

September 11, 2018 – AGENDA SESSION

President Wollert called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 24th day of August 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 – Excused | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth – Present | Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk |
| ▪ Ms. Steward – Excused | |
| ▪ President Wollert - Present | |

The Clerk stated for the record that both Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney and Councilwoman Steward have an excused absence for this evening.

DISCUSSION

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 INTERSECTIONS OF HOMECREST AND CHELSEA AVENUES AND HOMECREST AND DOUGLAS AVENUES TO FOUR-WAY STOP-CONTROLLED INTERSECTION BY INSTALLING NEW STOP SIGNS ON HOMECREST AND STOP BARS ON BOTH ROADWAYS**

The Attorney said that the Township requested that the Engineer take a look at these intersections. The Engineer found line of sight issues and recommended that these two-way stop intersections become a four-way stop and that stop bars be added on both roadways.

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

This Item was approved for Action.

2. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND CHAPTER 225-48 SCHEDULE I: NO PARKING ANYTIME, TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON EITHER SIDE OF THE CURVE AT THE INTERSECTION OF DIXMONT AND ALBANS AVENUES**

The Attorney explained that the existing curbing is already painted yellow to prohibit parking but because it is not included in the Ordinances, the Police are not able to enforce it. It is a narrow street with a sharp curve that compromises the line of sight. The recommendation is to prohibit parking on both sides of the street at this curve. President Wollert said that instead of signage, the curb will be painted yellow.

The Administrator added that there will be both going forward. Buses and emergency vehicles can not get through there now with parking on both sides of the street. There has also been trouble with the plows during the winter.

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

This Item was approved for Action.

- 3. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE X: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ADD NEW SECTION 4-56: ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL IN EVENT OF DECLARED EMERGENCY**

The Attorney explained that this codifies who the Township's essential personnel are in the event of a declared emergency. It is a local prerogative to define essential personnel. The Attorney then listed the job titles with some dependent on the nature of the emergency.

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

This Item was approved for Action.

- 4. A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STATE HOUSE COMMISSION PREAPPLICATION TO THE NJDEP GREEN ACRES PROGRAM For: John S. Watson Park DPW Yard Diversion**

The Administrator explained that the Township is permanently deed restricting an additional two acres of land on Scotch Road that was part of the old miniature horse farm. This land will be added to John Watson Park and in return the rest of the Public Works property will now not be deed restricted. There are two other properties that Mr. Latini has included. Green Acres is now reviewing it to see if they are going to accept it. It is a total of four acres for the two because the Township already had the one acre exception - the PBA hall and the Public Works Building is part of that. Vice President Baxter asked what necessitated this request.

The Administrator replied that Green Acres came out to examine the use of the Township's facilities. PBA was the one acre exception but the Public Works building never was because it had been moved from 4th Street to Scotch Road.

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 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR TOWNSHIP SPECIAL LITIGATION CONFLICT ATTORNEY TO WESLEY BRIDGES, ESQ. OF THE FIRM OF BRIDGES AND SNELL, LLC**

The Attorney said that Wes Bridges is the Township's current Special Litigation Conflict Attorney; he simply switched law firms and so this is just affirming that.

Councilman Schroth asked when did he open up his own firm.

The Administrator replied – this past month.

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 OF EWING TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY/NATURAL GAS SUPPLY SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE**

The Administrator explained that last year, when the Township went out to bid, the best rates were for one year. It is time to go out to bid again.

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

This Item was approved for Action.

7. A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Attorney said that this is again another clean-up.

Council President Wollert added that it is just housekeeping – no major changes.

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

This Item was approved for Action.

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ATLANTIC AQUATIC ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,625.00 FOR THE PROVISION OF ENGINEERING AND POOL-DESIGN SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S PROPOSED SPLASH PAD FOR THE POOL AT THE EWING SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER

The Administrator explained that this was started last year with grant money from the County that Council agreed to match. The Historic Landmark Commission approved where it should be located so as not to change the historic value of the pools and the bath house.

The Council President asked where will it be located.

The Administrator replied – right outside the gate where the volleyball court used to be.

Vice President Baxter asked when will the work begin.

The Administrator answered – soon. The Town wants it open for next season.

The Attorney said that this is the contract for the design. It will have to be bid for the actual construction. There were two bids. The other bid was for \$35,000.00. Pools and pool design are all that Atlantic Aquatic does. The other bidder is an engineering firm but they are more of a generalist. Atlantic Aquatic also did the Hollowbrook Center. Councilman Schroth said that, in terms of timing, the design will be completed this fall and the pad itself will be done in the spring.

The Administrator explained that the Town had a design completely previously, but the Historic Landmark Commission held everything up so the design had to be rebid. The same company had the low bid so the Town is a little ahead with the design. It will be similar to Hollowbrook; just larger.

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 AND APPROVING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN EWING TOWNSHIP AND THE MERCER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLES FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS (5) COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

The Attorney said that this is a renewal of the contract for curbside collection by the MCIA who in turn bids it. They do it for most of the County.

The Administrator added that Trenton and East Windsor do not participate.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

Mildred Russell (119 King Avenue) asked if this is for garbage collection or is it for the new recycling set-up that the Town is going to have.

The Administrator responded that it is for the recycling. The Township will not know the results of the MCIA test program until the end of the year.

Mrs. Russell said that the Ordinance that dictates when garbage and recycling cans can be put out to the curb and when they need to be removed needs to be enforced.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

This Item was approved for Action.

10. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE FOR MEDEXPRESS URGENT CARE – NJ, 1680 NORTH OLDEN AVENUE (BLOCK 40.01/LOTS 20 & 33) – EWING ENGINEERS REMINGTON & VERNICK R&V #1102-I-079

President Wollert said that this is a standard performance bond release for the completion of site improvements.

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

This Item was approved for Action.

11. A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR NEW JERSEY'S COMPREHENSIVE SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAG POLICY

This Item was pulled from the Agenda.

12. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EWING TO CONSENT TO THE PLACEMENT OF RADIO EQUIPMENT ON EWING CELL TOWER BY NEW JERSEY TRANSIT PURSUANT TO A SUBLEASE WITH SPRINT SPECTRUM LP AND WAIVING RECEIPT OF RENT UNDER THE PCS SITE AGREEMENT

The Attorney explained that Ewing has a PCS site agreement with Sprint for the operation of the tower. Under the terms of the lease with Sprint, Ewing is entitled to fifty percent of the rents for any subleases that Sprint does on the tower. NJ Transit needs to round out its communication system for its buses in this section of the County and has asked permission to put it on the tower. They negotiated with Sprint and have asked Ewing to waive receipt of its share of the rent. Sprint will accept less than what it normally would (it is the Attorney's understanding that it is fifty percent less).

Councilman Schroth asked if this is the customary agreement that NJ Transit is entering into in other parts of the State.

The Attorney responded that it is her understanding that NJ Transit is going to places where they need to fill in holes in their communication infrastructure.

Initially they came directly to the Town, but they had to go to Sprint. The Town is willing to put NJ Transit equipment on the tower and waive its portion of the rent to fill the gaps but it is up to the PCS site agreement with Sprint.

President Wollert said that it is not usual to waive this.

Councilman Schroth said that the rent is being waived because it is benefiting Township residents.

The Administrator added that the County has been doing the same thing – trying to fill in gaps in their communications. As part of the deal, Sprint has been giving money back to the Township, about \$18,000.00, which goes towards the purchase of public safety equipment.

President Wollert added that this is a long standing agreement since the Town had the tower put up.

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

This Item was approved for Action.

President Wollert announced a walk-on Item:

13. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO MUNICIPAL INSPECTION CORP AS AN AUTHORIZED ON-SITE INSPECTION AGENCY FOR THE PROVISION OF ELEVATOR INSPECTION AND PLAN REVIEW SERVICES UNDER THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ELEVATOR SUBCODE

The Attorney explained that this is bid every three years. The DCA has enacted a fee schedule for these services. The vendor inspects elevators throughout the Township. The Town does not have the in-house expertise so it goes out to bid. The current vendor, EIC, has gone bankrupt. The Township rebid the contract in an emergent way; only one bid was received. Municipal Inspection Corp bid at ninety-five percent of the DCA schedule of rates and are otherwise compliant.

Councilman Schroth asked if they handle other Towns.

The Attorney listed some of the other Towns in New Jersey serviced by this company.

The Administrator added that if no contract is awarded, then the State of New Jersey would do these inspections.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from 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 \$11,036,114.89 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #18R-15 in the Amount of \$272,504.78

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. Approval of Agenda Session Minutes for May 22, 2018, June 11, 2018, June 26, 2018; Approval of Regular Session Minutes for May 22, 2018, June 11, 2018, June 26, 2018
2. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Director of EMS for Overpayment in the amount of \$83.32 for overpayment of transport service on January 11, 2018 for patient Tucker, David to Amerihealth, PO Box 59480, Philadelphia, PA 19102-9480
3. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$100.00 for overpayment of October 1, 2018 2nd Half Sewer to Phyllis Farquharson, 99 Chelsea Ave, Ewing, NJ 08638, for property owner Phyllis Farquharson for Block: 61 Lot: 24 also known as 99 Chelsea Ave.
4. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$22.99 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to Clermont, Emilienne & Jean & Samdedi, 1 Clermont Ave, Ewing, NJ 08618, for property owner Clermont, Emilienne & Jean & Samdedi for Block: 441 Lot: 276 also known as 1 Clermont Ave.
5. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$430.06 for overpayment of October 1, 2018 2nd Half Sewer to JDINJ Real Estate Group, LLC, PO Box 951, Lakewood, NJ 08701, for property owner JDINJ Real Estate Group, LLC for Block: 60 Lot: 1 also known as 173 Clover Ave.
6. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$723.05 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to Chow Diversified, LLC., 174 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08542, for property owner Chow Diversified, LLC. for Block: 29 Lot: 255 also known as 30 Dover Ave.
7. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$1,336.74 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to Matthew Fox & Stephanie Byrne, 6 Essex Lane, Ewing, NJ 08628, for property owner Matthew Fox & Stephanie Byrne for Block: 588 Lot: 150 also known as 6 Essex Lane.
8. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$1,222.84 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to Summit National of New Jersey, Inc., 283 Inman Ave, Unit 3, Colonia, NJ 07067, for property owner Brian & Sarah Millen for Block: 105.01 Lot: 10 also known as 38 Ewingville Road.

9. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$1,344.60 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to Nicole McCallum, 114 Florence Ave, Ewing, NJ 08628, for property owner Nicole McCallum for Block: 271 Lot: 113 also known as 114 Florence Ave.**
10. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$91.40 for overpayment of October 1, 2018 2nd Half Sewer to Karl D. Jonsson, 44 Clubhouse Road, Brown Mills, NJ 08015, for property owner Karl D. Jonsson for Block: 125 Lot: 588 also known as 17 Hillman Ave.**
11. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$2,332.74 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to Deborah A. Pontoriero, 19 Hilltop Road, Ewing, NJ 08638, for property owner Deborah A. Pontoriero for Block: 228 Lot: 15 also known as 19 Hilltop Road.**
12. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$2,420.80 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to Princeton Assurance Corp, 2482 Pennington Road, Pennington, NJ 08534, for property owner Nellie L. Deal for Block: 193.02 Lot: 7 also known as 101 Honeysuckle Drive.**
13. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment, in the amount of \$68.85 for overpayment of October 1, 2018 2nd Half Sewer to Keara L. Kilpatrick, 32 Jacob Ct., Ewing, NJ 08628, for property owner Keara L. Kilpatrick for Block: 419 Lot: 116 also known as 32 Jacob Ct.**
14. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$1,479.45 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to Greater NJ Title Agency, Inc., 517 Route 1 South, #4002, Iselin, NJ 08830, for property owner Golan Properties II, LLC for Block: 523 Lot: 13 also known as 5 Knight Lane.**
15. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$106.85 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to Rebecca Rabin, 39 Kyle Way, Ewing, NJ 08628, for property owner Rebecca Rabin for Block: 365 Lot: 2.01 Qualifier: C0412 also known as 39 Kyle Way.**
16. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$2,541.60 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to William S. Tuttle, 8 Locke Ct, Ewing, NJ 08628, for property owner William S. Tuttle for Block: 420.01 Lot: 82 also known as 8 Locke Ct.**
17. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$1,610.24 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to Title Village Title Agency, 168 Franklin Corner Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, for property owner Chazah Chen Homes Innovations for Block: 367 Lot: 63 also known as 1285 Lower Ferry Road.**
18. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$268.38 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to Chin Song Cheng, 102 Petal Lane, Ewing, NJ 08638, for property owner Chin Song Cheng for Block: 193.01 Lot: 59 also known as 102 Petal Lane.**
19. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$1,071.61 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to First American Title Insurance Company, 50 Millstone Road, Bld 200, Ste 150, East Windsor, NJ 08520, for property owner Ronnie Cameron & Jenny Ramirez for Block: 188 Lot: 47 also known as 31 Ray Street.**
20. **A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$1,389.11 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to Nancy L. Wallis, 20 Revere Ct, Ewing, NJ 08628, for property owner Nancy L. Wallis for Block: 552 Lot: 125 also known as 20 Revere Ct.**

21. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$2,114.27 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to Robert C. Savare, 25 Sabrina Drive, Ewing, NJ 08628, for property owner Robert C. Savare for Block: 546 Lot: 15 also known as 25 Sabrina Drive.
22. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$637.12 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to Shirley Hulbert, 138 New York Ave, Congers, NY 10920, for property owner Jane Bertles for Block: 465 Lot: 72 also known as 3 Scarsdale Ave.
23. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$1,699.41 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to Quan, Chun & Phio Y H/W, 108 Violet Lane, Ewing, NJ 08638, for property owner Quan, Chun & Phio Y H/W for Block: 193 Lot: 49 also known as 108 Violet Lane.
24. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$2,708.73 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to Russell S. Everett Jr., 349 West Upper Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08628, for property owner Russell S. Everett Jr. for Block: 420 Lot: 7 also known as 349 West Upper Ferry Road.
25. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$497.51 for overpayment of August 1, 2018 3rd Quarter Taxes to Chiang Tai & Helen Tai, 31 Windybush Way, Ewing, NJ 08560, for property owner Chiang Tai & Helen Tai for Block: 576 Lot: 15 also known as 31 Windybush Way.

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

This Item 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 RE-APPROPRIATING \$150,000 FROM UNUSED DEBT AUTHORIZATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR STORM DRAIN AND SEWER REPAIRS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

The Attorney requested that this be deferred as a Bond Ordinance requires four members for a vote.

This Item was deferred to the next Council meeting.

2. 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

President Wollert said that this is at the request of NJ Transit.

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

This Item was approved for Action.

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Vice President Baxter said that Community Fest will be held on September 29th at the College of New Jersey.

President Wollert said that the Planning Board had met. The applicant (Freddie's Tavern) requested a postponement until October.

NEW BUSINESS

(None for this Meeting)

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mildred Russell (119 King Avenue) reiterated that someone needs to enforce the Ordinance that sets the time when garbage and recycling cans be put out and when the empty cans must be brought back in. Landlords, especially, need to provide a fenced-in storage area for these cans. Mrs. Russell suggested that Ewing should have those one arm bandit garbage trucks just as Lawrence does.

The Administrator explained that six or seven years ago the cost for these cans was \$500,000.00. When the Township bid out, it was for a manual pick-up; but the Township will talk with the company.

President Wollert added that, additionally, there was also a problem with the width of some of the Township's streets.

The Administrator named some of the streets and then briefly described the actions taken regarding trash collection since 2011 when the current Administration came into Office.

Mrs. Russell said that the two-hour parking signs in her neighborhood also need to be enforced; at least, during September, October and November. If they start getting tickets, they will stop doing it.

The Administrator responded that he did supply Council with the number of tickets that have been issued. It is only through August, so the September and October adjustments, when there are more people in Town, will not yet be seen. 602 tickets were issued in August which is an increase over the previous months.

President Wollert added that the Township's enforcement people are out there. Unfortunately, there are just so many violations in so many neighborhoods – it is not just college students.

Mrs. Russell responded that you have to live in my neighborhood to see it.

Mrs. Russell next mentioned that no one ever cleans the drains and the Township has a streetsweeper and the streets are not swept.

The Administrator responded that the streetsweeper does go around Town and Public Works does clean the stormdrains. The stormdrains on Hawthorne Avenue are going to be rehabbed.

Mrs. Russell replied that there just needs to be a schedule.

Council President Wollert thanked Mrs. Russell for her comments and all her hard work.

Rebecca Lynn (1008 River Road) stated that there is a sign ordinance in Ewing. She has been told to take down the signs for her business. Ms. Lynn said that she called Code Enforcement and left multiple messages to find out why certain businesses are allowed to have multiple signs and some are not. She took a picture in May (handed to the Council President) of a business at the entrance to Ewing. Today, there are sixteen signs at the front of that business. Businesses are allowed to have one sign. Ms. Lynn said that hopefully Council can get something done because there is an Ordinance and hopefully it will be enforced as nothing has been done about this business since May.

The Administrator replied that he knows that there is a limited time, after a business opens, that you are allowed to have signs but he will have Mr. Latini respond.

Ms. Lynn asked Council to look into changing the fee structure for food trucks as the Township's fee is more expensive than West Windsor's that has Mercer County Park in it. Food truck owners do not want to participate in events held in Ewing because the fee is too burdensome.

Ms. Lynn and the Administrator then discussed an ambulance bill from the Township that said it had been submitted to Medicare but it had not. The Administrator asked Ms. Lynn to bring a copy of her resident's bill to him.

Ms. Lynn said that her daughter wants to volunteer at the Shelter. There is an enormous amount of paperwork involved. Who is in charge over there because it is burdensome.

The Administrator replied that the Township has a lease agreement with EASEL. It is their application. It is a liability issue for them to have volunteers.

Ron Prykanowski (16 Thurston Avenue) said that, regarding the four-way stop on Chelsea and Douglas, there are Department of Transportation standards for those: a certain volume of cars into the intersection every day before it can be made a four-way. Mr. Prykanowski said that he thought it was 10,000.

The Attorney responded that that is why the Township referred it to the Engineer to do a study and to be in conformance with DOT standards. Their recommendation indicates that it is in conformance.

Mr. Prykanowski asked if the volume is in conformance.

The Attorney responded that she does not know what the exact standards are or whether or not any safety or sight line issues make any volume standard less of an issue.

The Administrator added that the Township debated adding speed humps but the residents were not so inclined so the Township asked the Engineer to take a look at the intersections. The Department of Transportation signed off on it.

Mildred Russell (119 King Avenue) said that a stop sign is needed at Somerset Street & Carnine Avenue.

The Administrator responded that he will take a look at it tomorrow.

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

CLOSED SESSION – The Attorney read (**Resolution #18R-160**) A Resolution Excluding the Public from a Public Meeting for the Purpose of 1) Advice of Counsel – McBride v. Ewing Township – Settlement Agreement

At 7:47 p.m., Vice President Baxter made a motion to enter into Closed Executive Session.

At 7:47 p.m., the Attorney read the Resolution to enter into a Closed Executive Session pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 Subsection 12-7. This is a Resolution to enter into Closed Session to discuss a proposed settlement agreement in the Matter of McBride v. Ewing Township and to receive the advice of counsel regarding the same. Minutes of the Closed Session meeting will be made available if and when the matter is concluded.

At 7:48 p.m., Councilman Schroth seconded the motion to enter into Closed Executive Session. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote.

At 7:58 p.m., Councilman Schroth made a motion to close the Closed Executive Session, seconded by Vice President Baxter. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote.

At 7:59 p.m., Councilman Schroth made a motion to enter back into Open Session, seconded by Vice President Baxter. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Wollert asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schroth so moved seconded by Mr. Baxter. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Kathleen Wollert, President

Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk