

May 9, 2017 – AGENDA SESSION

President Steward 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, 2017.

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 | Joanna Mustafa, CFO |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth – Present | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Ms. Wollert – Present | Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk |
| ▪ President Steward – Present | |

POLICE QUARTERLY REPORT – Chief John Stemler, III

Chief Stemler stated that he has the final numbers for the Township’s UCR Report for 2016 and then gave a summary. The Chief first discussed the Part One crimes. Murder was unchanged. The Township had two last year and two the previous year. Robbery was down sixteen percent - thirty-six last year, versus forty-three the previous year. Firearms were involved in ten of the robberies last year as opposed to nine the previous year. Knives and other cutting instruments were involved in four as opposed to six the previous year. Other weapons were involved in one last year as opposed to three the previous year. And, “strong arm” robberies were involved in twenty-one versus twenty-six the previous year. Aggravated assaults were also down sixteen percent – twenty-one last year versus twenty-five the year before. Simple assaults were down twenty percent, burglary was up thirteen percent and thefts were up one-half percent. Motor vehicle thefts were up four percent. Overall, Part One crime was down six percent from 2015. In 2016, there were 713 adult arrests; 194 were for the Part One crimes which include: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft. There were 519 arrests for Part Two crimes which include: simple assaults and weapons offenses. There were eighty-nine narcotic arrests; twenty-eight involved heroin or opium. There were seventy-five arrests for drunk driving and a total of forty-three juvenile arrests. Last year, eighty-nine summonses for underage drinking were written, and fifteen noise violations. 7,185 motor vehicle tickets were written of which 6,742 were for moving violations and 443 for parking violations.

Councilman Baxter asked if serious instances at the College are reported in the UCR.

The Chief responded that this UCR report is only for the Township.

At the request of Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney, Chief Stemler discussed the Community Response Unit and said that it is his goal to increase its size in order to be able to increase foot and bike patrols.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney then asked about Narcan training.

The Chief responded that every Officer has been trained and then described the Cares Program.

President Steward asked if every Officer carries Narcan.

Chief Stemler replied – yes.

Councilman Baxter asked about training as it relates to other drugs.

The Chief replied that the training is the same. Narcan does not cause ill effects; it should work on other drugs so we can issue it if it is thought that someone is under the influence of drugs. Officers look for certain indicators.

Councilman Baxter asked the Chief if he has enough resources regarding training.

Chief Stemler replied that, for the most part, yes. Certain training, such as breathalyzer training, is only offered every once in awhile and there are so many people trying to get into these classes that there is a waiting list. The Mercer County Police Academy does their best to facilitate classes. If we are finding that we are being “shut out” of a class, we reach out to the company or instructor and offer to hold the class here. Usually, they give us a free slot or two.

Vice President Wollert asked if the Cares Program is inpatient or outpatient.

The Chief responded – either.

Vice President Wollert then asked how is that handled, with insurance or does the Program take care of that.

Chief Stemler replied that they work with different insurance companies as well as sponsorships that people are able to get.

Councilman Schroth asked the Chief if he could estimate what the numbers were regarding underage drinking and noise issued by the TCNJ Police.

The Chief replied that he does not have any idea. The Court would have that information.

The Administrator replied that that is in the document he provided Council tonight and then explained how this is handled. The Police are holding “visitors” to our Town, accountable. In the past month, three homes have been cited.

The Attorney then explained the “Animal House” Ordinance.

The Administrator said that the College has asked us to report everything to them because they “double discipline” – whatever our Court does is in addition to what the College now does from suspension to on-campus treatment.

The Chief added that we have written about sixty to seventy ordinance violations regarding the Colleges in the past five or six weeks.

The Administrator stated that the last report to him showed seventy-two ordinance violations.

Councilman Schroth stated that it is his impression the the Police are doing a great job and it is very much appreciated.

Councilman Baxter asked what steps should residents take regarding vehicles parked on the street that may be unregistered.

The Chief responded that residents should contact the Police Department and ask for the Traffic Officer who will investigate. If the vehicle is properly registered, there is not much we can do.

President Steward stated that she has gotten great feedback; people appreciate the Department’s social media presence.

The Council President asked the Police Chief to describe the Department’s relationship and cooperation with federal immigration enforcement authorities.

Chief Stemler responded that the Police Department, regarding enforcement, follows the AG’s Law Enforcement Directive 2007-3 which basically says that the only time we can question anyone about citizenship, nationality or immigration status is if they have been arrested for an indictable crime or a DWI offense. We are not allowed to question anyone about citizenship, nationality or immigration status if they are a victim of a crime, a witness to a crime, a potential witness to a crime or simply just asking for police assistance.

With the new bail reform, when we arrest somebody for an indictable offense, it actually prompts you to fill in immigration status so you have to question somebody. When fingerprints are rolled, it goes through the FBI database which will automatically kick back any warrants or detainers from ICE. As far as working with ICE, we do not. We personally know some of the agents just because they come and introduce themselves when they are new in Town and some may offer language assistance. Chief Stemler then said that the Department does not have a policy for coordinating with ICE; just like we do not have a policy to coordinate with any other federal agency – DEA, FBI, Homeland. In fact, in order for a police department to be able to enforce federal immigration you would have to enter into a 287G Agreement. Chief Stemler said that the Department has not done that and then said that to the best of his knowledge no Department in the County has done that either.

President Steward then asked the Chief if the Department detains any individuals without a warrant at the request of ICE.

Chief Stemler replied – we have never done that; we have never been asked.

President Steward then said that the work of the Department’s Community Response Unit has done so much to build trust in the different communities.

Chief Stemler then further discussed the work of the Community Response Unit and said that he hopes to be able to have more officers assigned to this Unit.

Councilman Baxter commented that the Officers do a great job out in the Community.

Chief Stemler mentioned the school monitoring program where Officers visit the schools; talk with the kids, sometimes have lunch with them. The Chief also mentioned that when the basketball league at Moody Park starts, two Officers will be assigned.

The Council President added that the Department welcomed five new Officers; four are at the Academy.

The Chief mentioned that the fifth has his first shift tomorrow morning.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council for Chief Stemler. Council and the Administration thanked the Chief for coming in tonight.

DISCUSSION

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER TO AUTHORIZE THE PRIVATE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, SPECIFICALLY BICYCLES, TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF TRENTON AND MERCER COUNTY, A 501(c)(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The Administrator explained that this was requested by the Police Department. These bikes were either left at the side of the road or had been part of an investigation. In the past, the Township has tried to auction off these bicycles with no success. The Boys and Girls Club fixes the bikes and offers them to the young folks; almost for free.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney stated that this is just bikes.

The Administrator responded – correct.

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

2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO ADD § 225-10.6, TO PROHIBIT PARKING IN FRONT OF A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE DRIVEWAY

The Attorney said that this is rather self-explanatory. There is a State statute that also addresses it. All Township Ordinances incorporate State or Federal law. This just makes it easier. It was requested by a resident.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Lloyd Price (148 Broad Avenue) asked if the logical extension of this Ordinance is to include the prohibition against parking in front of steps that lead to a residence that spill out into a road without the benefit of a sidewalk. Mr. Price stated that this situation exists at his residence; at times his steps are blocked when there is a party in the neighborhood.

The Attorney suggested that a more appropriate solution may be a handicapped parking spot in front of his home. We can take a look at it but a driveway is more easily delineated than steps.

Mr. Price responded that as he has a driveway he did not think there is a need for a handicapped parking spot. Mr. Price is concerned if an emergency vehicle had to come to his residence.

The Administrator said that we will look at it, but we are not prepared to add that tonight.

Mr. Price replied that any reasonable solution would be appreciated.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

3. **A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO SHI INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION FOR SECDO SOFTWARE PURSUANT TO STATE CONTRACT NO. 89851/M00003 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,800.00**

The Attorney made a request for this item to be pulled from the Agenda.

The item was pulled.

4. **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NETTA'S CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF 19,500.00 FOR ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS CONTRACT FOR THE REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL AND RELATED RENOVATIONS AT THE HOLLOWBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Administrator said that this is for the company that overseas the renovations. The project has taken longer than anticipated but it is close to being finished. Hollowbrook should be open within the month. The Administrator mentioned that there will be another Change Order coming to add cameras at Hollowbrook.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney clarified that this is for the design and project management.

The Administrator replied – correct. Waiting for various products caused most of the delay. The big question is whether the pool will be done. We think that the pool will be but the new kid splash pool will not be finished until the Fall.

Councilman Baxter asked the CFO about the Certificate of Funds as the Resolution says \$19,500.00 but the Certificate of Funds says not to exceed \$15,600.00. A discussion followed and then the Attorney stated that the Resolution title should say \$15,600.00.

The title was amended.

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

BILLS LIST

1. **A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$666,786.36 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #17R-14 in the Amount of \$3,785.61**

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked the CFO for clarification of an item on the Bills List.

The CFO responded.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney then asked that it be made available as it is completed.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Steward presented the Consent Agenda for approval.

1. **Approval of Agenda Session Minutes for March 16, 2017; Approval of Regular Session Minutes for March 16, 2017**
2. **A Resolution Authorizing Celestial Church of Christ to Hold a Block Party/Road Closing on May 14, 2017**
3. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Director of EMS for Overpayment in the amount of \$700.00 for overpayment of transport service on March 6, 2017 for patient Andrew Swanson to Aetna, P.O. Box 14079, Lexington, Kentucky 40512-4079.**

4. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund and Cancellation, as Recommended by the Tax Collector, a REFUND in the amount of \$2295.73 and a CANCELLATION in the amount of \$2295.73 due to: 100% Disabled Veteran Status for 1st & 2nd quarter tax bills (January 1st through June 30th) to Willie Duhart, 12 Lanning St., Ewing, NJ 08618 for property owner Willie Duhart for Block: 243 Lot: 7, also known as 12 Lanning St.**

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

CY2017 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

1. **A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, COUNTY OF MERCER**
2. **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CY2017 BUDGET**
3. **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CY2017 EWING TOWNSHIP BUDGET, AS AMENDED**

President Steward announced that the Public Hearing on the Amendments to the Budget will be held during the Regular Session as well as the possible adoption of the Budget as Amended.

The CFO stated that at the last Council Meeting we held the Public Hearing on the Budget as Introduced. We were still under State review and had not received final approval. There were a couple of adjustments to the revenues with no change to the bottom line. A few lines were moved from one section of the Budget to another. The Public Hearing tonight will be on those amendments.

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

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

(None for this Meeting)

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

1. **AN ORDINANCE REPLACING THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF THE EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCE OF TOWNSHIP OF EWING TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND THE UNIFORM HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS (UHAC) REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS**

Chuck Latini (Township Planner) explained that this Ordinance, which the Planning Board reviewed last week, replaces the contents of the Township's former Affordable Housing Ordinance. This spells out all the rules and regulations that the Township had applied towards developing the Township's Affordable Housing Plan. The Plan itself is not in this Ordinance; it merely takes the Second Round Rules and drops them into the Ordinance.

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

2. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OLDEN AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Council President stated that this Ordinance was also reviewed by the Planning Board.

Chuck Latini (Township Planner) discussed the minor tweaks recommended by the Planning Board. Most dealt with consistency in design standards across all the subareas.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney thanked Mr. Latini for spelling out the specific requirements in terms of how the process works in Redevelopment and Site Review and then said that she likes the focus on "share driveways."

Mr. Latini then explained "grass paved" at the request of Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney.

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

3. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND CHAPTER 225-62 SCHEDULE XV: TRUCKS OVER 10 TONS TO EXCLUDE TRUCKS OVER 10 TONS ON MAIN BLVD

President Steward said that this came at the request of some residents given the new development at Campus Town. Delivery trucks are going straight down Main Boulevard.

The Administrator said that residents on Main Boulevard would also like speed humps. After the Capital Budget, there will be a discussion as to where these will be placed. The College has asked for this as well; they encourage their delivery trucks to use Route 31 to get to I95.

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

4. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND § 225-70, SCHEDULE XXIII: SPEED LIMITS

The Council President explained that this lowers the speed limit on Somerset from thirty-five to twenty-five miles per hour.

The Administrator added that he received a request from the Brae Burn Civic Association. There are a couple of churches, a nursery school and a playground on that street. State statute allows the Township Engineer to recommend lowering the speed limit. If adopted, signs will be put up and the Police will start enforcing the twenty-five miles per hour speed limit. The new speed limit is for the entire length of Somerset.

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

5. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, AMENDING ZONING OF SOLAR ENERGY RESOURCES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

President Steward announced that this Ordinance is being pulled from the Agenda. The Planning Board discussed it at their meeting last week, but indicated that they want more time to review it.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

The Council President responded to David Lyons (Washington Avenue) procedural questions concerning this Ordinance stating that it depends on whether the changes recommended by the Planning Board are substantial or not and that Mr. Lyons will be provided a copy if changes are recommended.

The Township Planner added that, so far, most of the comments from the Planning Board are clarifications.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

President Steward said that several projects were discussed at the last Planning Board meeting and then briefly described these projects: two lots on Pennington Road on either side of Penn Road, the plan there is to convert them to mixed use – ground floor retail and housing above; subdivision approval on a residential lot; the continued expansion on Charles Ewing Blvd.; a review of the property off Scotch Road near the Airport – the Office Park – to tear it down and rebuild.

Councilman Schroth reported that the Green Team is working on a comprehensive Township informational booklet. It is in the very early stages but it is something that will go beyond what is on the Township website.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that the Arts Commission met the first Monday of the month and did a breakdown of the successful Spring Art Show. Student art is displayed at the Municipal Building in May and in June they will be relaunching the featured artist program. The 7th Annual Art Night will be coming up in May at the Springfield Suites Marriot.

Councilman Baxter said that the Recreation Advisory Board will meet this coming Monday. A coach's meeting was held for the upcoming summer basketball league. Councilman Baxter said that he stopped in and thanked the coaches, on behalf of Council, for volunteering.

The Administrator announced upcoming events. May 29th is the Memorial Day Service here at Town Hall. Fireworks will be July 1st; the rain date is July 2nd. September 23rd is Community Fest. National Night Out will be the first Tuesday in August. The Administrator explained that the cost of the Township's 4th of July Parade was \$25,000 and then said that if fireworks are held on July 4th, the cost is \$20,000. On July 3rd - \$15,000 and on July 1st or 2nd - \$10,000.

NEW BUSINESS

(None for this Meeting)

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Wayne Kemper (255 Somerset Street) said that he has been a resident for over thirty years and is a member of the Brae Burn Civic Association. Mr. Kemper presented to Council a list of "problem" vehicles and properties that the Association has compiled. Mr. Kemper stated that it should be the Police and not Code Enforcement that needs to deal with these issues. Mr. Kemper then mentioned a number of these "problem" properties: a flea market on Somerset; a house on Oregon across from St. John's Church which is now boarded up but nothing else has been done; five or six vehicles in the driveway at a house on Buttonwood, the house is falling down and junk is piled up around the house. It is not fair to the neighbors to have to look at that. And, on Theresa Street there are twelve unregistered vehicles just in the first block.

Mary Cason (115 West Upper Ferry Road) first thanked Councilwoman Steward for asking very specific questions of the Police Chief regarding the Police Department's relationship with ICE and then stated that she wished that the Chief had remained to address additional questions from the Public on this issue because the general policies that the Chief articulated were not specific enough. Ms. Cason said that she was particularly disturbed learning that ICE agents offer their translation services because that opens up the possibility of abuse. Ms. Cason stated that she and her group want to meet with the Chief to discuss very specific proposals as she was not satisfied with the answer that a formal policy is not necessary. Ms. Cason then asked if the Township would consider outlining a policy.

The Administrator said that he will have a discussion with the Mayor and the Chief about it and asked Ms. Cason to provide the Clerk with her contact information.

Mildred Russell (119 King Avenue) said that Brae Burn Civic Association has been providing the list Mr. Kemper presented to Council for the past five years. The Association is not going to do this anymore because the sheet has items on it from 2014. Mrs. Russell stated that Mr. Kemper used to go around to the houses when he was a police officer and then asked if it is possible for the Township to hire Mr. Kemper as the officers today have other things to do and someone needs to do this. Code Enforcement seems to be doing something else.

The Administrator replied that Code Enforcement is involved with this as well. However, vehicle issues must be referred to the Police Department and this list will be referred to Traffic. The Administrator said that he always responds to Mrs. Russell and the Brae Burn Civic Association. The Administrator added that he did speak with Mr. Kemper last year about an opportunity at the Township but it was not quite the right time for him and then said that he will speak with the Mayor about it again. The Administrator then listed the types of inspections Code Enforcement carries out and some of the more recent actions he has had to take in this area.

Mrs. Russell said that she has lived here for seventy years and knows all that needs to be done and how long it takes to get things done. Mrs. Russell said that she just wants to get things right and offered to help if help is needed.

The Administrator mentioned the Chief's Community Policing Program.

Mrs. Russell reiterated that the job has to get done.

The Administrator asked Mrs. Russell to keep bringing these issues to his attention and stated that he tries to get to them one at a time.

Mrs. Russell and the Administrator next discussed the street sweeper.

Gracie Montgomery (170 Upland Avenue) reported a vine across Oregon Road. The Administrator said that he was aware of it and will contact PSE&G as he cannot have Public Works cut it down in case the wire is electrified. Ms. Montgomery replied that it was notified to PSE&G who said that it was Comcast. The Administrator said tht he will also reach out to them.

Cornelius Watson (151 Woodland Avenue) said that no one has done anything about a house at the end of Woodland near Pennington that has been without siding for ten years and then said that he would like to have that cleaned up. There is another house that has been empty for the last thirty years. Something should be done about that too. The Administrator replied that he had been to the one on Woodland. The owner was contacted to clean-up the outside.

Dave Lyons (530 Washington Avenue) said that it is interesting listening to some of the other residents having issues with their neighborhoods. Mr. Lyons said that he is listening to Olden Avenue discussions which center around wanting it to look good and wanting people to feel safe. It is the same discussion except this is not commercial. It is also the same with solar zoning. A discussion followed between Mr. Lyons, Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney and Mr. Latini concerning the solar ordinance. Mr. Lyons wanted to know the specific conditions in which someone could have a solar ground array in a residential zone.

Terri Robinson (229 New Trent Street) said that she is honored to be here this evening and appreciates Council allowing her to speak on behalf of her neighborhood. Ms. Robinson said that she appreciates all the folks here tonight who are standing up for their neighborhoods. Ms. Robinson thanked Lt. Rhodes and his staff for coming around the neighborhood and acknowledged Chris and his maintenance crew for maintaining the park in her neighborhood. Ms. Robinson asked the Township to erect "Children at Play" signs and speed bumps around the Park located in the middle of Southern, Bismark, Roosevelt and New Trent streets as there are a lot speeding cars and other activities in the area. Another concern is the abandoned houses at #26 and #23. Mischievous activities occur there; neighbors even have to clean-up the liquor bottles and broken glass. Ms. Robinson requested: one, that the Township contact the owners to see if they can maintain their properties; two, that the Police patrol the area between 8:00 and 9:30 p.m. as that is when most of this mischievous activity takes place; and three, that the Township name the Park. Ms. Robinson then asked Council what her next step should be.

President Steward replied she has taken an excellent first step in making Council aware of these issues and said then said that she will refer this to the Administration.

The Administrator and Ms. Robinson then discussed if the signs can be expedited as Ms. Robinson stated that she is aware the installation of speed bumps might take some time. The Administrator explained that some sign types require an Ordinance to be adopted and that he will go out there with the Township Engineer who will see where speed humps can be placed to meet State standards. The Administrator added that the park is called Roosevelt Park and said that he does not want to do a name change if it is sensitive to a family. The Administrator next discussed the different ways the Township has tried to improve the park over a period of time; even asking the local Church if they would be willing to "adopt" the park.

G.H. Frieland (10 Riverview Drive) first thanked Council for the opportunity to address Council and then asked if Ewing has considered becoming a sanctuary community.

The Council President replied - not in any great detail.

Mr. Frieland then recited his family's history; they came to this country in 1906 from Poland and were lucky to get in. His grandmother's brothers were not so lucky - one went to Cuba and the other to Argentina and the family never heard from them again. Mr. Frieland then mentioned the atrocities committed against the remaining Jewish people in his family's hometown in Poland in 1944 and said that he feels for his Muslim brothers who are being slaughtered in the Middle East. Mr. Frieland stated that the President is trying to deny entrance to this country for these people and then said that one has a moral obligation to defy the law when the law is immoral. Mr. Frieland then asked Council and the Mayor to consider doing the moral thing.

Rebecca Lynn (1008 River Road) said that the last time she was here, she was instructed to find out about the WWII veteran rental subsidy availability and to potentially put it in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Plan. Ms. Lynn said that she further investigated this and found that the VA does not provide rental subsidy unless you are homeless. They will also provide a subsidy to a homeowner if a veteran moves in and is taken care of by the

homeowner. The gentleman Ms. Lynn is talking about is on the waitlist for the County's program but that list will not be touched in up to three to five years and this gentleman will not be here then. Ms. Lynn said that she was again told by the Fair Share Housing Association that rental subsidy is an acceptable use of the Affordable Fair Share Housing Trust Fund and then asked Council to consider amending the spending plan to authorize rental assistance as an option with whatever required limitations. Ms. Lynn said that she is aware that there is not an unlimited supply of funds, but this gentleman was born and raised in Ewing and wants to die in Ewing. He is a WWII vet so he should get what he wants.

Ms. Lynn then asked who is responsible for maintaining the tennis courts at the High School as there are holes in the fences and at least one net needs to be mended.

The Administrator responded that the Township owns them but they are maintained by the School. He will contact the School.

Ms. Lynn said that she noticed another change order for the Hollowbrook asbestos remediation and asked how much is this removal actually going to cost. They knew what they were doing when they put in the bid. Why are there so many changes. A discussion followed between Ms. Lynn, the Administrator and Council about the nature of the project and that additional items were discovered once work was started. The Administrator said that there can not be any more than a twenty percent change or you are in violation of the bid process – we are not there and we are still within the amount of money allocated by Council. The Administrator added that there are a number of different contractors working at Hollowbrook.

Ms. Lynn asked what is the total dollar amount for the remediation.

The Administrator replied that he does not have it in front of him, but he will provide it to Council by the next meeting.

Ron Prykanowski (16 Thurston Avenue) said that he is sorry that the lady from West Trenton left as the Police do have bilingual resources available to them in the Court so any fears that she may have should be allayed. Mr. Prykanowski then asked Council, for the second time, to look at the entire Olden Avenue Redevelopment plan. It was last looked at in 2011; things change in six years. Also, Mr. Prykanowski asked the Town, given all the problems the Town is having with housing, to consider a moratorium on further rentals across the board until the Town is able to evaluate what the Township already has. And, the Town does not have enough Senior housing; it is something that should be considered as part of the Housing Plan and some of the units can be part of affordable housing.

The Administrator added that in the Court system we do have access to every language. With the Police it is a bit different if Court is not in session; it takes some time and we have to pay for interpreters.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

CLOSED SESSION

(None for this Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Steward asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Wollert so moved seconded by Mr. Baxter. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Sarah Steward, President

Kim J. Macellero, Municipal Clerk