

June 28, 2016 – REGULAR SESSION

President Schroth called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Ms. Steward – Present | Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk |
| ▪ Ms. Wollert - Present | |
| ▪ President Schroth - Present | |

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

David Lyons (530 Washington Avenue) said he sent a letter via email to the Council President and the Clerk regarding a possible appeal of a denial of a variance for his next door neighbor. He further said that it gives him no pleasure opposing him. The Clerk stated that she had received an OPRA from him but no email and Council President Schroth apologized that with the conversion of our new email, it is possible that he didn't receive it. The Clerk said that a lot of our mail has been going in to junk and spam. Administrator McManimon said that there is a gentleman and lady who applied for solar panels on their home, they are doing a full renovation of their home, but in the interim they had put solar panels free standing on the side of their property and the zoning officer said they have to take them down. President Schroth asked if they complied and took them down. Administrator McManimon said he didn't know but that he is appealing the decision. Attorney Cannon stated that an appeal had been filed last week and transcripts have been requested. She further explained the appeal process. Mr. Lyons said that Attorney Corey Kestner said that the appeal path is done through the Superior Court. Council thanked Mr. Lyons for coming.

BILLS LIST

1. The Clerk read (**Resolution #16R-121**) A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$986,232.39 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #16R-13 in the Amount of \$59,486.43.

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-122/**)

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an On-Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle Sponsored by Trenton Cats Rescue
2. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an On-Premise Merchandise Raffle Sponsored by Mount Carmel Guild of Trenton
3. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an Off-Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle Sponsored by Prevention Education, Inc.
4. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an On-Premise Merchandise Raffle Sponsored by Prevention Education, Inc.
5. A Resolution Authorizing Communications Workers of America-CWA Local 1040 to Hold a Block Party/Road Closing on August 13, 2016
6. A Resolution Authorizing the New Bethel Kingdom Faith Ministries to Hold a Block Party/Road Closing on August 13, 2016
7. A Resolution Authorizing the Catholic Church of St. Hedwig to Hold a Walking Pilgrimage on August 13th, 2016
8. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund and Cancellation, as Recommended by the Tax Collector, a Refund in the Amount of \$409.97 and a Cancellation in the Amount of \$3,924.18 for Cancellation of the Tax Bill from 3/16/16 to 6/30/16 Due to 100% Disabled Veteran to Fitzpatrick, Louise, 110 Jacobs Creek Road, Ewing, New Jersey 08628 for Property Owner Fitzpatrick, Louise for Block: 436, Lot: 35, also known as 110 Jacobs Creek Road.

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

ROLL CALL

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

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL MATTERS

1. The Clerk read **(Resolution #16R-123) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL FOR RENEWAL OF 2016-2017 EWING MUNICIPAL LIQUOR LICENSES**

President Schroth said that as discussed at the Agenda session, this is the renewal of a number of liquor licenses. These have been thoroughly vetted through our township police department investigators. President Schroth asked for questions from Council and the public on the renewals. There were none.

Ms. Keyes-Maloney then moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Baxter. Council President Schroth asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

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

2. The Clerk read **(Resolution #16R-124) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VFW'S 2016-2017 RENEWAL OF CLUB LICENSE #1102-31-033-002, WITH CONDITIONS**

President Schroth said that as discussed at some length, this is a renewal for the VFW's license. We had Mr. McNeil here from the VFW to discuss this matter and these conditions were set forth on the record and Mr. McNeil and the VFW participated in this process. President Schroth asked for questions from members of Council or the public on the renewal of the VFW. There were none.

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

ROLL CALL

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

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

(None)

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

(None)

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Clerk read **(Resolution #16R-125) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SECOND ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE PRIVATE COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL COURT DEBT**

President Schroth said that this is the renewal of the contract with the agency who is collecting unpaid fines and penalties imposed in the municipal court. He then asked for questions from Council or the public. There were no questions or comments from Council or 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

2. The Clerk read (**Resolution #16R-126**) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SEVEN (7) CHEVROLET TAHOE 4 X 4 POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLES FOR USE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM MALL CHEVROLET THROUGH THE CRANFORD POLICE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM - IDENTIFIER #47

President Schroth said that this is an item which was addressed during the budget process and is part of the capital budget. He said that it is for the purchase of these Tahoe vehicles through the cooperative which affords the Township the opportunity to purchase them at a highly competitive price. President Schroth asked for questions from Council or the public.

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

ROLL CALL

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

3. The Clerk read (**Resolution #16R-127**) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE RADIOS FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING FROM PMC ASSOCIATES #83900 THROUGH STATE CONTRACT T-0109 (expires 4/30/2018)

President Schroth said that as discussed during the Agenda Session, this too is part of the capital budget and unlike the cars which were purchased through the Cranford Cooperative, these are purchased through the State. He asked for any questions from Council or the Public. There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. Mr. Steward then moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Keyes-Maloney. The Council President called for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

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

4. The Clerk read (**Resolution #16R-128**) A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION FOR 12 RONIT DRIVE LOCATED AT BLOCK 587, LOT 6 ON THE EWING TOWNSHIP TAX MAP

President Schroth said that this is a property that tragically was destroyed in a fire recently and the Township has authorized this tax reduction. Councilman Baxter asked through the Business Administrator if this is for one quarter or until they are renovated. Administrator McManimon said that until their house is rebuilt. Right now just the land is assessed. Mr. McManimon said that Tom Valeri, for those of you who know him, spotted the fire and called 911. He lives right next door. There were no additional questions from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public. Ms. Keyes-Maloney then moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Steward. The Council President asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

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

- 5. The Clerk read (Resolution #16R-129) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS AT THE ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION**

Council President Schroth said that this is a self-explanatory Resolution authorizing our fireworks show for this upcoming Saturday to celebrate the Fourth of July. He further said we will not be having a parade this year but instead devoting some additional resources to a bigger and better fireworks show. There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public. Mr. Baxter then moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Wollert. President Schroth asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

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

CLOSED SESSION

(None for this Meeting)

Business Administrator McManimon said that one item of discussion given to the Clerk and sent to your Dropbox was about the Bond Sale today. We had five companies that bid but there were 15 bids placed on the process. You only see what position you are in so you can't just automatically undercut the #1. They were all great rates. We did this four years ago when we had just gotten our AA rating back and were at 2.2. Last week the rate would have been 1.8 but the winning bid today is 1.589%. Our Phoenix Advisors met our Bond Counsel today and Joanna was on the phone and on the computer from home. He said that these kinds of interest rates are great. He said it pays off notes with higher interest rates and we keep our debt service flat. He said that next time you see Joanna she deserves Kudos for what she does. President Schroth said that that is good news. He asked for any other business

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business President Schroth called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Baxter so moved seconded by Ms. Keyes-Maloney. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

David P. Schroth, President

Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk