

January 22, 2019 – AGENDA SESSION

President Baxter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Statement:

The notice requirements provided for in the “Open Public Meetings Act” have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in a notice which was transmitted to the Times of Trenton and the Trentonian, filed with the Clerk of the Township of Ewing and posted in the Ewing Township Municipal Complex, all on the 2nd day of January 2019.

THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL DURING THE “STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC” SEGMENT OF THE MEETING. A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY SIGN IN ON THE SHEET AT THE FRONT OF THE ROOM AND UTILIZE FIVE MINUTES OF TIME FOR REMARKS AND QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT. WHEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL, PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

ROLL CALL

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| ▪ Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Present | Jim McManimon, Administrator |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth – Present | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Ms. Steward – Present | Susan Bate, Deputy Clerk |
| ▪ Ms. Wollert – Present | |
| ▪ President Baxter – Present | |

PRESENTATION – Money Management Associates LLC presentation to ARC Mercer

President Baxter said that the first item tonight is a presentation from Money Management Associates LLC to ARC Mercer. This is in conjunction with proceeds from the annual Bike Ride.

Garry Keel (202 Bull Run Road) said that he wants to take the opportunity to present a check from the Ewing Green Team (and not from his company, Money Management Associates) to Kathy Reid from ARC Mercer. ARC Mercer is the organization that this year the Ewing Green Team made a commitment to support during its annual bike ride. Close to forty people participated and they raised over \$650.00. The Green Team is very proud to be able to make this presentation to Kathy Reid from ARC Mercer.

Members of the Green Team Bike Committee were also present.

A photo was taken of the check presentation.

Ms. Reid thanked Council and the Green Team.

Councilwoman Steward said that although she is the Council Liaison to the Green Team, she takes no credit for this. Amazingly, exciting events, such as the bike ride, are organized almost entirely by volunteers who are dedicated to this Town and to sustainability. The Township is also grateful to have outstanding partners in Ewing, like the ARC, who have done so much for so many people.

President Baxter thanked the volunteers for everything they put into the Green Team. The Bike Ride takes place during Community Fest which, although a busy day, is also a community day – a day of fellowship. President Baxter thanked Mr. Keel for all that he does for Ewing. The Council President thanked Ms. Reid for coming tonight and sent his regards to Mr. Cook.

DISCUSSION

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CY2019 RESERVE BUDGET TRANSFERS

The Administrator listed the accounts involved.

President Baxter added that these transfers are standard.

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

2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING 2019 SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT FOR HEALTH SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING AND THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON

The Administrator said that Hamilton has been providing these services for many years. He then listed some of the services covered by this agreement. These are services Ewing is not able to provide.

President Baxter added that, besides saving taxpayer dollars, shared services are a "best practice."

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

3. A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FINAL DECREASE TO RICHARD T. BARRETT PAVING COMPANY, INC. FOR THE 2017 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,692.13

President Baxter said that road improvement projects are done each year. This final change order is a decrease which helps going forward.

The Administrator added that most of the decrease is based on the price of fuel which effects the price of blacktop. The 2019 Road Improvement Program will be based on the current fuel market at the time the Capital Budget is presented to Council.

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

4. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF A TWO-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE 2017 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO RICHARD T. BARRETT PAVING COMPANY – EWING ENGINEERS REMINGTON & VERNICK RVA #1102-T-047

President Baxter said that this releases the performance bond for this project.

The Administrator said that this is for 2017. The Township is still holding the bond for work Barrett did in 2018. The Administrator explained that if the project is not completed to the Township's satisfaction, the Town can call the bond and bring in another company.

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

5. A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FINAL DECREASE TO HALECON, INC. FOR THE MOODY PARK SITE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

President Baxter said that many improvements were made in Moody Park over the years and then asked what is the amount of the decrease.

The Attorney replied - about \$11,000.00.

The Administrator listed the improvements.

President Baxter added that the trail leading up to the batting cage had become a hazard as tree roots began bringing up the walkway. It needed to be addressed and it was. President Baxter thanked the Administration for heading the concerns of the Public.

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

6. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF A TWO-YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THE MOODY PARK SITE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO HALECON, INC. – EWING ENGINEERS REMINGTON & VERNICK RVE #1102-T-048

President Baxter said that this is similar to the resolution Council just discussed. This is for Moody Park.

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

7. A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CHARLES GETER AS A MEMBER OF THE EWING LAWRENCE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

President Baxter said that this reappoints Charles Geter to ELSA for a five year term.

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

8. A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JUNE S. LIMATO TO THE SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION

President Baxter said that he is thankful to Ms. LiMato for being willing to volunteer and serve on the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

The Administrator mentioned that the soccer fields are named after Ms. LiMato's son. The LiMato name is famous in the sports world in both Ewing and Trenton.

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

9. A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #19R-4 AND #19R-23 TO PROVIDE FOR THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

President Baxter said that two members resigned and the two alternates moved up to become full members. There is still one vacancy.

The Administrator replied – correct.

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

10. A RESOLUTION APPOINTING GEORGE BYRD TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

President Baxter said that Mr. Byrd is rejoining the Zoning Board. There is still one opening.

The Administrator added that Richard Dey resigned after forty years on the Zoning Board. George Byrd had stepped off to take care of some issues; took care of them and is now back.

President Baxter thanked Mr. Dey for his forty years of service.

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

11. A RESOLUTION APPROVING RALEIGH S. LUZ AS A SENIOR FIREFIGHTING MEMBER OF THE PROSPECT HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

The Council President said that Council appreciates all volunteers to the fire companies. President Baxter thanked Mr. Luz for his willingness to serve.

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

12. A RESOLUTION APPROVING AARON A. STARR AS A SENIOR FIREFIGHTING MEMBER OF THE PROSPECT HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

President Baxter said that this is another member stepping up and volunteering at Prospect Heights.

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

13. A RESOLUTION APPROVING PATRICK H. FERRY AS A SENIOR FIREFIGHTING MEMBER OF THE WEST TRENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

Council President Baxter said that this is a volunteer for West Trenton. President Baxter thanked all those willing to volunteer, not only at the fire companies, but for all emergency services.

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

All Discussion Items were approved for Action.

President Baxter announced that there is another item to discuss – a resolution regarding the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Council President Baxter read the first whereas clause and said that this is part of the Ewing Drug Alliance. This partnership is renewed annually. President Baxter asked Mr. George Long (head of the Ewing Township Municipal Alliance Committee) if he wanted to address Council.

Mr. Long thanked Council and Ewing residents for supporting the Alliance. The Alliance has had great success especially within the school system. Ewing is one of the greatest Township’s in Mercer County because it has always supported the Alliance. So many other Towns are not quite as supportive of their Alliance.

Vice President Keyes-Maloney, who was the Council Liaison for a couple of years, thanked Mr. Long for always keeping them moving forward and doing the projects that make a difference to the kids in the community. The Alliance has a good partnership with the school district and they did some interesting summer programming for the first time that she is super proud of.

Mr. Long said that they held a summer camp to prevent the “summer slide.” The results were promising and they will be doing it again. It was in partnership with Camp Fire USA.

Vice President Keyes-Maloney thanked the Administration for supporting that program and again thanked Mr. Long for everything he does.

President Baxter said that he looks forward to the new Council Liaison’s (Councilman Schroth) reports on the Alliance’s activities.

Councilwoman Steward asked if a certification of funds is necessary.

The Attorney replied – no. This just approves the grant submission.

The Mayor added that the Alliance is having a Recognition Dinner tomorrow at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Long invited Council.

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

This Item was added to the Agenda.

BILLS LIST

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$299,406.04 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #19R-16 in the Amount of \$132,952.93

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

2. A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #19R-16 in the Amount of \$36,035.48

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Baxter presented the Consent Agenda for review.

1. Approval of Agenda Session Minutes for December 11, 2018; Approval of Regular Session Minutes for December 11, 2018
2. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Director of EMS for Overpayment in the Amount of \$765.13 for Overpayment of Transport Service on October 15, 2018 for patient Gamba, Janet to Cigna, PO Box 182223, Chattanooga, TN 37422
3. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$14,499.09 for overpayment of November 1, 2018 4th Quarter Taxes to Shiriji Polymers, LLC., 1 Graphics Drive, Ewing, NJ 08628, for property owner Shiriji Polymers, LLC., for Block: 368.02 Lot: 32 also known as 1 Graphics Drive. Refund is due to reduction of added assessment for 2018.

4. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$736.32 for overpayment of November 1, 2018 4th Quarter Taxes to Robinson, Nicole, 42 Lopatcong Drive, Ewing, NJ 08638, for property owner Robinson, Nicole for Block: 512 Lot: 20 also known as 42 Lopatcong Drive due to being a disabled veteran.
5. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$417.22 for overpayment of November 1, 2018 4th Quarter Taxes to Cleary, Frank & Patricia, 66 Upper Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08638, for property owner Cleary, Frank & Patricia for Block: 547 Lot: 21 also known as 66 Upper Ferry Road due to being a disabled veteran.

The Council President briefly discussed the Consent Agenda items.

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 EWING TOWNSHIP SALARY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING

President Baxter said that this is in reference to two Township employees (the Business Administrator and the Municipal Clerk) who fall outside of any collective bargaining agreement. Their salaries have to be approved by Council annually.

Vice President Keyes-Maloney thanked Counsel for clarifying Section Three of the Ordinance which completes the loop of all the different types of employees the Township has.

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 225 SECTION 59, SCHEDULE XII; STOP INTERSECTIONS, CONVERTING THE INTERSECTIONS OF RIDGEWOOD AVENUE AND STEINWAY AVENUE, AND RIDGEWOOD AVENUE AND CRESTMONT AVENUE TO STOP-CONTROLLED INTERSECTIONS BY INSTALLING NEW STOP SIGNS AND STOP BARS ON STEINWAY AVENUE AND CRESTMONT AVENUE

President Baxter said that with this measure the Township hopes to be mindful of traffic control without always putting in speed bumps. The Township Engineer recommended this.

The Administrator added that he always asks the Township Engineer for his recommendation so the Town meets State DOT standards. If there is ever an accident, the Ordinance would hold up in Court.

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

3. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, SECTION 55 TO ADD THE CIVIL SERVICE POSITION MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT HEAD – ADMINISTRATIVE FIRE DIRECTOR

President Baxter first asked Council if there is a need to go into Closed Session.

The Attorney said that only if Council wants to go into Closed Session and stated that she did forward a memo to Council in response to some of the information Council requested at the last meeting. It was the recommendation of the Civil Service to create this position by statute. The title is Municipal Department Head - Administrative Fire Director.

The position will deal with only the administrative functions of the fire department such as: training, scheduling, personnel, discipline, and it will serve as liaison between the career forces and the volunteers. The job specification was culled from numerous Civil Service titles that are out there as well as from the needs of the Township.

President Baxter asked if it is an advice and consent position.

The Attorney responded – correct and then described the hiring process.

President Baxter asked how was this hiring committee selected.

The Attorney responded.

President Baxter asked again if there is a need to go into Closed Session.

The consensus was - no.

Councilwoman Wollert expressed concerns about residency and stated that she looks at this position as being part of the Administration and not the Fire Department.

The Attorney addressed Councilwoman Wollert's concerns but said that she does not believe that the Town can impose a residency requirement as the position is within the fire services even though it is not a firefighting position. There is not an existing Civil Service title for this position. The problem comes from the fact that there is a long history of both volunteer and career fire services in New Jersey. Hybrid departments, such as Ewing, somehow fall through the cracks with a lot of the laws that exist as to purely volunteer or purely career services. Since Ewing has not used all of its nine allotted department head positions, the Civil Service suggested that the Township use one for this role. However, it is still resident within the fire service.

Councilwoman Wollert said that she thought she saw on the Civil Service website different Fire Director titles including one that addressed hybrid fire services.

The Attorney added that they did try to locate one because it certainly would have been easier than going down this road.

President Baxter stated that while Councilwoman Wollert looks for that on the Civil Service website, Vice President Keyes-Maloney will ask her questions.

Vice President Keyes-Maloney stated that she is very happy to hear that it will be advice and consent as it was not one hundred percent clear to her that that would be the case. Vice President Keyes-Maloney wondered if clarifying language is needed in Section D(6)(a) because it is a slight splitting of the role in terms of the ranking officer. The Attorney responded that it is her understanding that that goes to the fire scene. This position is not a firefighting position so this individual will not carry any rank at a fire scene. The current ranking at a fire scene will continue.

Vice President Keyes-Maloney responded that she appreciates that but the ranking officer does go to other attributes of this position. It needs to be clarified. The Vice President then thanked Counsel for providing the additional information regarding the job description. In terms of what Councilwoman Wollert has indicated, Vice President Keyes-Maloney said that she still has questions about the residency piece of this and said that she believes the current Township Ordinance allows for flexibility – a scaffolding upwards - if a sufficient applicant pool cannot be developed within the Township. Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked the Administration to provide the procedure used in other instances where the Town was not able to find a qualified candidate within the Township. Lastly, the Vice President said that the Reviewing or Hiring Committee needs to reach out and have conversations with both the volunteer and career firefighters to make sure that the Township understands their position.

Councilwoman Wollert stated that she could not find the hybrid Fire Director title that she thought she saw on the Civil Service website.

The Attorney responded to President Baxter's question and further explained the Township's residency Ordinance which does include a line that says "unless otherwise exempted by law." There is a law that does say, when hiring with respect to fire and police, residency cannot be made a condition of employment. The Attorney suggested that Council look at the job specification which states that the individual hired cannot be perceived as having a bias towards either the career or the volunteer forces within the Town because part of their job is to liaison between the two. This is not to say that there is not a Township resident that can satisfy that, but it is a consideration. The Attorney reiterated that she still believes that, with the respect to the Ordinance, the ranking position relates to the fire scene itself and since this is an administrative position this individual will not be within that fire hierarchy. The Attorney suggested that Council adopt the Ordinance and then revisit it if need be because there are some Civil Service concerns (time limits) which cannot be discussed in Open Session if this title does not go into effect fairly soon.

The Attorney further clarified for President Baxter that this position is definitely resident within the fire department but it is an administrative function.

President Baxter asked what was being done prior to this position being created.

The Attorney replied that the various functions were filled by a number of individuals.

Councilman Schroth asked if this person is going to be located at the fire house.

The Mayor replied – yes.

The Attorney added that this person will not be precluded from going to a fire scene to observe for discipline or training purposes.

Vice President Keyes-Maloney asked if the Civil Service reviewed this job description.

The Attorney replied that it will go to them after it is approved by Council. It was the Civil Service who recommended that the Township use a statutory department head title to do this.

The Attorney and Vice President Keyes-Maloney briefly discussed the changes made to the retirement system in 2007.

Councilwoman Steward asked if this person would be precluded from volunteering at a fire scene.

The Mayor responded – yes. If the person does go to a fire scene, it is just to observe – to look for training opportunities and/or to see if safety procedures are being followed. This person will not be able to direct anybody at a fire scene.

Councilwoman Steward and the Mayor further discussed if an existing volunteer can be selected for this position and if so if they can continue to volunteer. The Mayor briefly discussed the current situation with a lot of the Township's career firefighters coming from the volunteer ranks.

At the request of President Baxter, the Attorney explained the hiring procedure – Council would have an up or down vote on a presented candidate. Any discussion would be handled in Closed Session.

Councilwoman Wollert asked if there is any current position (such as a Fire Code official) that would allow for the broadening of duties instead of creating a new position.

The Attorney replied that this will be a significant job. The Code Office is already very busy and added that she does not know if that can be done or not.

The Mayor is concerned that if they start delegating with other people, it is going to be a big problem with the paid fire crew who will end up calling for a Chief's test. This job is too big to delegate. Six or seven people doing the job will create chaos.

President Baxter asked how many captains are there at this point in time.

The Mayor responded – six with four being provisional. The Civil Service has not yet certified the list. Once the certification is in, there are five people currently on the list for permanent captain. They will be assigned on a seniority basis. A letter will be sent to those five individuals to see if they want the position. Once that becomes permanent, then the platoons will be put together.

President Baxter asked if the Fire Director position will cut out one of these captains.

The Mayor replied – no. There is another test coming up. But, it is a long process. One person on the list will not be made a captain.

The were no additional questions or comments from Council.

Mike Anderson (Chief, West Trenton Volunteer Fire Company) thanked the Mayor for coming to him and Chief Leese and advising them that this title will be coming so they did not have to hear about it after the fact. Chief Anderson asked if this Fire Director would approve the budget for Division 30 only.

The Attorney replied – yes.

Ron Prykanowski (16 Thurston Avenue) responded to Councilwoman Wollert's question and said that the two individuals she referred to in Code Enforcement are already volunteer fireman so they would be precluded from this position as it is drawn up.

Mr. Prykanowski suggested that instead of creating an Administrative Fire Director position, the Township use the Public Safety Director title. All the questions raised by Vice President Keyes-Maloney and Councilwoman Wollert could be incorporated under this position. It will be on the same level as the Business Administrator and the Town could get away from Civil Service questions.

The Attorney responded that the Public Safety Director position does exist but it is a much broader position that oversees the Police Department, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services and Fire. By Ordinance, it is held by the Mayor.

Mr. Prykanowski replied that it could be separated from the Mayor. That person would still report to the Mayor.

The Attorney responded that the goal was not to eliminate the Public Safety Director but to create a position that could administratively oversee just the fire department. Councilman Schroth asked Mr. Prykanowski if he is just saying give this job to the Public Safety Director and have someone other than the Mayor be the Public Safety Director.

Mr. Prykanowski replied – exactly. And then draw up the job description to focus on Fire Director.

Council President Baxter and the Mayor both commented that Public Safety Director is a much broader position that includes the Police Department.

Mr. Prykanowski replied that the job description for Public Safety Director can be drawn up to give the Administration everything that it wants.

Council President Baxter thanked Mr. Prykanowski for his suggestion.

There were no additional questions or comments from the Public.

President Baxter said that this is the Second Reading. Council had a robust discussion at the first meeting and asked for and received a lot of supportive materials. All of this just helps bolster the idea of the process; to make sure that everyone is included. When things are not done or not seen to have been done in a procedural way that is when people start wondering different things. This has been very open. Many concerns have been addressed. Council is charged to not just be a rubber stamp but to ask the hard questions and get the correct answers. President Baxter said that he would like feedback on Vice President Keyes-Maloney's point of how the hiring uptick procedure is being handled to make sure that the Town is looking local, county, state.

The Mayor responded that whoever submits a resume is going to be part of the discussion. However, it is vital that this individual be given the opportunity to do the job right and not be pressured by either service – paid or volunteer. There cannot be any suggestion that the individual selected is aligned with any particular side. The Mayor stated that protecting the integrity of the position and not residency is his biggest concern. This person does need to be certified and well versed in fire even though he/she will not take command at a fire scene. The current fire scene process will be protected. It works smoothly; not so much the day-to-day. That is what the Administration is trying to work out with this new position.

President Baxter said that Council echos some of these sentiments especially with cross training and hopes that the Fire Director can coordinate training across all fire houses. The Mayor replied that with the career firefighters, the Township was very careful to look at their qualifications and added that every shift will have a certified EMT on the truck.

President Baxter asked Council if they were ready to take a vote on this.

All Second Reading Ordinances were approved for Action.

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councilman Schroth said that the Drug & Alcohol Alliance met last Tuesday and members were sworn in for the upcoming year. There was a brief discussion about post prom activities. The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is tomorrow night at Mercer Oaks at 5:30 p.m. One interesting thing discussed was the emergence of juuls which is something that is reeling in young children. Big Tobacco is now involved – the Marlboro Company just bought out the Juul Company for twelve and one-half billion dollars. As Mike Nitti said, we are just finally beating cigarettes and tobacco and getting those numbers down and now this is starting to skyrocket.

Vice President Keyes-Maloney said that new officers were sworn in at the first Recreation Advisory Board meeting of the year. There were a discussion about the splash pad plan at the Ewing Senior and Community Center. The batting cage schedule was set. There was also a conversation about the Recreation Honor Roll. Vice President Keyes-Maloney said that she looks forward to being part of the Committee. The Vice President then mentioned that the Student Art Show will be held this Sunday at the Elks from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Steward said that she previously reported on the Green Team's retreat held earlier this month. One member put an incredibly detailed effort into the minutes from that retreat. These minutes are posted on the Green Team website and give a good overview of the recertification process. The Green Team's monthly meeting is tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Ewing Senior and Community Center. Tomorrow night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the West

Trenton Ballroom the County is having a public meeting on the environmental assessment for the Trenton Mercer Airport.

Councilwoman Wollert said that Senior Advisory Committee had their swearing in of Officers last Thursday at a luncheon held at the Ewing Senior and Community Center. They are looking forward to continuing all of the programs and expanding membership in their clubs. The full range of activities is listed on the Township website.

President Baxter said that he had reported that the Planning Board did meet and finished business from last year. The Site Review meeting for this month has been canceled. The Zoning Board met; new members were appointed this year. Last Thursday, a Featured Artist reception was held. Ms. Evans is very talented. President Baxter announced that the County is holding its State of the County address on Thursday at 6 p.m. For the third year, Council gave a volunteer reception and received a handwritten thank-you card. President Baxter then read the note on the card from Linda Evans Brown who is on the Historical Preservation Committee. The Council is grateful for the volunteers' service and will continue holding the reception going forward.

There were no additional Commission & Committee Reports from Council.
There were no additional announcements.

NEW BUSINESS

(None for this Meeting)

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Ralf Brandmaier (25 Rockleigh Drive) thanked Council, the Administration, the Clerk's Office and the Attorney for all of the services that they have provided him as Chief and to the fire company.

(There was a round of applause for Mr. Brandmaier.)

Council President Baxter said that Chief Brandmaier was Chief of Station 33. There is now a new Chief. The Council President welcomed on board the new Chief, Chief Mike Anderson. President Baxter thanked Mr. Brandmaier not just for his dedication to the fire services but also for his dedication as a supervisor with Public Works.

The Administrator said that he has a unique history with Mr. Brandmaier as they met when he was about fourteen years old. When the explosion happened in the Administrator's community, Mr. Brandmaier was in command of that scene which was the most difficult scene in the history of Ewing Township. These volunteers and career firefighters answer calls at all hours. Mr. Brandmaier was Chief for some twenty years and answered almost 11,000 calls. He does not like to call attention to himself, but it is never a big enough thank-you.

CLOSED SESSION – A Resolution Excluding the Public from a Public Meeting for the Purpose of 1) Personnel Matter and Receive the Advice of Counsel

Council decided that a Closed Session was not necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Baxter asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Steward so moved seconded by Ms. Keyes-Maloney. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Kevin Baxter, President



Susan Bate, Deputy Municipal Clerk