of \$191,442.00. It will be included in our 2016 Budget; which will make it available for spending.

Councilman Baxter commented that it is late; there is only a month left and then asked if it will roll over.

The CFO responded that grants always roll over.

Councilman Baxter then asked if it is in the general budget.

The CFO replied – it is, and then it is moved to the grant fund.

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

All items were approved for action.

BILLS LIST

1. **A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$5,100,434.90 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #16R-13 in the Amount of \$32,384.28**

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

The Bills List was approved for action.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Schroth presented the Consent Agenda for review.

1. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$226.65 for November 1, 2016 4th quarter taxes to Phillips, Jason C. and Dolores A., 8 Conover Avenue, Ewing, NJ 08638 for property owner Phillips, Jason C. and Dolores A. for Block: 101 Lot: 214 also known as 8 Conover Avenue.**
2. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$1088.70 for November 1, 2016 4th quarter taxes to Monarch Title Agency, 427 Whitehorse Avenue, Hamilton, NJ 08610 for property owner Guthrie, Dennis for Block: 458 Lot: 28 also known as 6 Downing Road.**
3. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$3791.83 for 2016 third and fourth quarter taxes to Croux, George and Gwendolyn, 504 Howell Ave, Ewing, NJ 08628 for property owner Croux, George and Gwendolyn for Block: 386 Lot: 20 also known as 504 Howell Ave for overpayment due to duplicate block and lot.**
4. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$69.98 for November 1, 2016 4th quarter taxes to Zangrilli, Mark A., 98 Kyle Way, Ewing, NJ 08628 for property owner Zangrilli, Mark A. for Block: 365 Lot: 2.01 Qualifier: C0914 also known as 98 Kyle Way.**
5. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$1308.87 for November 1, 2016 4th quarter taxes to Sterling Title Agency, 2662 Nottingham Way, Hamilton, NJ 08619 for property owner Alicea, Reinaldo & Daisy Rivera for Block: 262 Lot: 43 also known as 1136 Lower Ferry Road.**
6. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$113.68 for November 1, 2016 4th quarter taxes to Belardo, Patrick A., 6 Mountain View Court, Ewing, NJ 08628 for property owner Belardo, Patrick A. for Block: 423.02 Lot: 66.02 also known as 6 Mountain View Court.**
7. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$1846.61 for November 1, 2016 4th quarter taxes to Angebranndt, David, 124 Nancy Lane, Ewing, NJ 08638 for property owner Angebranndt, David for Block: 214.06 Lot: 14 also known as 124 Nancy Lane.**

8. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$992.28 for November 1, 2016 4th quarter taxes to Oeckinghaus, Krista, 1202 Parkside Ave, Ewing, NJ 08618 for property owner Oeckinghaus, Krista for Block: 440 Lot: 223 also known as 1202 Parkside Ave.**
9. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$139.30 for November 1, 2016 4th quarter taxes to Urban, Rebecca, 4 Pennroad Avenue, Ewing, NJ 08638 for property owner Urban, Rebecca for Block: 120 Lot: 9 also known as 4 Pennroad Avenue.**
10. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$2297.75 for November 1, 2016 4th quarter taxes to Remy, Jean, 6 Perry Drive, Ewing, NJ 08628 for property owner Remy, Jean for Block: 435.01 Lot: 2 also known as 6 Perry Drive.**
11. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$2102.94 for November 1, 2016 4th quarter taxes to Szember, Agnieszka K., 2 Pioneer Court, Ewing, NJ 08628 for property owner Szember, Agnieszka K. for Block: 552 Lot: 90 also known as 2 Pioneer Court.**
12. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$2161.20 for November 1, 2016 4th quarter taxes to Colavito, Robert and Holland, Julianne, 3 Rockleigh Drive, Ewing, NJ 08628 for property owner Colavito, Robert and Holland, Julianne for Block: 539 Lot: 2 also known as 3 Rockleigh Drive.**
13. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$97.16 for November 1, 2016 4th quarter taxes to Carrington, Claudette A., 234 Maple Ave Apt. 20, Trenton, NJ 08618 for property owner Carrington, Claudette A. for Block: 234.02 Lot: 15 also known as 515 Sutherland Road.**
14. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$241.09 for November 1, 2016 4th quarter taxes to Scupp, Rachel L., 21 Van Duyn Drive, Ewing, NJ 08618 for property owner Scupp, Rachel L. for Block: 230 Lot: 48 also known as 21 Van Duyn Drive.**
15. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$91.13 for November 1, 2016 4th quarter taxes to Princeton Assurance Corp., 2482 Pennington Road, Suite 2, Pennington, NJ 08534 for property owner Capuano, Dominic and Muentener, Rach for Block: 231 Lot: 40 also known as 26 Van Duyn Drive.**
16. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$135.71 for October 1, 2016 second half sewer bill to Dziminski, Richard J & Nicole M., 19 Wardman Ave, Ewing, NJ 08638 for property owner Dziminski, Richard J & Nicole M. for Block: 102 Lot: 15 also known as 19 Wardman Ave.**
17. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$118.43 for November 1, 2016 4th quarter taxes to Holland, Henry L., 674 Village Road West, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550 for property owner Holland, Henry L. for Block: 395 Lot: 265.01 also known as 109 W Upper Ferry Rd.**
18. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$106.00 for November 1, 2016 4th quarter taxes to Quinones, Lisa, 293 Wynnewood Road, Ewing, NJ 08628 for property owner Quinones, Lisa for Block: 491 Lot: 29 also known as 293 Wynnewood Road.**

President Schroth said that these are all tax refunds.

The Attorney added that there is a lot of refinancing going on because people are worried that interest rates are going up.

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

The Consent Agenda was approved for action.

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 EWING TOWNSHIP SALARY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING**

President Schroth said that this is a standard Ordinance where we set the salaries for the Township Clerk and the Business Administrator which are not covered under union contract.

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

The Ordinance was approved for action.

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councilman Baxter stated that he is the liaison to the Town & Gown Committee which is our coordinated meeting between The College of New Jersey and the Township of Ewing. It was set up years ago in order to have better relations between the Town and the College. The meeting was last night. Councilman Baxter said that the Mayor spoke about economic development in the Township. The student government liaison, Kevin Kim, talked about the Ewing branch of Habitat for Humanity and that the students were trying to get involved in that. Students also did a clean-up at the 1867 Sanctuary and held a “Trunk or Treat”. Both were successful. The Councilman said that he spoke with Mr. Kim about setting up a neighborhood leaf project; raking leaves for seniors in the neighborhood. The liaison from the Police Department said that it has been pretty calm at the College except for the first week in September when students first moved in. The Police liaison also mentioned the changes to the reporting process if Township Police have to respond to a “College” house.

Councilman Baxter announced that there will be a Community Fest next year at the College. The date will be held September 23, 2017. A couple neighbors were at the meeting. They had issues with some of the parties in the neighborhood but they also commented that things were starting to slow down. The Community Response Unit seems to be doing its job in that neighborhood.

Councilman Baxter reported that the Recreation Advisory Board did not meet. The next meeting is in December.

President Schroth asked if the “quirk” in the registration process for students living off campus has been fixed.

Councilman Baxter responded that that has been addressed; the College knows where all of their students are. Councilman Baxter then explained the new registration process.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney stated that she regretfully missed the EDA meeting. They were very happy to see the prescription box installs. Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney then thanked the Administration and the Police for making that a reality.

Vice President Steward said that the Green Team picked up their Silver Certification at the League of Municipalities as well as their Sustainable Champion Award for being awarded the most points of any moderately sized town. We actually received more points than any other Town except Woodbridge, which employs a full time person who is also on the Board of Sustainable New Jersey. The Green Team’s holiday gathering is next Wednesday, December 7th, at the Ewing Senior and Community Center. The Green Team has several vacancies if anyone is interested.

President Schroth said that the Planning Board meets this Thursday so he does not have anything to report tonight.

Vice President Steward mentioned that there was a long story in this month’s Ewing Observer about the Silver Certification.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney reminded everyone that on Thursday, December 15th we will be honoring all the volunteers who serve on Boards and Commissions at the Ewing Senior and Community Center from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. It is open to the Public.

There were no additional Commission and Committee reports from members of Council. There were no additional announcements.

NEW BUSINESS

(None for this Meeting)

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no statements and comments from members of the Public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Schroth asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Baxter so moved seconded by Ms. Steward. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Sarah Steward, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk