

March 27, 2018 – AGENDA SESSION

President Wollert called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 3rd day of January 2018.

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 – 6:39 p.m. | Joanna Mustafa, CFO |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth – Present | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Ms. Steward – Present | Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk |
| ▪ President Wollert – Present | |

DEPARTMENT HEAD BUDGET REQUESTS – In no particular order: Municipal Clerk, Tax Collector, Construction Official, Health Department Administrator, Municipal Court Administrator, Captain Station 30 – Career Firefighters, West Trenton Volunteer Fire Company

Kim Macellaro (Municipal Clerk) said that her total Operating Budget request for 2018 is \$30,000; a decrease of \$500 from last year. The Clerk then discussed each line item. \$4,000 was requested for Office Supplies - a \$500 increase because last year over \$5,000 was used. \$1,200 was requested for Auction Services; money is kept in this account because the Township is having more Govdeal and abandoned car auctions. Advertising in the Ewing Observer is covered in the Other Advertising account. The Clerk explained that she spent about \$2,800 in 2017 for Shred Day, the rabies’ clinics, dog licensing and voting information. However, after speaking with the Administration, she realized that much of that advertising could be charged to other accounts so she requested only \$1,200 for 2018. \$10,000 was requested for Legal Advertising. This will depend on a number of factors including the number of Ordinances adopted. \$2,500 has been budgeted for Training and \$8,000 for Codification. Ms. Macellaro explained that she added a new line item this year for taxis and limousines. Because of the split with Hamilton, we are now purchasing our own medallions. \$1,300 was requested. The Clerk said that she does not believe that that amount will be needed as we are finding that taxis are not renewing their licenses. Council’s budget request is the same as last year - \$3,000 - and \$15,000 is budgeted for Election printing costs.

Vice President Baxter asked if Robert’s Rules of Order is an update or is it a new book.

Ms. Macellaro replied that she included it in the Budget in case we wanted to buy an updated version.

Vice President Baxter commented on the Clerk’s note in her budget request about going back to advertising only in the Trenton Times.

The Clerk responded - correct, because the Trentonian was not doing our advertising. She explained that she only uses the Trentonian when she must advertise in both newspapers.

Councilwoman Steward asked if the planned school referendum incurs any additional expense.

Ms. Macellaro replied – no. That is on the School Board. We only have to be here to receive the voting booth cartridges.

The Clerk did not have any Capital requests.

There were no additional questions for the Clerk.

Tom Hespe (Tax Collector) stated that his Budget request is pretty much the same as last year – no increase. He spent less last year mainly because newspaper advertising costs went down. More people came in to pay prior to the tax sale advertisement. Mr. Hespe added that he always includes money in his Budget request in case he has to do an estimated tax bill.

The Tax Collector did not have any Capital requests.

There were no questions for the Tax Collector.

Jack Daniels (Construction Official) took over as the Construction Official in February. He discussed his Construction Budget request first. Mr. Daniels explained the State Training Fees and why it ends up being awash. There are a few differences from that which was requested in 2017. One is the trailer - \$40,000 is being requested for the rental. Clothing is contractual. Another difference is an increase in the amount requested for Construction books. New Code books need to be purchased because the Code is updated every three years with the next update anticipated to be in September. \$5,000 has been requested for Training. This includes SDL training.

Mr. Daniels responded to Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney and described how the Construction Office is reaching out to the Public regarding SDL.

President Wollert asked, once a SDL account is set up, if it can be used for more than one project or permit.

Mr. Daniels replied – yes. He then briefly explained that SDL has a safety feature which allows owners of a property to see more information than non-owners. Mr. Daniels then discussed some of the other planned Departmental training. More money has been requested for the elevator contractor because of an increase in the number of elevators in the Township. Mr. Daniels mentioned that elevators now have to be inspected once a year instead of every two years.

The Council President and Mr. Daniels discussed the elevator fees.

The Attorney added that the State sets a maximum elevator inspection fee; EIC gets a percentage of that and the Township gets a piece of that percentage as an administrative fee.

Mr. Daniels explained that Salaries are down a little bit mostly due to retirements. The total anticipated budget for Construction is \$800,639.

Mr. Daniels then discussed UCC Income. Most everything is substantially up in 2018 partly because of all the construction. CO's issued are down by two. C of A's (Certificates of Approval) are significantly down. Interior work on existing buildings is not as prevalent as it once was. The Township is mainly seeing new construction.

Vice President Baxter commented that Fees Waived is drastically up.

Mr. Daniels said that most of that is due to the County. Mr. Daniels explained that the UCC has a regulation in which the Township is not permitted to charge a government entity either the Township fee or the DCA fee. Even though the fee is waived, the project is still tracked. It is a dollar amount; not the number of fees waived.

Vice President Baxter and Mr. Daniels then discussed the C of A's being down. Any non-permit work the Township misses will be seen when the property is transferred.

President Wollert, Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney, Vice President Baxter and Mr. Daniels discussed future staffing needs, the difficulty in finding people and cross-training.

Council and Mr. Daniels next discussed his Housing Budget request. Mr. Daniels explained that a lot of the increase is due to various vacant property issues - having the correct signage, grass cutting and changing to clear boarding (a plexiglass material) instead of using plywood as well as just the number of vacant properties. The total Housing request for 2018 is \$51,500 up from \$41,900 in 2017. There is a big offset with income because of the way the vacant structure ordinance is written. Once the four year mark is hit, there is a \$5,000 vacant registration fee. It is an incentive to get the house fixed up and back on the market.

Councilwoman Steward asked why the iPads are not coming out of IT's budget.

The CFO responded.

There were no additional questions for the Construction Official.

Jim Hall (Fire Marshall) stated that his 2018 Budget request is similar to last year. Mr. Hall did not have any Capital requests.

There were no questions for the Fire Marshall.

Teri Vacirca (Health Department Administrator) stated that this year's Budget request is pretty much the same as last year. Ms. Vacirca explained that the actual 2018 budget for the Health Department is lower than the requested amount because the Department has received the largest reimbursement ever for administering flu shots. Ms. Vacirca then briefly discussed individual line items for Health Department Services and Animal Control Services. Health Department Services Expenses are the same each year because, except for Advertisement, the expenses are mandated. Uniforms are contractual. The flu vaccine needs to be reserved a year in advance and the Department does well with the amount they have. Any unused vaccine is sent back or used by another Agency. Because the Department receives vaccines from the State, the Department is required to have another temperature system for the refrigerators. Temperature logs are kept and sent to the State. A lot of Training is done via webinars in the Office. It is not possible to give a "true" number for Vet Emergency Services (Animal Control) as it depends on the number of animals that come in and need help. The Township is now using the same company that the County uses (shared service) for deer carcass disposal. This company is more reliable and is working out well for the Township. Animal Control Uniforms are also contractual. The Department has one Capital request – a lead meter and supplies. The Department has been borrowing one and needs its own because the State has lowered the lead level threshold which could lead to more cases.

There were no questions for the Health Department Administrator.

Maryann Convenio (Court Administrator) stated that her budget stays pretty much the same from year to year but this year there is a slight decrease. Ms. Convenio then briefly discussed each account. There is a decrease in the number of traffic tickets that she has to order because the Police Department did move to E-Tickets. The Police still carry the books as back-up and the Court still orders Special Complaint Summons books for Code Enforcement and Animal Control. Training is provided by the State so there are no fees except for the one Convention she attends annually. The Consultant Fee account is the only account, this year, that she is requesting a different amount – a decrease. The year before last there was a hefty increase for interpreter fees. It is difficult to guess how much will be needed. Last year, she halved that increased amount and still did not use it all so this year, she decreased the amount. Two new tables for the Courtroom were paid for out of New Equipment. Her total Operating Budget request is \$31,000. Ms. Convenio attached the more detailed budget request package that she submitted to Judge Jacobson. Ms. Convenio explained that she is no longer submitting a Capital request as the two new tables for the Courtroom had already been purchased, the additional furniture is not needed at this time and the Assisted Listening Device is included in Information Technology's budget request.

Councilman Schroth asked if the amount requested for language interpreters includes LanguageLine or live bodies.

Ms. Convenio responded – both.

Vice President Baxter asked about staff training.

Ms. Convenio replied that the line staff are all cross trained and then explained the State requires all Court staff to complete Level One of the Principles of Court Administration. The State provides this training; there is no fee. Ms. Convenio then said that one staff member has completed Level Two and another has completed all four levels and can become a Deputy Court Administrator if she chooses to do so.

Ms. Convenio added that she has spoken with the Administration and it has been decided to send a couple of the others for additional training; it is a good idea to have everyone complete Level Two.

There were no additional questions for the Court Administrator.

Jeff Lenarski (Captain, Career Firefighters) said that as everyone is aware we are in a new system and this is our first complete budget similar to the other fire companies. Captain Lenarski then discussed his 2018 Operating Budget request.

There are more people to train and we are trying to do more in-house. Training will be a bit more difficult because a group works one day and then you do not see them for three. There are a number of challenges after taking over this firehouse. The biggest concern is with the fire apparatus; currently, there is one in the shop. Without the apparatus, we can not do our jobs. It will be in the shop for another week. There is a volunteer sector left at Pennington Road. We have allocated some funding to take care of their needs. It is a work in progress; it is a smaller group than it once was.

President Wollert asked how many are still active.

Captain Lenarski replied – about ten. The hard thing, during this difficult period, is not enough of them show up together.

President Wollert added that she thought some of them were thinking about going to the other volunteer Companies.

Captain Lenarski then discussed the special equipment needs, the required recording system and the I Am Responding System among the other supplies needed. The apparatus lettering has been changed to read – The Township of Ewing. Some equipment needs should not be reoccurring. The Uniform allowance is contractual; a little higher this year because of the fourteen new staff members. Money has been allocated for building repairs. Recently there was a difficult sewer issue that not only required a vendor but ELSA as well. Money has been allocated for an E-Pro Scheduling System and \$75,000 has been allocated for Per Diems.

Mr. Lenarski briefly discussed his Capital requests – three sets of replacement turnout gear, one portable radio and fire hose.

Vice President Baxter inquired about the equipment that is not working.

Captain Lenarski responded that it is a rescue truck that is twenty-five years old.

Vice President Baxter asked the Captain to pass along Council's condolences to their brothers and sisters in Lambertville.

Captain Lenarski thanked Joanna, Hillary and Public Works for being supportive and helpful during this time.

There were no additional questions for Captain Lenarski.

Michael Anderson (Chairman, West Trenton Volunteer Fire Company) stated that the Fire Company submitted an Operating Budget request of \$251,200; an increase of \$6,500 from last year. Mr. Anderson discussed the accounts. The Company is requesting money to paint a piece of equipment they received from Prospect Heights as residents identify the fire trucks by their color. There is a slight increase - \$1,000 - for Training due to new members and some speciality training. There is a reduction for maintenance agreements because the three stations are doing things together so they are getting better pricing. Repairs/Maintenance of the apparatus is always the highest cost. There are issues with the new Ladder – drifting. West Trenton does have the oldest piece of apparatus in the Town. There is a little decrease for Fuel Costs because as of yet they do not have their fuel tank and have been getting fuel at the School Board. West Trenton has installed a lot of LED lighting and upgraded their HVAC system, which is more efficient, so there is a decrease for Electric/Gas. Water is on the high side because the hydrant out back is connected to the meter, so when they do pump testing they pay for the water.

Mr. Anderson discussed his Capital requests: Motorola pagers, turnout gear, swift water rescue kits, ice rescue suits, fire hose. The total Capital request is \$40,970. The dive team has been disbanded; they are moving more towards swift water rescue. Mr. Anderson mentioned that no fire company in the area has ice rescue suits.

President Wollert asked about the fuel tank.

Mr. Anderson replied that West Trenton received funding to purchase the tank but not enough funding to install it - \$5,000. Mr. Anderson mentioned the work the Fire House has recently funded on its own; including, spending about \$250,000 to have the parking lot repaved. The HVAC system was also a hard hit.

The Administrator asked Mr. Anderson about buying the Command vehicle from Pennington Road.

Mr. Anderson responded that it is more feasible to buy new from a co-op.

Councilman Schroth asked how many of the pagers are for new members.

Mr. Anderson replied - four new and two replacements.

The Administrator added that next year all three houses will need to upgrade the Scott SCBA harness. It will be a Capital request of about \$150,000.

The CFO responded to Vice President Baxter about how the two volunteer fire houses appear in the actual budget document - \$215,000 for each volunteer company and the remainder for Station 30.

The Administrator added that it is an increase of \$20,000 for both volunteer fire companies.

The CFO explained that the capital requests are lumped together but will be broken out in more detail later.

Council President Wollert said that there had been a question about the \$251,200 operating budget.

Mr. Anderson replied that that is the total overall expense which is offset by fundraising.

Since the dive team has been disbanded, Councilman Schroth asked if any group in the area provides that service.

Mr. Anderson replied – Trenton; Lambertville just started a team with fifteen to twenty divers.

There were no additional questions for Mr. Anderson.

Council President Wollert announced that the Department Head Budget Requests have been completed. The Council President thanked everyone who came and provided information.

DISCUSSION

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY APPROVING APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

President Wollert said that this agreement is with the company taking over the Parkside Manor low income housing for disabled and senior citizens. They are going to be making some improvements and have asked for some tax abatement. The Township will get a PILOT of nine percent of the rental income. The County will get a piece and the rest will come to the Township. The Town will see an improved and refreshed center.

Charles Latini (Township Planner) briefly explained the agreement and responded to Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney's question about the previous agreement.

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

This Item was approved for Action.

2. A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE 2018 HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

President Wollert said that this is part of the Township's COAH agreement which has been approved by the Courts and includes everything up to the Third Round so the Town will be in compliance.

Mr. Latini explained further.

President Wollert announced that there is a need for a walk-on Item:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, DOCKET NO. MER-L-1556-15

At the request of Vice President Baxter, Mr. Latini spoke about the Township's Rehabilitation Share of 140 housing units.

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

Both Items were approved for Action.

3. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING AND MERCER COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER TO OVERSEE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP'S PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE

President Wollert said that this formalizes the agreement with the County.

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

This Item was approved for Action.

- 4. A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO MANAGE, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TWO (2) PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING FOR THE 2018 SUMMER SWIM SEASON FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$109,100.00 TO SPARKLING POOL SERVICES, INC.**

President Wollert stated that this company previously handled this for the Township. It is a rebid.

The Administrator said that we had a one year contract with this company last year but had to go out to bid. Another company, USA Pools, bid but they were non-compliant in a number of places in their bid.

Vice President Baxter said that he thought the amount was \$94,000 for these two pools.

The Administrator responded and added that it is still cheaper than when the Township provided lifeguards themselves. There is a one year option, so if we are happy, we do not have to again go out to bid.

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

This Item was approved for Action.

- 5. A RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT TO LTW, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS AT THE HOLLOWBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER PURSUANT TO THE NASPO VALUEPOINT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,020.36**

Council President Wollert stated that this is a continuation of a program to provide security in and around Township facilities. With the redoing of the Hollowbrook Center, these are needed.

Councilman Schroth asked who made the determination that twenty-five cameras were needed.

The Administrator responded – The Director of IT and the company.

Councilman Schroth and the Administrator discussed it further.

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

This Item was approved for Action.

- 6. A RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT TO SHI INTERNATIONAL CORPORATON FOR A HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE SERVER AND RELATED EQUIPMENT TO STATE CONTRACT NO. 89851/M00003 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,045.52**

The Attorney explained that this is the server for the cameras. It was a better deal to get this through State contract.

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

This Item was approved for Action.

- 7. A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW JERSEY'S PARTICIPATION IN RGGI**

The Council President said that this is a restatement of Council's support. It was brought to Council by the Environmental Commission representative.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney added that this Resolution encourages and thanks the current Administration for moving toward re-entering RGGI.

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

This Item was approved for Action.

8. A RESOLUTION ENSURING EWING TOWNSHIP IS A FAIR & WELCOMING COMMUNITY REGARDLESS OF CITIZENSHIP STATUS

President Wollert said that this particular Resolution was proposed by a group of people who came to the Administration. The Council President stated that she wants to be clear - this Resolution does not create a sanctuary city. It does state the obvious – The Township welcomes all people no matter what their citizenship status might be. The Town will be following all pertinent laws. The Police Chief reviewed this and it is compliant with all laws.

Councilwoman Steward commented that it ensures the safety of Township residents. We do not want people not seeking the protections that are available because of a concern about their citizenship status.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney added that the Police Department has been focused on trying to ensure we are abiding by the law; but, at the same time, recognize that people's citizenship status might lead people to be concerned about coming forward. This seeks to strike a balance.

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

This Item was approved for Action.

9. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE FOR ARISTA DEVELOPMENT – WALGREENS, 1801 NORTH OLDEN AVENUE (BLOCK 118, LOTS 45 & 48) – EWING ENGINEERS REMINGTON, VERNICK & ARANGO RV&A #1102-I-073

President Wollert said that this is standard – a release of a performance bond for a completed project.

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

This Item was approved for Action.

BILLS LIST

- 1. A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$6,768,457.89 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #18R-15 in the Amount of \$3,563.95**

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

This Item was approved for Action.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Wollert presented the Consent Agenda for review.

- 1. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$75.40 for overpayment of April 1, 2018 sewer bill to Jean Louis R. Jacques, Jr., 2436 Stuyvesant Avenue, Ewing, NJ 08618, for property owner Jean Louis R. Jacques, Jr. for Block: 339 Lot: 24 also known as 2436 Stuyvesant Avenue for overpayment.**
- 2. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$4,603.60 for overpayment of April 1, 2018 sewer bill to Upland Realty, 1000 New Jersey Avenue #1106, Washington, DC 20003, for property owner Upland Realty for Block: 180 Lot: 257 also known as 200 Upland Avenue for overpayment.**

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

The Consent Agenda was approved for Action.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

(None for this Meeting)

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

- 1. AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

The Council President explained that this is done annually. It gives the Town flexibility and allows us to reserve additional capacity if the Town needs to expend monies; particularly, in an emergent situation.

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

This Item was moved for Second Reading.

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney said that the Arts Commission will again be partnering with Homefront and Mercer Arc to do an art show in May.

Vice President Baxter stated that he had a question about the certification of funds for the pool contract.

The CFO clarified.

Vice President Baxter said that some on the Recreation Advisory Board believe that it would be cheaper if the Township managed the two pools in-house.

The Administrator responded that the Administration looked at that. We will know better after this year with both pools open. The pools have never made money.

The CFO will give Councilman Baxter the 2016 numbers for comparison.

Councilwoman Steward said that the Green Team was well represented at the Green Fair at Rider on St. Patrick's Day. The monthly Green Team meeting is tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. The presentation on the Emerald Ash Borer, canceled because of a snow storm, has been rescheduled for April 17th.

Vice President Baxter added that the next Recreation Advisory Board meeting is April 16th.

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

NEW BUSINESS

(None for this Meeting)

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Anne Chmielewski (49 Sunset Avenue) asked if, once a certificate of occupancy is issued, is there a follow-up process to make sure that that property is still being used as a single family home and has not been turned into a rental for college students.

President Wollert explained that any rental property should be registered in the Construction Office. A CO is needed everytime there is a change in occupancy. There is also an annual inspection.

Ms. Chmielewski asked if there is a process where someone can find out about the status of a particular house in their neighborhood.

The Attorney responded – yes. An OPRA request can be filed for a particular address.

Councilwoman Steward added that, if someone suspects that a property is being used as a rental and is not registered, they should inform the Construction Office.

Ms. Chmielewski mentioned that she did not realize that there are squatters within Ewing Township.

President Wollert replied that there had been a number of occurrences but it is not limited to Ewing. Homes are vacant for a period of time as the foreclosure process is lengthy. There are unscrupulous people who gain access. Sometimes, these people pretend to be the

owner or the agent and rent the house to other people. It is a long process to have these people, who may have been scammed, removed. The Police Department, working with the Construction Office, is addressing the issue.

Vice President Baxter added that if anyone notices this, they should call the Police.

Ms. Chmielewski suggested that an article about this be placed in the Ewing Observer.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney added that the Police Department does reach out to community groups and held a Town Hall on this a few months ago.

Ms. Chmielewski asked Council to adopt a Resolution encouraging a more natural environment around homes.

Councilwoman Steward added that tomorrow's Green Team meeting is about wildflowers and pollinators and tries to encourage this.

Ms. Chmielewski stated that the Airport continues to be a concern and will become more of a concern as summer approaches and people are out and about. Council will be hearing from Mercer Quiet Skies again soon.

Ron Prykanowski (16 Thurston Avenue) addressed one item Ms. Chmielewski mentioned. There is a State Statute, under Storm Water, which does mention how many chemicals can be used on lawns. This should be published via the Green Team. There are substitutes on the market today that do a similar job but will not be pollutants. Mr. Prykanowski suggested that Ewing join with other communities in a lawsuit against the City to have Trenton Water taken away. Four months to notify customers is outrageous. Mr. Prykanowski stated that he met with Assemblyman Gusciora's Chief of Staff and presented a plan which would create a Mercer County Regional Water Authority similar to ELSA. Most people are opposed to American Water or another private company taking it over with one reason being the increase in fees.

The Administrator responded that all four towns would like a seat at the table and are advocating a long-term private/public partnership.

Mr. Prykanowski and the Administrator also briefly discussed the fire hydrants.

There were no additional statements or comments from members of the Public.

CLOSED SESSION – The Attorney read (**Resolution #18R-72**) A Resolution to Enter into Closed Session for the Advice of Counsel and Personnel Matters

At 8:33 p.m., the Attorney read the Resolution to enter into a Closed Executive Session pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-6; specifically, N.J.S.A 10:4-12 subparts Seven and Eight – matters involving attorney/client privilege which may potentially impact litigation and any matter involving employment or employment transfer. Specifically, in this case, with respect to EEOC compliance issues. Minutes will be made available to the Public, if and when appropriate, at some point in the future.

At 8:34 p.m., Councilwoman Steward made a motion to enter into Closed Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Schroth. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote.

At 9:09 p.m., Councilman Schroth made a motion to close the Closed Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote.

At 9:10 p.m., Vice President Baxter made a motion to enter back into Open Session, seconded by Councilman Schroth. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Wollert asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Steward so moved seconded by Mr. Baxter. It was agreed a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Kathleen Wollert, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk