

October 24, 2017 – AGENDA SESSION

President Steward called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth – 7:03 p.m. | Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk |
| ▪ Ms. Wollert – Excused | |
| ▪ President Steward – Present | |

The Clerk stated for the record that Vice President Wollert has an excused absence this evening and then said that she will get back to Council regarding Mr. Schroth.

POLICE QUARTERLY REPORT – Chief John Stemler, III

Chief Stemler first reported on the last quarter’s Uniform Crime Report (UCR). Chief Stemler compared the July, August and September 2017 numbers in each category of the UCR with the corresponding third quarter 2016 numbers. Chief Stemler explained that motor vehicle thefts have increased all over the County. The reason is not clear but it appears to be cyclical. Last year, a lot of cars were shipped overseas. Burglaries also appear to be cyclical. However, there is a new trend – stealing a house. People see that there is a house up for sale; they break the lock and just move themselves in. Homeowners or realtors then have a very hard time evicting them once there is a certificate of occupancy. Also, some of these “homeowners” think they are buying or renting the house legitimately; as they can prove they sent money to a false owner or landlord, but, in fact, the house was stolen. This is happening all over the County. Ewing is actively working with the County Task Force to stop this and it is one reason why we are seeing a raise in the UCR burglary numbers as it is termed a burglary. Most of this year’s assaults can be attributed to domestic violence and some of the aggravated assaults this quarter are juvenile on juvenile fights. One involved a high school teacher being thrown into a wall by a juvenile. Because it involved a teacher, it was automatically stepped up to aggravated assault. The same thing occurred when a home healthcare worker was assaulted. It was also stepped up to aggravated even though it was a simple assault. Six robberies were reported through the quarter. Two were reported at knife point. Some were actually shoplifting but termed as robberies because force was used. During the quarter, three sexual assaults were reported. All are still being investigated. The Chief said that he will not comment on ongoing investigations. And, a total of fourteen car thefts were reported during this time.

Chief Stemler then reported on motor vehicle enforcement. There were 587 summonses in July, 852 in August and 690 in September. 201 violations were written for careless driving and sixty-four for speeding. There were eighty cell phone tickets, seventy-seven seatbelt

tickets and seventeen DWI tickets. Through the quarter, forty-three jump car notices were handed out. Ten vehicles were towed. Of the forty-three notices handed out, four vehicles were re-registered and are now legal. Fourteen vehicles were removed by someone other than the Police Department. The Department is still following up on fifteen notices.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney commented that she likes the new reports as they are easy to read and thanked the Chief for including the traffic information.

Councilman Baxter first thanked the Chief for his time this evening and then stated that Council has tried to “calm” the roads by adopting legislation – adding bike lanes and speed humps when repaving roads – but nothing seems to work more than a “good” speeding ticket. Only then do people seem to learn. Councilman Baxter stated that he knows Officers do not always like to give speeding tickets so they will downgrade the ticket instead. The Councilman asked the Chief to continue to enforce the speeding regulations as it is becoming dangerous around Town. That one speeding ticket, seems to bring people back to reality.

The Chief responded that the Department is using some of its DWI grant money to order more speed trailers.

Councilman Baxter added that he is getting complaints regarding Scenic Drive and River Road. The Councilman said that many people ask him if the Police actually patrol in the neighborhoods or do they just stay out on the corridors.

Chief Stemler replied yes – especially nights and weekends. The guys are doing a pretty good job at night. It does depend on the number of calls and if they are short manpower on a particular night. Also, people do not see the patrols. It is at night and people are asleep. The vehicles are black and do not stand out as much as when they were white. The cars are also not as loud now.

Councilman Baxter asked the Chief to thank his force for all of the work they do.

The Chief added that another six Ewing officers and two from the College have graduated the bike class and the Department is working on guidelines for mandated foot patrols.

The Chief replied to Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney’s question that residents who suspect a house is being “stolen” should call the Police Department.

The Councilwoman thanked the Chief for ordering more mobile speed trucks and said that she appreciates the bike patrols and the addition of future foot patrols.

Chief Stemler responded to President Steward’s question about staff – four graduated the Academy and are now in their field training program. Six were hired in October with four now in the Academy. One is a trained police officer from Mansfield and the other is considered a special law enforcement officer class two.

The Council President, for the benefit of the Public, thanked the Chief for his work with residents concerned about federal immigration enforcement and what the Township’s policy is.

Chief Stemler stated that that policy will come out shortly.

There were no additional questions for Chief Stemler.

DISCUSSION

- 1. A BOND ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING \$90,545.89 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE ROAD PAVING PROGRAM IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY**

The Attorney explained that this is the retainage on the contract as the Township was not happy with the way the contractor performed the contract. The base that was put down was not adequate so the Town retained the retainage. The Town is now re-appropriating that money for the same purpose but elsewhere.

President Steward said that this was from the 2013 Road Improvement Program.

The Attorney added that as this is a Bond Ordinance, on Introduction, only three votes are necessary. Passage will require four.

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

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

President Steward said that this is a \$5,500.00 “Click It or Ticket” grant. It encourages seatbelt enforcement in the Township.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney added that certain days are designated around the Holidays.

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

3. A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TIME FOR THE RENEWAL OF TAXI AND LIMOUSINE LICENSES AND PLACING A MORATORIUM ON THE RECEIPT OF NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS PENDING AMENDMENT OF THE TAXICAB AND LIMOUSINE LICENSING ORDINANCE

President Steward said that Council has considered this Resolution a few times previously. Ewing has been in a shared services agreement with Hamilton Township regarding reciprocal taxi licensing and are in the process of renegotiating what that will look like going forward. This Resolution extends the current agreement for a bit longer as it is sorted out.

The Attorney expects that Council will have both the new Shared Services Agreement as well as some amendments to the existing Taxi Ordinance soon.

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

4. A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE EWING ANIMAL SHELTER

The Attorney explained that this contract was bid twice. The first time, one bid came in from the current contractor in the amount of \$185,000.00. The Town deemed that amount to be too high and the proposal to be non-responsive. A second bid occurred and the one bid came in at \$180,000.00. It was rejected for the same reasons. Now having rejected bids twice for exceeding the budgetary amount, the Town, under Local Contracts Law, is authorized to negotiate the contract. Negotiations ensued with EASEL, the current contractor. Council has the negotiated contract before them. The terms are largely consistent with the RFP that was issued. It is a five year contract subject to appropriation. There are a lot of terms regarding the operation of the Shelter and the amount is \$160,000.00 per year.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney clarified that it is a three year contract with two one year extensions and then said that she is really happy to see this resolved.

The Administrator added that through the process of dealing with EASEL over the last five or six years, operating on a month-to-month with the Township, they have done a phenomenal job of adopting out dogs and cats and providing dog training. EASEL does a lot of fundraising. Their goal is to build their own free standing shelter. The cost when the Township operated the Shelter was about \$240,000.00 a year. EASEL will operate it at \$160,000.00 and still save the Township money. EASEL will continue to raise money and to look for a piece of property to establish a permanent shelter. This agreement has language in it that says, at least for the next five years, that if EASEL establishes their own Shelter, they still have to provide services for Township animals. The agreement does allow for renegotiation for drastic circumstances with a sixty day notice.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney mentioned additional services EASEL provides.

The Council President stated that EASEL has been a great partner.

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

5. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RICHARD T. BARRETT PAVING COMPANY FOR THE 2017 EWING TOWNSHIP ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$162,395.12

The Attorney said that six bids were received for the 2017 Road Improvement Program. Prices ranged from \$162,395.12 which was Richard Barrett, the low bid, to a high bid of \$382,670.12. The other four fall in-between. The Engineer's recommendation is in Council's packet. The bids were reviewed for technical and legal compliance. The recommendation is to award the contract to Richard T. Barrett Paving Company in the amount of \$162,395.12.

President Steward said that while they are the low bidder, the Township has used them in the past and are pleased with the results.

The Administrator added that the Township is happy that they bid; their work product has been good compared to some in the past that the Township hopes will never bid again. The Township is happy that Barrett is a local contractor as well.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney stated that this is continuing through the schedule of roads that the Township has previously set out in terms of improvements.

The Administrator added that he has a color-coded map of the roads that have been paved since the current Administration has come into office. Only Central Avenue, behind the High School, done by the contractor the Township hopes will not bid again, has had to be redone.

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

6. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RICHARD T. BARRETT PAVING COMPANY FOR THE 2016/2017 NJDOT TRUST FUND RESURFACING OF FEDERAL CITY ROAD (PHASES I & II) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$351,524.25 FOR THE BASE BID AND ALTERNATE

President Steward said that this awards the contract to Barrett as the low bidder for two phases that combined will resurface Federal City Road. State DOT grants are being used.

The Attorney explained that this time the bids were a little closer. Barrett's low bid was \$351,524.25 and the high bid was at \$446,189.16. There were eight bids in total. Because of the pricing that was obtained, both will be done. The base bid is from Bull Run Road to approximately #40 on Federal City Road and alternate number one covers the remainder of Federal City Road to Ewingville Road.

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

7. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION SITE

President Steward stated that a resolution is required to sell or auction surplus property that is no longer needed. This is to auction off a no longer needed and not very functional fire engine that was at West Trenton Fire Company.

The Administrator added that the Township bought three new trucks over a year ago; this is the third of the replaced trucks to be auctioned off. The company, American LaFrance, went bankrupt. Parts are no longer available. This truck was not reliable. It will be up for twenty-one days and there is a minimum bid placed on it. Any monies will go into the Township's General Fund.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked if there is anyone else out there, besides Govdeals, that the Township can use and how was the minimum set.

The Administrator replied that the Township has done online Township auctions and Govdeals. Govdeals has greater outreach. The minimum was based on what the other two trucks were auctioned off for.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council.

Britta (student at TCNJ) asked what is the minimum bid.

The Administrator replied - \$10,000.00.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

8. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF RADIO UPGRADES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS #83909 THROUGH STATE CONTRACT T-0109 (expires 04/30/2018)

The Council President stated that both Items Eight and Nine are for the purchase of radio upgrades for the Police Department through State contracts. It is from this year's Township capital program. It is needed to keep the radio equipment in compliance and up to date.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public for Items Eight and Nine.

9. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF RADIO UPGRADES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING FROM PMC ASSOCIATES #83932 THROUGH STATE CONTRACT T-0109 (expires 04/30/2018)
10. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE FOR PRINCETON SOUTH, CHARLES EWING BOULEVARD (BLOCK 225/LOT 1) – EWING ENGINEERS REMINGTON & VERNICK AND AFFILIATES #1102 I 016

President Steward said that Items Ten through Fourteen are all performance bond releases for various projects within the Township.

At the request of the Council President, the Attorney explained, for the benefit of the Public, what a performance bond and a release is.

President Steward added that the Township Engineer reviewed these projects and found that all the requirements have been met.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public for Items: Ten, Eleven, Twelve, Thirteen and Fourteen.

11. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE FOR PRINCETON SOUTH EAST PHASE SITE IMPROVEMENTS, CHARLES EWING BOULEVARD (BLOCK 225/LOT 1) – EWING ENGINEERS REMINGTON & VERNICK AND AFFILIATES #1102 I 015
12. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE FOR SANOCKI, 1822 PENNINGTON ROAD (BLOCK 161/LOT 20.01) – EWING ENGINEERS REMINGTON & VERNICK AND AFFILIATES #1102 I 070
13. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE FOR SANOCKI, 1824 PENNINGTON ROAD (BLOCK 161/LOT 1.02) – EWING ENGINEERS REMINGTON & VERNICK AND AFFILIATES #1102 I 070
14. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE FOR SANOCKI, 1826 PENNINGTON ROAD (BLOCK 161/LOT 2.02) – EWING ENGINEERS REMINGTON & VERNICK AND AFFILIATES #1102 I 070
15. A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP FUNDING FOR NEW JERSEY

President Steward said that at the last Council meeting a guest spoke about the importance of these programs.

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

16. A RESOLUTION GRANTING JAMES COLANDUONI PERMISSION TO RECEIVE HIS SERVICE FIREARM (GLOCK 21, .45 CAL. SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOL SERIAL NUMBER RYA914) UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE EWING TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 1, 2018

President Steward said that this is a long-standing tradition in Ewing and, in most cases, the firearm would not be of any practical use to another Officer.

The Attorney added that it is always at the recommendation of the Chief of Police and that recommendation is contingent upon them obtaining a permit.

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

All Discussion Items were approved for Action.

BILLS LIST

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$592,517.26 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #17R-14 in the Amount of \$168,369.64

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

The Bills List was approved for Action.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Steward presented the Consent Agenda for review.

1. Approval of Agenda Session Minutes for July 11, 2017, July 25, 2017; Approval of Regular Session Minutes for July 11, 2017, July 25, 2017
2. A Resolution Authorizing Glendale Civic Association to Hold a Halloween Parade/Road Closing on October 31st, 2017
3. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Township Construction Official in the amount of \$282.00 to Vivint Solar, 20-B Roland Ave., Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 for a permit at 147 Upper Ferry Rd., Ewing, NJ 08628. The homeowner decided not to have solar panels installed.

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 AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND SECTION 225-59, SCHEDULE XII: STOP INTERSECTIONS, CONVERTING THE INTERSECTION OF PINGREE AVENUE AND WESTMORELAND DRIVE TO A FOUR-WAY STOP-CONTROLLED INTERSECTION BY INSTALLING NEW STOP SIGNS ON PINGREE AVENUE AND STOP BARS ON BOTH ROADWAYS

The Council President said that this adds a four-way stop at the intersection of Pingree and Westmoreland. Residents have expressed concerns about speeding along Pingree. It also recommends signage and road striping.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney added that the road striping has already occurred because of the curb-cutting improvements that they already did. There is an active investigation as to what the Township is going to do in that entire area.

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 AMEND CHAPTER 240: NOISE, SECTION 8: RESTRICTED USES AND ACTIVITIES, TO PERMIT THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, IN ADDITION TO THE NOISE CONTROL OFFICER OR NOISE CONTROL INVESTIGATOR, TO ENFORCE NOISE ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO COMPLAINTS OF BARKING DOGS

President Steward said this will empower the Township's Animal Control Officer to enforce the Township's Noise Ordinance with respect to barking dogs only.

Councilman Baxter said that this goes hand-in-hand with the other legislation Council has adopted with regards to our animals.

President Steward added that it is important for the Animal Control Officer to be allowed to do this as someone concerned about the animal's welfare - who is trained in spotting if an animal is in distress - and not just about decibel levels.

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 said that the EDAA met last week to discuss planning for their 2018 programs which includes some funding for the School District and Katzenbach. In addition, the advisor to the TCNJ group that attends EDAA meetings is actively involved with another campus group that recently sponsored a “mindfulness” 5K that was well attended by members of the Community.

Councilman Baxter said that the Recreation Advisory Board met Monday. Another meeting will be held on November 13th for the commissioners and presidents of all of the Board’s sports leagues. At the Monday meeting, many issues were discussed: the splash pad at Hollowbrook; possible locations for the High School tennis courts if they need to be removed to make way for additional student parking; concussions in soccer. Nominations are being taken for the annual sports honor roll. Residents can send their nominations to Ted Forst or to the Rec Board. Councilman Baxter added that this might become part of a Community Service Award and not just honor those involved in sports.

Councilman Schroth said that the annual Green Team Scarecrow Contest will be judged during Trunk or Treat on Saturday October 28th. Costumes must be at least eighty percent recycled, reclaimed or reused materials. At the next Green Team meeting, October 25th, Joe Mirabella will be giving his third presentation in the series entitled “The End of Nature”.

The Administrator reported that Shred Day occurred this past Saturday. It was busy as the trucks arrived late as one had a flat tire. In the end, it was very successful. There will be two again next year.

President Steward added that if someone missed it, the County is having their last shred day for the year either this Saturday or next across the street from the Arena.

The Administrator said that the next Town & Gown meeting is November 13th. This Saturday, at 11 a.m., there will be a special military ceremony in front of Town Hall honoring the late Mr. Zabitovsky, a Ewing Township resident, who received the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War from President Nixon.

President Steward announced that tomorrow is the Township’s last flu shot clinic at the ESCC from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and that there will be only one Council Meeting in November, on the 28th, due to the League of Municipalities Conference. The annual Veteran’s Day Service will on the 11th.

Councilman Baxter said that he, Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney and the Administrator attended a ceremony held at Campus Town’s Farmer’s Market that honored a local veteran who is a 2008 EHS graduate. Councilman Baxter said that he forgot to mention that the Rec Board will be revamping the dog run at Banchoff Park after receiving a grant. The Administrator added details.

There were no additional Commission or Committee Reports from members of Council.
There were no additional announcements.

NEW BUSINESS

(None for this Meeting)

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Joe Murphy (9 Malaga Drive) stated that he is concerned about the impact of the airport expansion on the Township. Fifty homeowners have been given notice. The assessed value of those homes is \$5.4 million dollars with about \$286,000.00 in tax ratables. Mr. Murphy asked if the County has discussed with the Township how to make the Township whole with the loss of this revenue and then commented that the Township will never be able to make up the money. Mr. Murphy said that he is also concerned about safety. The consultant’s report says that trees are blocking the line of sight for landing and need to be removed. The report also says that there are no safety concerns at the Airport. If that is the case, why do trees need to be removed and property taken. Planes are also taking off and landing over restricted areas which is not safe at all. There will be more flights with the terminal being increased five-fold. Mr. Murphy said that not even the Freeholders know what is going on and suggested that the Township immediately file a complaint for any flight flying over restricted areas.

Robert Britton Jr. (98 W. Upper Ferry Road) stated that he is also going to be speaking about the expansion of the Airport and first pointed out that on October 19th there was a major meeting regarding the airport. The consultants gave a presentation before the Board of Chosen Freeholders. 125 to 200 people from all over were there and expressed various concerns about the Airport. However, each person was only given three minutes by the

Chair. Mr. Britton stated that there is a tremendous amount of activity at the Airport: two airlines; a charter service; the State Police and National Guard; seventeen tenants; three flight schools and private aircraft. The County wants to increase the terminal five-fold to 125,000 square feet and instead of the sixteen houses they were originally going to take, it is now forty-one houses and two businesses. Mr. Britton then described where these homes and businesses are located. Mr. Britton stated that he does not want his friends and neighbors to go through what his family experienced in 1962. These houses have been here for the past fifty-five years, ever since the initial expansion of the runway. The Airport has not had a problem with these houses and businesses for all this time and now all of a sudden there is a problem. Mr. Britton stated that he does not know the reason why. The acquisition is supposed to be voluntary. At the presentation, a lady asked the consultants what happens if only two agree to sell and the others remain. The remaining houses will still be an obstruction in the Airport's eyes. The answer given was that those two houses will still be taken to show the FAA that we are making progress. Mr. Britton stated that the claim that this is voluntary is not true. Eminent domain will be enacted. In addition to the homes being taken, an additional twelve to fifteen houses will be located within a permanent navigable easement. There are many different concerns here: safety, flight patterns, the acquisition of homes, traffic, noise, pollution, animals. Mr. Britton stated that the grassroots organization that he belongs to, Mercer Quiet Skies, is asking that an Environmental Impact Statement be made. It is true what Mr. Murphy stated earlier – \$287,000 in lost tax revenue for the Township. But, many people in the West Trenton will not just sit by and do nothing. They may file tax appeals and more revenue will be lost if they are successful. Mr. Britton then posed this question to Council – what has been the direct benefit of the Airport for Ewing Township. Mr. Hughes has claimed that it will generate \$100,000 million for the local economy and provide jobs. Mr. Britton asked what is Ewing's share of that pie and the number of jobs that will be provided is a drop in the bucket compared to the total number of jobs in the County.

Mr. Murphy added that he is not opposed to the Airport; he just wants it to be run more safely and more efficiently.

Mr. Britton handed Council a copy of the brochure recently sent to the targeted homeowners and then discussed it with the help of three exhibits. Mr. Britton told Council that He and Mercer Quiet Skies are not trying to shut the airport down; they just want the airport to be a responsible neighbor and to see everyone treated fairly.

Anne Chmielewski (49 Sunset Avenue) stated that she has taken note of tonight's Agenda Item "A Resolution of Support for Sustainable Open Space, Farmland, Historic Preservation and Stewardship Funding for New Jersey" and said that that is very admirable. Ms. Chmielewski suggested that Council start right here in Ewing Township with her neighborhood and then described her enjoyment in being able to watch beautiful sunsets and seeing animals and birds coming through the fields. It is a diverse environment with all different kinds of plants along with a beautiful stream. It would be a shame to see all of those old growth trees on Jones Farm cut down, the wildlife displaced and the stream potentially polluted with jet fuel. Ms. Chmielewski asked what has so drastically changed that suddenly, fifty-five years later, forty-one homes and an entire section of Jones Farm need to be taken, trees cut down and the entire area declared an "obstruction". Residents of Sunset Ave are good neighbors and live responsibly. Ms. Chmielewski said that she is the face of Ewing Township – pays her taxes, follows the rules, takes pride in her work. But, here she is, at this point in her life, living in a one storey stone bungalow with a beautiful view. Ms. Chmielewski asked is that what you want to take. Is Council just going to stand by while a consultant firm from upstate New York using a google profile says that this little house is an obstruction. What does this firm know about Ewing Township. Ms. Chmielewski stated that she and Mr. Britton can do an environmental assessment just as well as the consultants. If something so extreme as taking homes is going to be done, wouldn't it be responsible for the Airport to do an in-depth Environmental Inventory Study. Later tonight, Council will resolve to support Open Space for a larger community; Council should stand-up and hold to that commitment locally. Ms. Chmielewski said that at the Freeholder's meeting, she was approached by a member of the Environmental Commission and then asked Council to get the Commission to step forward and be a voice at the table for Township residents. Ms. Chmielewski stated that Ewing Township is concerned about barking dogs and then mentioned how she missed information during a NPR broadcast as a jet flew overhead. Ms. Chmielewski asked the Township to monitor the decibel levels at the airport and offered her front lawn to set-up the monitoring device. Ms. Chmielewski implored Council to listen and to help them.

Elmer Sullivan (13 Llandfair Lane) stated that he is here tonight to complain about an abandoned and derelict property at 17 Bayberry Road. His immediate concern is large trees on the property line.

So far, the trees have been falling down onto the abandoned property but there is no way to guarantee that the trees will not fall onto his property in the future. Mr. Sullivan stated that he has been to both Code Enforcement and the Mayor's Office and nothing has happened so he is here tonight to ask Council to do something.

The Council President asked Mr. Sullivan to give his telephone number to the Clerk as she can give him a call after she looks into it.

Mr. Sullivan replied that he is sorry to be skeptical, but he has heard that before – five times now.

President Steward reiterated that she does not know the answer right now but she will call him tomorrow.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney added that Council's email addresses are on the Township website so he can reach out to any one of us at any time.

At the request of the Council President, the Administrator gave an update. After a divorce, the couple walked away from the property. It is now bank owned. The Administrator stated that he reached out to the bank via certified mail last week and told the bank that the trees had to be cut down or the Township will and a tax lien will then be filed against the property. By law, the Township has to give the bank ten days to comply; if they do not, the Township's contractor is standing by. The problem is that the Township's contractor charges \$1,000 per tree so he is hoping that the bank will do it. Either way, the trees will be down by the next Council meeting.

Tracey Kiriluk (158 W. Upper Ferry Road) said that it is interesting that Councilman Schroth mentioned that the Green Team is having a talk entitled "The End of Nature". The end of nature is going to happen in Ewing with this airport expansion. Ms. Kiriluk said that she is with Mercer Quiet Skies and is hoping that Council will help them as they are running into a brick wall. Ms. Kiriluk stated that she received that letter; the Airport wants to take her trees and put a navigable easement on her property. The eighty-five foot trees behind her house are her sound barrier from jets descending fifty feet behind her house. Those trees have been there forever and absorb the jet fuel, carbon and deicing material. There is no way to replace the carbon footprint those trees take. Those trees will not grow back. Trees are already dying in Ewing because of the ash borer so why take more trees. Council saw the number of trees they want to take from Jones Farm. In 2005, jet fuel was found in the creek on Jones Farm. Nothing has changed except that there are more jets. Our drinking water and our health will be affected. Ms. Kiriluk also said that she does not know why they want to take the shade tree in front of her house. They said that there will not be a noise increase. A dog barks in her neighborhood each night around midnight. She will not complain about that but she will complain about the jet taking off right over her house louder than the average sixty-five decibels that they say. Ms. Kiriluk then explained that this sixty-five decibels is the average of day and night readings. But there is nothing at night. Ms. Kiriluk invited Council to come to her house – on any day it is at least 120 decibels. Ms. Kiriluk stated that she bought her house in 1991; she loves her house and she loves Ewing. This entire project has been non-transparent. She is disappointed in the people that she voted in – she voted for the people who are going to take her neighbor's homes and take her trees. Ewing is a beautiful place. No one is helping them. Is it really worth it to take forty-one homes just so there can be better toilets or concessions in the terminal.

There were no additional statements or comments from members of 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. Schroth. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Kathleen Wollert, Council President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk