

June 13, 2017 – AGENDA SESSION

President Steward called the meeting to order at 6:32 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

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ▪ Mr. Baxter – Present | Jim McManimon, Administrator |
| ▪ Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Present | Joanna Mustafa, CFO |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth – Present | Wade Koenecke, Attorney |
| ▪ Ms. Wollert – Absent | Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk |
| ▪ President Steward – Present | |

The Clerk stated for the record that Vice President Wollert has an excused absence this evening.

DISCUSSION

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO ADD § 325-5, TITLED DAMAGE TO MAILBOX BY TOWNSHIP

The Administrator explained that during the last winter storm, between the Township and the County, a lot of mailboxes were knocked down. Some residences have ornate mailboxes that cost \$200 to \$400. Most have \$25 or \$50 mailboxes. The Administration asked the Township Attorney to check with other municipalities and on average, reimbursement for damage to a mailbox was between \$25 and \$75. This Ordinance will limit the Township’s liability to a maximum payout of \$50. After that, a resident can go through their insurance company.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked if this is only for when Township equipment directly hits the mailbox.

The Administrator responded - yes.

Councilman Keyes-Maloney added that clear boundaries are being set as to what is included and what is not.

The Administrator replied that only the box and the arm are included.

Councilman Baxter asked for clarification about the section of the Ordinance that mentions “thrown” snow.

The Council President responded that the actual plow has to make contact with the mailbox; “thrown” snow is not covered.

The Administrator explained that, in the past, the Township received many complaints that we were not plowing close enough to the curb. So this year, the Township ploughed closer and in doing so, things happen with mailboxes that hang out into the road. Heavy snow that turns to ice also causes issues as the trucks have to go faster in order to plow.

Councilman Baxter asked if the Township is only going to give the homeowner money and it will be the homeowner's responsibility to put the mailbox back up. The Administrator replied that in some cases we have put the boxes back up. The Attorney added that not all towns have this ordinance.

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

2. A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,530,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,453,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

The CFO explained that this is in two parts. One part is additional funds for the Municipal generator and the other part is for Mercer at Play which will be partially funded by a grant from the County. It is for a splash pad at the ESCC.

The Administrator added that it also includes additional basketball courts and parking adjustments at Moody. It is \$500,000 in Township money and \$500,000 in County matching funds. The way it looks right now, the Township will be able to get two additional basketball courts at Moody. There will also be some work on the wall so people can still hit a ball off of it.

The Council President asked if the splash pad will be finished this summer or will it be for next year.

The Administrator replied that both splash pads will be ready for next summer; the one at Hollowbrook could be ready late summer. The contractor will be starting the week of June 26th. Splash parks are now very popular as they are much safer than children's wading pools.

Councilman Baxter said that he thought that he heard that there will be room for one tennis court at Moody.

The Administrator said that the wall built on the tennis court will be rehabbed. The rest will be converted to parking but it will depend on the final prices when the Township goes out to bid. If it comes in over \$1,000,000, the Township may cut back on the parking and do that at another time. The Administrator added that there were over 1,800 people at Moody Park last night for the start of the basketball league.

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

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

The CFO explained that both Item Three and Item Four are grants to be included in the Budget. The grants to be included are: Clean Communities, Federal City Road and the Drive Sober campaign.

The Administrator added that for Federal City Road it is the second of two grants that the Township received and then said that the Township may reject the RFP that went out in order to combine the two to get a better price to be able to pave more of Federal City Road; all the way up to Bull Run Road.

There were no questions or comments from Council on Items Three and Four.

Mark Wetherbee (6 Misty Morn Lane) asked how long will this take as the road is unsafe for bicyclists. It also has serious potholes.

The Administrator replied that it will probably not be done until late summer.

Mr. Wetherbee asked if there is any way for the potholes to be filled in the mean- time.

The Administrator responded that the Township has been filling the potholes as we are told about them.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public on Items Three and Four.

- 4. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87**
- 5. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ACCELERATED TAX LIEN SALE FOR CY2017 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-19**

President Steward said that this has been done for the last several years.

The CFO explained that this enables the Tax Collector to sell delinquent taxes by the end of the year which basically allows the Township to get the revenue that we anticipated in the current operating year.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked if this is a DCA requirement.

The CFO replied - no, it is not. However, once you do it, you have to keep doing it. It does diminish by a lot the reserve for uncollected taxes.

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

- 6. A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BROWN & BROWN METRO FOR PROFESSIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GARDEN STATE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND AS A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT**

The Administrator explained that this company has been with the Township since 2007. They represent the Township when the Township's JIF contract is negotiated every three years. They help with our retirement prescription program.

The CFO answered Councilman Baxter's question regarding language in the Resolution.

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

- 7. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE LANDLORD OF 1694 PENNINGTON ROAD PURSUANT TO EWING CODE 284-10 ET SEQ.**

The Attorney explained that this is pursuant to the Township's "Animal House" Ordinance which allows the Township to institute proceedings against a landlord for the imposition of a bond, if the tenants, over a two year period, engage in more than two instances on two separate occasions of disorderly conduct or 2C violations. The Attorney briefly described what occurred at this property that led to this Resolution.

The Council President stated that this is the second one of these that the Township has ongoing right now.

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

- 8. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ACOM – ADVANCED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING FROM ZETRON, INC. OF 12034-134TH CT NE, REDMOND, WA 98052 USING AUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTOR GTBM, INC. OF EAST RUTHERFORD, NJ 07073 THROUGH STATE CONTRACT T-0109 (expires 04/30/2018)**

The CFO explained that this is for software upgrades to the radio room. It is part of the 2015 capital ordinance. It is a State contract purchase.

Councilman Baxter stated that the source of these funds is from Capital.

The CFO responded – yes, 2015.

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

9. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSTITUTES AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

The Attorney explained that this concerns a one acre parcel directly adjacent to the Parkway Avenue Redevelopment Area. It is owned by N&H Mercer Realty, LLC which also owns a much larger piece of adjacent property that is included in the Redevelopment Area. However, this small parcel is not included. The reason it was not included was because the Township once owned it. The owner deeded it to the Township to be a bush designation area. The Township, as part of a redevelopment agreement with N&H Mercer Realty, deeded it back to them. This Resolution authorizes the Township to request the Planning Board to conduct an investigation as to whether this one acre parcel should also be included in the Redevelopment Area.

Councilman Baxter asked if Jack Stephen Way is closed.

The Administrator replied – no. It will remain open until the Navy site is redeveloped at which time the Township will find another location for brush drop-off. This acre is necessary for the redevelopment of the site.

Councilman Baxter then asked if the Township is paying rent on this one acre.

The Administrator replied - no, it was deeded to the Township to use at no cost.

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

10. A RESOLUTION MANDATING THE UTILIZATION OF NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM STANDARD PROCEDURES

The Administrator stated that the Township's Emergency Management folks asked that this Resolution be adopted because it will help the Township qualify for more federal and state grants. The Township already operates under these procedures. It is just that a Resolution was never adopted. It has not yet cost the Township a grant.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney added that this was almost a universally adopted practice after the 911 Commission recommendations came out.

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

11. RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO EXTEND THE 2% CAP ON POLICE AND FIRE ARBITRATION CONTRACT AWARDS

The Council President stated that this was requested of Council.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney stated that it may be a bit premature in light of some action being taken by the Legislature. There is a specific commission that is looking at the effects of the proposal. Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney requested that Council table this until a future time when Council will have more information from the report that is due soon.

The Administrator said for the record that, from the Administration's perspective, the two percent cap is good for the Township during contract negotiations. The Administration supports this now.

This Item was pulled from the Agenda without objection.

12. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS AT THE ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

President Steward said that the fireworks will be held on July 1st with a rain date of July 2nd.

The Administrator added that a Resolution is required every year. The permit is not issued until the day of.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney thanked the Patriotic Committee and then said that she expects that the Administration will get the word out.

The Administrator replied that he just approved the ad that will be in the Ewing Observer, it is on the website and the Mayor will record a message.

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

13. A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE TOWNSHIP'S REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR FY 2016 NJDOT TRUST FUND RESURFACING OF FEDERAL CITY ROAD

President Steward said that the intention here is to bid it back out as one large project.

The Administrator added that the Township was happy with the bid prices; however, it was two separate bids. With one large bid, the Township will be able to repave Federal City Road from Ewingville Road all the way to Bull Run Road.

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

14. A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FINAL DECREASE TO R. MOSLOWSKI EXCAVATING, INC. FOR VAN SAUN DRAINAGE REPAIR

The Administrator explained that this was a collapsed drain. The project has been completed.

The Council President added that it is a decrease of a little over \$13,000 on a total contract amount of \$55,000.

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

The Council President stated that the remaining items are all maintenance bond and performance bond releases for various projects.

15. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MAINTENANCE BOND RELEASE FOR GIANCARLI MINOR SUBDIVISION, 110 TRENTON AVENUE/486 WALKER AVENUE (BLOCK 408/LOT 23.01 & 23.02) - EWING ENGINEERS REMINGTON, VERNICK & ARANGO RV&A #1102-I-052

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public on Items Fifteen through Nineteen.

16. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE RELEASE FOR PRINCETON SOUTH DEVELOPMENT, LLC, 500 CHARLES EWING BOULEVARD (BLOCK 225.04/LOT 1.01) - EWING ENGINEERS REMINGTON, VERNICK & ARANGO RV&A #1102-I-019

17. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MAINTENANCE BOND RELEASE FOR PRINCETON SOUTH DEVELOPMENT, LLC, 701-801 CHARLES EWING BOULEVARD (BLOCK 225.01/LOT 1.03) - EWING ENGINEERS REMINGTON, VERNICK & ARANGO RV&A #1102-I-004

18. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE FOR GF PRINCETON, LLC SITE PLAN – PARKING LOT EXPANSION, 370 SCOTCH ROAD (BLOCK 371/LOT 3.04) - EWING ENGINEERS REMINGTON, VERNICK & ARANGO RV&A #1102-I-066

19. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE RELEASE FOR VAN SAUN DRAINAGE REPAIR EWING TOWNSHIP ENGINEERS REMINGTON & VERNICK AND AFFILIATES #1102-T-039 AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND NO. RU100768

All Items, except Number Eleven, were approved for action.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL MATTERS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL FOR RENEWAL OF 2017-2018 EWING MUNICIPAL LIQUOR LICENSES

President Steward said that it is the active time of year, especially for the Clerk's Office, for alcoholic beverage control matters. Council has all the background information for these renewals in their packet.

The Clerk added that there are five more that still need to be renewed. They will be renewed at the meeting on the 27th.

The Council President said that they have to be done by the end of the month.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney thanked the Clerk for gathering all the information.

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

2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL FOR RENEWAL OF 2017-2018 EWING MUNICIPAL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR AMPHORA RESTAURANT, LLC t/a ERINI'S RESTAURANT WITH CONDITIONS

President Steward said that this one has conditions so every year it has to be handled as a separate matter. Additional conditions were placed on this liquor license beginning about five or six years ago. President Steward listed some of the conditions, most having to do with the establishment's outside bar space. No new conditions are being placed on this license.

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

Both Items were approved for action.

BILLS LIST

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$413,301.00 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #17R-14 in the Amount of \$4,032.13

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked about an item on the Supplemental List – Ability – and then said that it looks like an online MD service.

The CFO replied that that is the company that does the Medicare payments for the Health Department.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

President Steward presented the Consent Agenda for review.

1. Approval of Agenda Session Minutes for April 11, 2017; Approval of Regular Session Minutes for April 11, 2017
2. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Township Construction Official in the amount of \$1,549.00 to MCIA, P.O. Box 8068, Trenton, NJ 08638 for a permit at 1603 N. Olden Ave., Ewing, NJ 08628. This is a County property and they are exempt from paying DCA fees.

Councilman Baxter stated that he will be refraining from the minutes as he was not at that meeting.

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

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

(None for this Meeting)

The Council President stated that there are four Ordinances for Second Reading after there was a little backup with the newspaper not printing the advertisements.

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

- 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**

President Steward said that these are bikes that the Police Department acquired in one way or another. The investigations have been completed and the Department no longer needs to hold on to them.

The Administrator added that the Township has worked with the Boys and Girls Club before. The Township tried many times to bid these out and the Boys and Girls Club was the only one to bid. They fix them up and give them away pretty much for free. It is also a teaching program for those fixing up the bikes. They are located on Spruce Street just over the line in Lawrence.

There were no questions or comments from Council or 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 Council President stated that this came to Council as a result of residents' concerns about parking directly in front of driveways. Council has been asked to consider an amendment to not only prohibit parking in front of a driveway but also within five feet to end any debate as to where a driveway begins and ends and to be clear that one must allow for access.

The Administrator added that it will be a substantive amendment so the Ordinance will have to be readvertised. The Administration is trying to get this done during the summer before school starts and people just park anywhere. We had several instances recently where cars parked not in front of the driveway but on the apron still prevented cars from being able to get out of driveways.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Mark Wetherbee (6 Misty Morn Lane) asked if the High School will be notified of this as many students park along West Farrell Avenue and residents have complained about this.

The Administrator said that that is one of the areas that we are referring to.

The Council President said that we meet regularly with the Superintendent so we will mention it.

The Administrator added that the best method of communication is a student getting a parking ticket; the word then spreads.

Mildred Russell (119 King Avenue) asked if this applies to all driveways.

The Administrator replied – correct; it applies throughout the Township.

Ms. Russell then mentioned that it is also an issue with people parking in front of mailboxes.

The Administrator replied that most mailboxes are right there at the driveway so hopefully this will help.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

- 3. BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,600,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,520,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

President Steward said that this is the Bond Ordinance for the capital improvements that we want to make this year.

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, AMENDING AND REVISING § 225-64, SCHEDULE XVII: BUS STOPS

The Administrator explained that the current bus stop is in front of the first house cited for violations. Residents were accosted by the tenant at this property so the Township decided to move the bus stop.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney added that NJ Transit signed off on the pending change.

The Administrator responded to Councilman Baxter's question about the bus shelters.

Councilman Baxter asked if there will be a shelter at this bus stop on Pennington Road.

The Council President responded – no shelter; this is just moving the location.

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

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney reported that the Arts Commission met this past week. One topic was the reengagement of the Artist of the Month. There is an agreement between Art Has No Boundaries and the Arts Commission to switch out who has the preeminent hallway and the secondary hallway in terms of micro displays. There was also an initial discussion to potentially switch the date of the Spring Art Show in order to incorporate more High School art.

Councilman Baxter said that the Recreation Advisory Board does not meet until next Monday. Last night was the opener for Moody Park basketball. It was a great turnout. Ewing High won last night, beating Trenton High. Hopefully, the trend will continue into the school year.

President Steward said that there was a brief Planning Board meeting as one project was withdrawn. There was a substantive discussion about the Solar Ordinance. A number of suggestions were made so it will be coming back before Council. It will have to be amended and readvertised if Council takes their recommendations.

Councilman Schroth said that the Green Team held a rain barrel workshop on June 3 and then asked Mark to speak about the workshop.

Mark Wetherbee (6 Misty Morn Lane) said that it was well attended - about twenty-five to thirty people. River Horse donated the barrels and Home Depot donated the parts.

Councilman Schroth then mentioned that on July 15th, the MCIA, will be holding their hazardous waste recycling event at the Dempster Fire School.

There were no additional Commission and Committee Reports.

NEW BUSINESS

The Council President announced that there is a walk-on item because of something that happened today.

The CFO stated that the Township has done this a couple of times in the past. Today the Township went out for a Reverse Energy Auction where suppliers bid for the Township's business.

The Administrator explained that today the Township was involved with two different bids – one for electric and the other gas. This is the fourth time the Township has been involved. For electric, over the period of three years, the Township will save \$28,000 off our current bill. For gas, the Township will save over \$36,000. Nineteen companies bid for electric and eleven bid for gas. It starts in August.

President Steward said that, to be clear, this is only for municipal properties.

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

This Item was approved for action.

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mildred Russell (119 King Avenue) thanked Mr. McManimon with regard to the neighborhood clean-up and then added that it should be a regular thing and for the entire Township; not just done when a neighborhood group complains.

The Administrator replied that, through Public Works, the Township does have scheduled cleanups and said that Mrs. Russell's civic group and students from the College of New Jersey are very good in helping and giving back to the Community.

Ms. Russell said that she sent the Administrator an email containing a newspaper article and then said that Ewing should also go that route.

The Administrator replied that Ewing is going that route but the difference is that perhaps the Town does not promote it as well. The Administrator added that Mrs. Russell is referring to Hamilton Township announcing that their Code Enforcement will be going around knocking on doors in order to clean-up areas in their Township.

Mrs. Russell added that a particular time slot should be set aside for Code Enforcement to do this.

The Administrator replied that Ewing does have regularly scheduled brush and leaf pickup in the Spring and Fall. The Administrator added perhaps, as some members of Council suggested, it should be better advertised.

Mrs. Russell and the Administrator then discussed the house on Browning Avenue that needs to be cleaned-up after a fire.

Mrs. Russell then stated that something needs to be done regarding the sororities and fraternities.

The Administrator replied that the landlord is in charge of these houses, not the College. Council did pass an Ordinance to hold the landlord accountable. The College holds them accountable if they live on campus. One property has been addressed as a nuisance property. During one meeting, the College did challenge us to do our job. The Police took up that challenge. Some students have learned that it is not just fines, but community service as well.

Mrs. Russell commented that the State has no guidelines on this at all.

The Administrator responded that many legislators, from both parties, own rental properties so it is difficult for them to "police" themselves.

Mrs. Russell then asked if the Township has given any consideration to limiting rental properties to certain areas of the Township.

The Administrator replied that you cannot "spot" zone and only allow rental properties in certain areas and by State law you cannot put a limitation on the number of rentals.

Mrs. Russell and the Administrator then discussed a case from 2007 or 2008 where the Township chose not to appeal. The Administrator added that responsible landlords believe that they are increasing the value of the Town's properties because they maintain them and then added that the Township thought when college housing was built on Pennington Road and Parkside Avenue that it would help.

Mrs. Russell stated that this college housing has caused an issue with parking. There needs to be permit parking there.

Mark Wetherbee (6 Misty Morn Lane) thanked the Township for the continuation of the bike lane on Green Lane and asked, where physically possible, for the Township to add bike lanes whenever roads are repaved.

The Council President responded that it is a priority for us where we can make it work. The Township Planner spends time thinking about how to create a network of bike paths.

Rick Fletcher (13 Dawes Avenue) first commented that we need more people like Mrs. Russell active in this Township. Mr. Fletcher stated that he spoke with the Health Department today about an issue and then read the Health Department's Mission Statement listed on the website. Given this mission statement, Mr. Fletcher wanted to know why this situation is still ongoing some eighteen months after he first spoke with the Administrator about it after a snow storm. The situation is that a man on Conover lives in his car. Mr. Fletcher then described in greater detail the situation and then emphasized that there are many children in the area who should not have to witness this. Mr. Fletcher also stated that he has been in contact with Adult Protective Services and the Township Health Department took photos last week. Mr. Fletcher stated that the man owns the property; it is not a question of money as he used to work for the State and has a pension. This person cannot live in his home because he is a hoarder. It is a mental health issue. Mr. Fletcher stated that something has to be done; he does not want to find this man dead in his car.

The Administrator gave Council an update on the situation. The Health Department was out there a number of times, including last week and today. Tonight, this man is in a hotel. Township nurses, the Health Inspector and Code Enforcement were there today. The Administrator read the report and then added that the last time the Township contacted Adult Protective Services, they would not take him because they said he did not have issues

that Adult Protective Services could address. Last time he declined help and made somewhat of an effort to clean things up. He is approachable; his taxes and sewer are paid. Mr. Fletcher stated that when he spoke with Protective Services today, they push blame to the Township and the Township blames Protective Services and that all he cares about is this man's well-being.

The Administrator responded that we cannot force him to do something when he is of sound mind to say "no."

The Council President asked if there were any code issues within the house.

The Administrator replied that Code went out there today and tried to get inside. Code was only able to report on the outside of the house. The Princeton Health Officer was copied on everything, along with the County. The Administrator added that he needs help but when he is interviewed you do not think that he needs help.

Mr. Fletcher emphasized that he came tonight because he wanted this to be on the record.

Joe Murphy (9 Malaga Drive) said that a traffic light is needed where Bull Run meets Federal City. It is dangerous intersection and then stated that he knows it is difficult as the okay is needed from Ewing, Hopewell and Lawrence.

The Administrator responded that the last time, Ewing supported it but the other two municipalities did not want to pay for it.

Mr. Murphy asked the Township to try again and said that if Council adopts a Resolution in support of a traffic signal, he will take it to Hopewell and Lawrence.

The Administrator added that when this was researched in the past, the cost of a traffic light was \$250,000. The Township asked that the cost be split equally. The County is not involved at all since it is not a County road but we argued that since the school is there, the County might contribute. However, we got nowhere with it. Different people are in office now; maybe we will try again.

Councilman Baxter asked the Administrator if we can again look into a light on Spruce Street where Ewingville, Prospect and Spruce meet.

The Administrator replied that that is a County issue; they were talking about it in the past. The Administrator said that he will reach out to them.

Councilman Baxter replied that when he spoke with them, they were discussing a roundabout.

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. Keyes-Maloney so moved seconded by Mr. Baxter. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Sarah Steward, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk