

April 26, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING

President Schroth called the meeting to order at 8:00 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

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 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 | Joanna Mustafa, CFO |
| ▪ Ms. Steward – Present | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Ms. Wollert – Present | Kim Macellaro, Clerk |
| ▪ President Schroth – 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 #16R-68**) A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$6,991,666.62 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #16R-13 in the Amount of \$11,771.17

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

ROLL CALL

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

All items listed under, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Clerk read the Consent Agenda: (Resolution #16R-69/)

1. Approval of Agenda Session Minutes for March 22, 2016; Approval of Regular Session Minutes for March 22, 2016
2. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an On-Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle Sponsored by PTO Antheil Elementary School Inc.
3. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an On-Premise Merchandise Raffle Sponsored by PTO Antheil Elementary School Inc.
4. A Resolution Authorizing the Brothers' of Tomorrow to Hold a Block Party/Road Closing on September 3, 2016
5. A Resolution Authorizing the Springmeadow Homeowners Association to Hold a Block Party/Road Closing on June 4, 2016
6. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$64.10 for April 1, 2016 sewer bill to Phyllis Farquharson, 99 Chelsea Ave., Ewing NJ, 08638 for property owner Phyllis Farquharson for Block: 61 Lot: 24 also known as 99 Chelsea Ave. Sewer bill for 2016 is paid in full.
7. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$8,937.13 for property taxes being paid on incorrect property from February 1, 2015 to February, 2016 to Keystone Asset Management Inc., 3015 Advance Lane, Colmar, PA 18915 for property owner Upper Ferry Rd, LLC for Block: 229.8 Lot: 10 also known as 9 Upper Ferry Rd.

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

ROLL CALL

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

CY2016 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

1. The Clerk Read (Resolution #16R-70) A RESOLUTION TO READ BUDGET BY TITLE AT PUBLIC HEARING

President Schroth stated that April 26th is not less than twenty-eight days after the introduction and approval of the Budget. The date and time of the Hearing was published at least ten days before the Public Hearing. The Clerk delivered to the libraries the full copy of the Calendar Year 2016 Budget, specifically, the Mercer County Library on Scotch Road and the Hollowbrook Community Center Library - attestation has been attached to the Resolution. Three certified copies of the Budget had been sent to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

The Attorney explained that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 allows for the passage of a Resolution to read the Budget by Title if these criteria are satisfied. These criteria have been satisfied.

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

ROLL CALL

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

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CY2016 BUDGET

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

The CFO gave a brief overview of the Budget.

Councilman Baxter asked the CFO what percentage of the tax levy is for schools and what percentage is for the County.

The CFO replied that the school levy is approximately fifty-five percent and the County levy is twenty-two or twenty-three percent.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council.

George Steward (30 Gilmore Road) said that as he has done before, he would like to voice his opposition and state that he continues to object to the Agenda meeting and Regular Session meeting being held on the same night. Mr. Steward said that he would like Council to have had a chance to be able to think about and absorb his comments on the Budget for at least twenty-four hours before voting.

Mr. Steward said that his comments will challenge two areas - some components of the budgeting process along with some budget numbers. Mr. Steward asked if tonight is the first chance either he or any member of the Public can talk with Council in detail about the Budget.

The Attorney responded that that is not correct. Any member of the Public can say anything they want at any public meeting during the Public Comment period of a meeting. Council cannot have a Hearing on the Budget prior to twenty-eight days. Council cannot be engaged in a colloquy about the Budget prior to twenty-eight days passing so no one can accuse them of holding a Public Hearing prematurely.

Mr. Steward rephrased his question and asked if this is the first time that he is able to have a dialogue with Council concerning the Budget.

The Attorney replied that he could always talk with the CFO and talk individually with a Council member at any time regarding the Budget.

Mr. Steward then stated that this Body is going to take responsibility for this Budget from this moment on. Mr. Steward said that he wants to engage with this Body to understand how they feel and what they think about it. This is the first time that he has been able to talk publically to this Body and they can talk back to him and answer his questions in a Public Hearing.

The Attorney replied that that is correct, this is the first opportunity that this Council is legally permitted to have a hearing on this Budget.

Mr. Steward asked if Council anticipates a final vote tonight.

The Council President responded that that is our intention.

Mr. Steward asked if Council is proposing any alternative Budget or any amendments to the proposed budget.

President Schroth replied that he and Vice President Steward have met with the Administration to discuss this Budget in detail and have challenged them on the figures. We have also met privately with each department head and discussed their budget requests. The Department heads also came before Council and publicly discussed their proposed budget. President Schroth said that, after meeting with the Administration and understanding their figures, along with the fiscal and contractual constraints on this budget, he, personally, does not have any proposed alternate budget. Council does not have any proposed alternate budget.

Mr. Steward asked the Council President if he is in agreement with the fundamentals of the Budget.

President Schroth said that in his opinion, the budget fundamentals are sound.

Mr. Steward then asked if the Budget is still asking the taxpayers for two additional cents per hundred.

President Schroth replied – yes.

Mr. Steward asked, for discussion purposes, can he continue to use the fact that one cent per hundred is equivalent to about \$200,000 of appropriations.

President Schroth replied that it is his understanding that that would be accurate.

The CFO added that it is \$195,000.

Mr. Steward said that last year, 2015, there also was a two cent per hundred increase.

President Schroth replied that that is his recollection.

Mr. Steward referred to Page Thirty-Nine of the Budget and discussed the 2015 surplus and the proposed 2016 surplus.

Mr. Steward then asked the Council President how he sees the surplus. Mr. Steward said that he knows that the surplus is not a debit/credit account but rather it is the balance of the current cash fund on whatever date that it is calculated.

President Schroth responded that it is his understanding that the figures Council has been provided are accurate as of the date that those figures were produced.

Mr. Steward stated that, in 2016, you are asking the tax payer for another \$400,000. It appears that there was at least \$400,000 that was realized last year which could be used as the surplus went up. Mr. Steward then asked if, there is a specific need for this \$400,000.

President Schroth responded that the Budget is a complex document and that he could not say that the \$400,000 is earmarked for a particular expenditure or department. President Schroth then said that in a way you have answered your own question tonight by pointing out that the surplus is something that should be maintained; kept consistent year over year. We are one Superstorm Sandy or a series of blizzards away from a surplus not being a surplus.

Mr. Steward then discussed the surplus as a trend from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2015. The surplus was maintained over that period. Over that same period, over \$9 million of the surplus was spent in order to balance those four budgets. You are again asking for \$400,000 from the taxpayers. Mr. Steward said that what he trying to do tonight is to show Council that he sees ways that there does not need to be a two cent increase.

President Schroth commented that, in theory, there is almost always a way to not to have a tax increase – you can cut, you can dip into a surplus. When you do that, you create the potential for havoc throughout the Township – disruption in Township operations and the services provided. During previous administrations, there was not sound fiscal management. There were numerous complaints. The State was involved in the Town’s finances. Now, we are doing things right, our bond ratings have gone up and we have also earned the right to self-examination of the budget.

Mr. Steward responded that it is not valid to go back prior to 2012.

President Schroth disagreed with Mr. Steward about the relevance of prior mismanagement saying that if we had to gradually dig out of a hole, it is relevant.

Mr. Steward said that you are asking for \$400,000.00. Mr. Steward then discussed Sheet 10A. It is the first year that Campus Town is making a “payment in lieu of taxes” which is new revenue for the Township. Mr. Steward reiterated his point that his goal tonight is to point out to Council items in the Budget in order to save the taxpayers a tax increase. Mr. Steward asked Council to think about this “extra” revenue that the Township has realized and to see if Council could save the taxpayer two cents per hundred or even one cent per hundred.

Mr. Steward then brought up the 2015 Budget Reserve of \$1.9 million and asked what becomes of the money that is not spent.

The CFO replied that whatever is not spent at the end of the current budget year, goes into a reserve year. That money stays in the Reserve until the end of the following budget year. After that, whatever balance is left rolls into surplus. It is not available to use as surplus until the end of the second year.

Mr. Steward asked what the Reserve was as of March 31st.

The CFO replied that March 31st is not a relevant date, and that she could tell him what it was on December 31st.

Mr. Steward asked what is the Reserve today.

The CFO responded that off the top of her head it is about \$815,000 for 2015.

Mr. Steward asked if you are expecting money from 2014/2015 to roll into this Budget; can it be seen in this Budget.

The CFO replied – yes and then responded that it is part of the annual financial statement; it does not show on the budget document. The CFO then explained a

number of items are included in that final number that is used. About one million of lapsed balances is coming into this budget year.

Mr. Steward at length then discussed Sheet 17 – Salary & Wages and suggested that monies could be saved by keeping employment stable and creating efficiencies through technology.

Mr. Steward again stated that Council has places where they can save money. Decisions are made about the use of the surplus. If the same amount is used as was used in 2015 then there would be no tax increase. If Council wanted to do something for the taxpayers this year, they could.

The CFO commented that Mr. Steward is correct. We have worked diligently to keep that surplus balance stable around the \$5 million mark. It is something that we ensured our bond rating companies that we would endeavor to do to get our bond rating up which helps us when we go out and borrow money for capital projects. In 2015, we sold property for \$1.3 million; there was also an influx because of unique situations in the previous year that helped to increase the surplus. In 2016, we do not project any unique situations and anticipate that at the end of this year the surplus will be a lot lower than in the previous years until next year when we have some of these bigger developments kicking in more with PILOTS and added assessments. The CFO mentioned that Mr. Steward was correct about new revenue coming in from Campus Town and then stated that revenue is also being lost - Park Place and the Transfer Station. The Township will also lose rental revenue as Hollowbrook will be closed for several months.

Council President Schroth added that Hollowbrook illustrates the need to maintain the surplus – to protect against unforeseen circumstances.

The CFO then clarified Mr. Steward’s comment regarding the Cap Bank.

Mr. Steward then addressed last year’s \$1 million emergency appropriation – revaluation. The surplus was still positive after this.

The CFO replied that that was a deferred payment over five years - \$200,000 is in this year’s budget. There was also \$55,000 from a previous emergency appropriation in 2014.

Mr. Steward commented that the Budget still absorbed \$255,000.

Vice President Steward added that this must be absorbed for the next four years.

Mr. Steward then discussed Page Thirty-nine of the current budget and said that there should be concern because our creditors and rating agencies want the surplus to be kept stable at around five million; and the surplus is projected to only be about three million.

The Administrator added that the Township has addressed this with the rating companies. There are a lot of new building projects that will be coming on line. Rating agencies understand that there will be peaks and valleys; they just want there to be a plan and that the planned building projects are coming to fruition, which they are.

Mr. Steward commented that he has never seen 100% agreement in any group and that he knows that there are different ways of looking at things. The Budget is the heart and soul of the Township. Mr. Steward asked Council to discuss the Budget and ask for trial balances each quarter – in Public. Mr. Steward told the CFO that he will be asking her questions about the Budget during the year. Mr. Steward then thanked Council for the time.

The Council President thanked Mr. Steward for coming before Council, asking questions and challenging Council on this.

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

3. The Clerk read (Resolution #16R-71) A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING CY2016 BUDGET

Ms. Wollert then moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Baxter. President Schroth asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Baxter

YES

Ms. Wollert YES
Ms. Keyes-Maloney YES

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney then asked if she could comment.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that, as Mr. Steward articulated, the Budget does have a lot of moving parts. The reality is that we and the Administration could have far exceeded the amount that we are asking members of the citizenry to consider shouldering with us over the next year. But, on balance, we were prudent. The Administration did examine all the factors that we are required to consider. Included within that is the reality that this Budget is not in a vacuum, it exists in concert with the budgets before and after it. Revenues are not as predictable as we would like them to be. This can be beneficial as Campus Town illustrates, but it can equally be non-beneficial as Hollowbrook illustrates. Because of that, the prudent thing is to ensure that year over year we provide stability to what we expect us all to shoulder. Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that she believes that this Budget does that and said that she votes yes on this Budget because it does not just look to what can be done at this instant but rather looks to the long term in order to ensure that we keep our financial house in order.

(The Clerk continued with the Roll Call)

Ms. Steward YES
President Schroth YES

4. The Clerk read (Resolution #16R-72) A RESOLUTION FOR SELF-EXAMINATION OF CY2016 BUDGET

The CFO explained that Ewing is eligible this year because the Township is fiscally sound and has been over the last few years. This asks Council to verify that the required parts of the Budget such as the reserve for uncollected taxes, debt service and deferred charges are in fact included in the Budget.

Vice President Steward commented that previously the State would have been involved.

The CFO said that we were actually eligible, by the numbers, last year; but the State said they would let us off this year.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney commented that this is an example of how we have been prudent with keeping our financial house in order.

Councilman Baxter said that this speaks to our budgets of the last few years. It shows that we do take the budget process seriously. It is not always unanimous. People do not see what goes on behind closed doors. This budget is taken very seriously and the fact that we can do a resolution for self-evaluation shows that. Councilman Baxter then said that it could have gone to four cents and in fact that was what was initially proposed; we do cut things.

Mr. Baxter commended the President and Vice President because he knows that they were in tough negotiations with the Administration over this Budget.

Ms. Wollert first thanked Mr. Steward for his comments and then said that she has been through a lot of budget hearings over the years. Especially during the change of the form of government, there was a public outcry to give the taxpayers their money back – why keep all of this surplus; it belonged to the taxpayers. An inexperienced Council listened to the people and gave them their money back to a degree that was way too large; it threw everything into turmoil. The next year, we had to take it back because we were in a bind. Councilwoman Wollert then said that you have to keep things balanced. Costs go up for the Town just as much as it does for any household. It is easy to say that government should be run like a business. But, government is not a business. We try to provide the best services that we can for the residents. Ms. Wollert said that she would have loved to have been able to cut a least a cent off this, but when it was reviewed and we came to an agreement, it was determined that this would be the most sensible course to take. The CFO reminded us that we need to protect against the unexpected because that is what causes the real jumps in the tax bill that people get stressed about. Councilwoman Wollert said that she appreciates the comments and concerns that constituents bring to her but she has to temper that with her experience; what she has seen and learned over the years. Council does attempt to give the best value to the residents.

Councilman Baxter added that he has sat with the Mayor and the CFO and went over this Budget line by line.

President Schroth said that there has been a spirited and lively discussion over this Budget; each member met with the CFO and met with the Administration to question, to challenge, to see if any fat could be cut. This Budget is not handled in a vacuum; it does go back to prior administrations. We are striving to achieve stability to the point where we are considering a resolution for self-examination.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council.

George Steward (30 Gilmore Road) reiterated that this is now Council's Budget and it will only remain sound if Council now manages it and does its due diligence. Mr. Steward asked Council to discuss this Budget throughout the year. Mr. Steward said that he would be the first one to congratulate Council and the Administration if, in ten years, Ewing still has the right of self-examination. Council is an independent body; Mr. Steward said that he is going to believe that Council did challenge and look at this from all angles.

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

ROLL CALL

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

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

1. The Clerk read (**Ordinance #16-08**) **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$3,922,757 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,726,619 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

Council President Schroth asked the CFO to give an overview. The CFO said that the 2016 Capital Plan is \$3.9 million including new vehicles for the detective bureau, an extensive road program, abatement and similar costs for Hollowbrook, some small expenditures for the firehouses, (inaudible), some recreational mowers and painters for the Department of Public Works.

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

1. The Clerk read (**Ordinance #16-07**) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND CHAPTER 225-61 SCHEDULE XIV: TRUCKS OVER FOUR TONS TO EXCLUDE TRUCKS OVER FOUR TONS FROM BEAR TAVERN ROAD BETWEEN ROUTE 95 TO JACOBS CREEK ROAD**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Township of Ewing, County of Mercer that the Code of the Township of Ewing be amended as follows:

Section 1 CHAPTER 225-61 SCHEDULE XIV: TRUCKS OVER FOUR TONS is hereby amended as follows:

§ 225-61 SCHEDULE XIV: TRUCKS OVER FOUR TONS.

In accordance with the provisions of § [225-14B](#), trucks over four tons' gross weight are excluded from the following described streets or parts of streets except for pickup and delivery of materials:

Name of Street	Location
Alexander Drive	From Ewingville Road to Susan Drive
Alley	From Heath Avenue to Olden Avenue Extension
Bakun Way	From Ewingville Road to its terminus
<u>Bear Tavern Road</u>	<u>Between Route 95 and Jacobs Creek Road</u>
Beechwood Avenue	From Parkway Avenue to Homan Avenue
Bernard Drive	From New Jersey State Highway No. 29 northeasterly to the dead end
Berwyn Avenue	From Parkway Avenue to Homan Avenue
Bunker Hill Road	From Federal City Road to the Lawrence Township border
Bull Run Road [Added 10-14-2003 by Ord. No. 03-19]	From Pennington Road to Federal City Road
Central Avenue	From Pennington Road to Shabakunk Creek
Chauncey Avenue	From Linwood Avenue to Clement Avenue
Clement Avenue	From Lake Boulevard to Boulevard Road
Clermont Avenue	From Route 31 to Glendale Drive
Columbia Avenue	From Prospect Street to Sixth Street
Delaware Avenue [Added 12-13-2011 by Ord. No. 11-26 ^[1]]	Between NJ Route 29 and Mountainview Road
Duffield Drive [Added 12-13-2011 by Ord. No. 11-26 ^[2]]	Between NJ Route 29 and Pardee Drive
Federal City Road	From Bull Run Road to Ewingville Road
Glendale Drive	Entire length
Greenwald Avenue	From Route 31 to Glendale Drive
Hickory Hill Drive	From Lower Ferry Road to Bayberry Road
Hillside Avenue	From Lower Ferry Road to VanDuyn Drive
Hilltop Road	From Upper Ferry Road to Bayberry Road
Homecrest Avenue	From Pennington Road to Prospect Street
Lake Boulevard	From Linwood Avenue to Pennington Road
Linwood Avenue	Entire length
Maple Avenue	Entire length
McCarthy Drive	From Route 31 to Glendale Drive
McMullin Drive	Entire length
Millard Terrace	Entire length
Monticello Avenue	From Route 31 to Glendale Drive
Mountainview Road [Added 12-13-2011 by Ord. No. 11-26 ^[3]]	Between NJ Route 29 and Bear Tavern Road (County Road 579)
Old Forge Lane	From Route 31 to Bayberry Road
Old Ewingville Road	Between Stoneham Road and Spruce Street
Pennwood Avenue	Entire length

Pennwood Drive	Entire length
Pennwood Drive, South	Entire length
Pershing Avenue	Entire length
Pickford Avenue	Entire length
Raybum Drive	From Upper Ferry Road to Hickory Hill Drive
Raybum Drive	From Upper Ferry Road to Rockleigh Drive
Rockleigh Drive	From Lower Ferry Road to Pennington Road
Scenic Drive	Between NJ Route 29 and Bear Tavern Road (County Road 579)
[Added 12-13-2011 by Ord. No. 11-26[4]]	
Sixth Street	From Columbia Avenue to Spruce Street
Stuart Avenue	From Pennington Road to Linwood Avenue
Trenton Avenue	From Grand Avenue to Hillside Avenue
VanDuyn Drive	From Carlton Avenue to Hillside Avenue
Weber Avenue	From Prospect Street to Pennington Road

Section 2 Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with law.

President Schroth said that as discussed during the Agenda Session, this Ordinance brings this section in conformance with the rest of the roadway.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. The Clerk read (Resolution #16R-73) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO RJB ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. (“RJB”) FOR ASBESTOS CONSULTING SERVICES**

President Schroth said that as discussed at the Agenda Session, this is an emergency contract related to the discovery of asbestos at Hollowbrook.

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

ROLL CALL

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

- 2. The Clerk read (Resolution #16R-74) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO NETTA ARCHITECTS (“NETTA”)**

President Schroth stated that this is an award of a contract for architectural work at Hollowbrook related to the discovery of asbestos.

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

ROLL CALL

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

3. The Clerk read (Resolution #16R-75) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EWING-LAWRENCE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY, JAMES R. MCCAGG II T/A JRM CONSTRUCTION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICES FOR 5 BRANDON ROAD WEST

President Schroth said that this is to provide for sewer services at this address which is in Hopewell. The Township stands to draw revenue from this.

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

ROLL CALL

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

4. The Clerk read (Resolution #16R-76) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EWING-LAWRENCE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY, JAMES R. MCCAGG II T/A JRM CONSTRUCTION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICES FOR 7 BRANDON ROAD WEST

President Schroth explained that this identical to the prior resolution except that the only difference being that it is a different address. Ms. Wollert then moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Baxter. President Schroth asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

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

5. The Clerk read (Resolution #16R-77) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION SITE

President Schroth said that this is self-explanatory. It is the first time we are using this online process.

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

ROLL CALL

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

6. The Clerk read (**Resolution #16R-78**) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION, RECYCLING OR DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY OF NOMINAL VALUE**

President Schroth explained that this authorizes the disposal of computers. The Administrator added that we removed the memory chips.

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

ROLL CALL

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

7. The Clerk read (**Resolution #16R-79**) **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MAY 1 AS DAY OF UNITY IN EWING TOWNSHIP AND RECOGNIZING MAY 5 AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney explained that this is a day that allows all the houses of worship focus on ensuring that we diminish violence in our communities. It also commemorates a walk that will occur May 1st starting at 3 p.m. which originates in Ewing at the Islamic Center and makes several stops in Trenton and Lawrence. It is done in coordination with the National Day of Prayer which is meant to focus on spiritual things, peace and safety in our communities.

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

ROLL CALL

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

8. The Clerk read (**Resolution #16R-80**) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING JAMES P. MASICK AS AN ACTIVE FIREFIGHTING MEMBER OF THE WEST TRENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

President Schroth explained that this is standard procedure when there is a new member of a fire company. This one approves James Masick as a member of West Trenton.

Vice President Steward then asked if this and Items 9, 10 and 11 could be moved as a block.

The Attorney responded – yes.

The Clerk then read Items 9, 10 and 11.

9. The Clerk read (**Resolution #16R-81**) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING KYLE W. MOODY AS AN ACTIVE FIREFIGHTING MEMBER OF THE PROSPECT HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1**

10. The Clerk read (Resolution #16R-82) A RESOLUTION APPROVING RAYMOND J. SCHEICK AS AN ACTIVE FIRE POLICE OFFICER OF THE PROSPECT HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

11. The Clerk read (Resolution #16R-83) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMIR LAUBER AS AN ACTIVE FIREFIGHTING MEMBER OF THE PROSPECT HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. Ms. Keyes-Maloney then moved all four Resolutions as a block, seconded by Ms. Steward. The Council President called for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

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

12. The Clerk read (Resolution #16R-84) TOWNSHIP OF EWING GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM (“CSIP”) INVENTORY GRANT

President Schroth said that, as indicated at the Agenda Session when it was considered as a walk-on, this is a Resolution in support of a grant for tree inventory, in particular, for the replacement of 600 trees involved with the Scudder Falls bridge project.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney added that this allows us to formally move through the grant process.

The Attorney said that the grant application is due tomorrow. It is critical that this Resolution be reviewed this evening.

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

ROLL CALL

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

CLOSED SESSION

(None for this Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business President Schroth called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Baxter so moved seconded by Ms. Steward. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

David P. Schroth, President

Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk