

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 25, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. read the following statement and led the flag salute.

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN BY ANNUAL NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE ATLANTIC CITY PRESS, HAMMONTON GAZETTE, EGG HARBOR AND HAMMONTON NEWS ON JANUARY 8, 2014, AND POSTED AT TOWN HALL.

Roll Call:

Committee Present: Anthony Gabris, Ed Hagaman, Barbara Rheault, Larry Riffle, Mayor Brown

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Tracy Siebold

CFO: Dawn Stollenwerk

Municipal Court: Eunice Aguina, Kim Trivelli

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2014 Meeting; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Riffle. Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2014 meeting; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Riffle.

Presentation: Capital Recovery Systems, Inc., Mr. Phil Cornell: Mayor explained as of February the Municipal Court has \$245,000 in outstanding fines, of that \$108,000 is due to the municipality. Mr. Cornell distributed a booklet to the Governing Body explaining their collection services for collection of municipal court fees with no cost to the municipality. Mr. Cornell gave a brief presentation of the collection process, noting national average for court collections is 14.5% and Capital Recovery Systems average is 30.1%. Mr. Cornell stated his company recently began working with Egg Harbor Township Municipal Court. He stated if the municipality deems to move forward, the approval process from the Administrative Office of the Courts could take as long as 8 months. Mr. Cornell explained once a collection agency is contracted with, the Municipal Court will send 30 days letters and if there is no response it will be turned over to the collection agency. Mr. Cornell stated the collection rate fee is 22%, which is set by State Statute and is added onto the debt. Mayor Brown questioned the collection. Mr. Cornell stated the funds are collected by the Court and the collection agency fee would be disbursed on a monthly basis. Mayor entertained a motion that the Governing Body move forward with contracting out for this service; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: Ms. Joann Vitale, expressed her concern regarding Resolution #52-2014, aerial spraying, asking the cost, the last time Mullica was sprayed, and will the entire township be sprayed. Mayor Brown stated he cannot remember the last time Mullica was actually sprayed, that we will receive notification of spraying, the municipality does not pay, and the County if warranted will only spray areas that are highly affected by mosquitoes.

Ms. Joann Vitale asked if the 2014 Budget includes cost for the required re-valuation. Mayor Brown stated it does not, however, we will be working on digitize the tax maps.

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Hearing: Ordinance 33-2014 / CAP Ordinance: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Ms. Rheault.

“Capital Year 2014, Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank”

Mayor opened this section to the public. No public comment. Mayor Brown entertained a motion to adopt; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Committee Reports:

Public Works: Ms. Rheault reported: Public Works has finished the improvements to the basement for the retention of municipal records. The Department has been chipping, repairing pot holes, maintaining the edges of the roadways and keeping up with the snowstorms. The Department thanked Committee for the new tractor which is being utilized!

Development & Housing: Mr. Hagaman reported that Mr. Ed Toussaint, Temporary Zoning Officer, will be available on Monday’s beginning at 5pm and Thursdays at 3:30pm. If you need to schedule an appointment, please contact Ms. Acevedo at extension 117.

Department of Administration: Mr. Gabris reported the following: 2014 Rabies Clinic is scheduled for this Saturday, March 29th from 10 am – 12 pm in the Township Garage. Municipal Building will be open to purchase your 2014 dog license and to obtain your 2014 bulk permit. The Atlantic County Freeholders will hold a meeting here on April 1st at 4:00 p.m. Zumba Fitness Night sponsored by the Mullica PTA will be held on Thursdays beginning April 3rd and 10th, 7pm at in the cafeteria of School. Historical Society will meet April 15th, 7pm. Seniors Meeting will be held Wednesday April 16th, 12pm at the Elwood Fire House, lunch will be served. Mayor Brown invited residents to attend the Freeholder Meeting.

Department of Revenue & Finance: Mayor Brown reported the following: The Tax Sale for 2013 unpaid taxes is scheduled for tomorrow, March 26th. The February treasurer’s report has been emailed to the Committee and will be included in tonight’s meeting. The Township received a “Safety Excellence” Award from the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. We earned \$1,000 through our safety efforts to be used toward the cost of training and employee safety incentives. Thanks to Kim Johnson, Claims Coordinator, Dawn Stollenwerk, Safety Coordinator and the Safety Committee members: John Thompson, Brian Zeck, Steve Sperlak and Jerry Critelli. Mayor Brown entertained a motion to amend the Bill List to include PO #14-00246 Petty Cash Custodian \$85.07; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

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Resolution from City of Northfield and Folsom Borough urging the Legislature to amend the Open Public Records Act to remove exemptions applied to the Legislature.

Public Hearing on FY2014 Annual Fee Report for NDPEs Permits will be held Wednesday April 16th at 1pm, DEP in Trenton.

DEP is requesting public input on the draft ground water quality standard, comments will be accepted until Monday, April 21st.

Old Business:

Temporary Trailer Permit Extension / Block 7021, Lot 5: Mr. Hagaman reported he and Mayor Brown have visited the site and noted progress is slow. Mr. Hagaman stated the owner is requesting to extend his approval for temporary trailer permit due to personal and financial hardship. Mr. Gabris asked if the trailer is out of sight. Mayor Brown stated it is. Mayor entertained a motion that the owner submits a progress plan to the municipality prior to granting an extension; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Discuss Hilda Frame Lease / Historical Society: Ms. Siebold reported she has reviewed the lease, however, she does have modifications and questions which she will address with the School Board Solicitor. Ms. Siebold asked who the tenant will be. Mr. Gabris responded it is the Historical Society, adding his goal is for the municipality and school to have no responsibility. Ms. Siebold noted the Historical Society is an entity of the municipality. Mayor Brown stated his only concerns are funding and legalities. Ms. Siebold stated once the Historical Society takes possession they will be responsible for all maintenance on the property. Mr. Gabris stated the school is ready to move forward once the Governing Body adopts a Resolution of support. Mr. Hagaman stated "Uncle Bob"; former Mayor Hagaman is very excited about this project. Ms. Siebold will report back to the Governing Body after conferring with the School Board Solicitor.

New Business:

Resolution #53-2014 / Approve 2014 Municipal Aerial Mosquito Control Agreement: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mayor Brown.

Resolution # 54-2014 / Approve Contract / Foreclosure Attorney / Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi & Gill: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mayor Brown.

Resolution #55-2014 / Approve 2013 Tonnage Grant Application: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mayor Brown.

Resolution #56-2014 / Approve Raffle #1-2014 & Waive Local Fee / Mullica PTA: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mayor Brown.

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Resolution #57-2014 / Ptl. Carricarte / Patrol Division: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mayor Brown.

Resolution #58-2014 / Impose Fee for Banking Wire Transfers: Mayor entertained a motion to impose a fee; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mayor Brown.

Resolution #59-2014 / Approve Professional Property Appraisers Agreement: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve the agreement; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mayor Brown.

Resolution #60-2014 / Renew 2014 Junkyard License / Quality Auto Repair & Sales: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to renew; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mayor Brown.

Resolution #61-2014 / Renew 2014 Junkyard License / So. Jersey Truck Auto Salvage & Recycling: Mayor entertained a motion to renew; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mayor Brown.

Payment of Bills: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the Bill List; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion:

Ms. Cathy Dickerson, Mullica Woods, reported that Gem Electric was in the park today checking the meters. Mayor stated the Zoning and Construction Department have been working with the electrician.

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to adjourn; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk