

REGULAR MEETING MARCH 24, 2015

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7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 7, 2015, AND POSTED AT TOWN HALL.

Roll Call:

Committee Present: Anthony Gabris, Barbara Rheault, Larry Riffle, Christopher Silva, Mayor Brown

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Tracy Siebold

CFO: Dawn Stollenwerk

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to amend the Agenda to replace Resolution #60-2015, Award Police Radios Contract with Resolution #60-2015, Appoint Part-Time Laborer / Nicholas Sarraf. Mayor noted we are awaiting additional documents for the police radios. Mr. Silva moved to amend the Agenda seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015 Meeting; so moved by Mr. Gabris seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: None.

Hearing: Ordinance #4-2015 / Amending Chapter 122-14 / Fees / Public Records: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 122, Fees, Section 14, Public Records, of the Code of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey

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

Hearing: Ordinance #5-2015 / Acceptance of Unimproved Lands / Block 11414, Lots 1 & 3: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of Unimproved Land Designated Block 11414, Lots 1 & 3 on the Tax Map of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey

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

Committee Reports:

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Public Works: Ms. Rheault reported the following: On our first day of spring we had a unusual snow event in Mullica! Since then public works have been addressing roadways, servicing vehicles, conducted preventive maintenance on the compactor and preparing the recreation fields for spring sports. Lewis Tree Service on behalf of Atlantic City Electric will be performing tree removals, pruning, and selective mowing and herbicide applications to maintain electric safety and reliability to our residents.

Department of Housing & Development: Mr. Silva reported Ms. Jessica Blanchard from Rutgers will be giving a presentation at the March 30th Environmental Commission Meeting. Presentation is to introduce the AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador Program, focusing on water conservation, water use efficiency and best management practices for storm water.

Department of Public Safety: Mr. Riffle reported the following: The License Plate Reader was installed recently and is up and running. The police department has started the promotional process for the rank of corporal and sergeant. The 25th annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held this Saturday March 28th at 2:00pm for ages 1-7 years old. The Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by local businesses and has approximately 150 participants annually. Municipal Court collected \$22,056.90 for the month of February 2015 and the municipality retained \$10,656.93.

Department of Administration: Mr. Gabris reported the following Mullica Senior Citizens meet at the Hilda Frame School in Nesco the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 12:00 p.m. and Historical Society will meet the Third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. County Rabies Clinics will be held April 26th from 9-11 at 240 Old Turnpike Road, Pleasantville, NJ 08232 (609) 485-2345. Bring proof of rabies vaccination. Mr. Gabris urged everyone to attend the meetings at the Hilda Frame School.

Department of Revenue & Finance: Mayor Brown reported the following: The Tax Sale is scheduled for April 8th at 10:00 a.m. We have received notice from the State of NJ that the 2012 Homestead benefit credit will be applied to 2015 second quarter taxes due May 1st. The February treasurer's report was e-mailed to all members of Committee and will be included in the minutes of tonight's meeting. Ms. Stollenwerk attended the annual Atlantic County Improvement Authority Community Development Block Grant Program Kick off meeting last week. The County Allocation for 2015 CDBG Funding is \$1,033,275; the HOME Allocation is \$432,792. Mullica's 2015 allotment is \$33,326 (up \$10,000 from the 2014 allocation). Since 2001 the County has spent \$448,124 for housing rehabilitation in Mullica, and the Township has allocated an additional \$128,346 CDBG funds for rehabilitation.

Correspondence:

South Jersey Gas is holding a public hearing regarding rates at the Voorhees Municipal Building on April 15th at 4:30 and 5:30 pm.

Resolution from City of Estell Manor opposing the Department of Transportation's suspension of the local transportation aid to municipalities.

Old Business:

Mayor Brown reported the organizers of the AC Challenge Triathlon will be traveling down Weekstown Road, but have agreed to stop any athletes by 9am. Mayor thanked Ms. Siebold for her efforts.

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Resolution 55-2015 / Amend Resolution #53-2015 / Forestry Grant: Mayor entertained a motion to amend noting we received \$10,000.00 instead of \$5,000.00; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

Discuss 4th Avenue / Portion between Duerer Street and White Horse Pike: Mayor Brown stated the mound of dirt has been removed that was located on 4th closer to the Duerer Street end. Mayor stated we had received emails from residents who wished to address the removal.

Ms. Shannon Myers, 1011 4th Avenue, expressed her dissatisfaction with the dirt mound being removed, the fact that the residents were not notified and the safety of her family due to the proximity of her home to the road.

Ms. Renee Waddell, 1010 4th Avenue, read a prepared statement addressing the dirt mound which was illegally placed in the roadway 12 years ago, adding she is glad the mound has finally be removed, as she has always been concerned with emergency vehicles locating her home.

Ms. Tina Conn, read a prepared petition letter, signed by herself and her neighbors, expressing their dissatisfaction with the mound being removed, noting the residents were under the impression this road was a dead end, and supporting the vacation of the roadway.

Mr. Ed Conn, asked if the Governing Body's intentions are to pave the road and stated he and his neighbors bought these properties with the understanding they were building on a dead end street. Mayor stated paving has not been discussed. Mr. Conn asked that other solutions be explored.

Ms. Devon Waddell, 1010 4th Avenue, who lives on the dirt section expressed her concerns of the children in the roadway and not allowing cars to pass by, adding the children need to abide by the laws.

Ms. Kim Furniss, 4th Avenue, stated she purchased her home due to the fact it was located on a safe dead end street, expressed her dissatisfaction with not being notified of the removal of the dirt and questioned adverse possession.

Ms. Anastasia DelRoss, 721 4th Avenue, stated she also purchased her home because she understood this was a dead end street, stated her displeasure of not being notified and requested a different solution.

Ms. Ira Morales, 5401 Duerer Street, expressed her concern with the unpaved portion of 4th Avenue and asked if they could pave it. Ms. Johnson explained there is an application process for a Street Opening.

Mr. Chris Zippilli, 901 4th Avenue, voiced his concern that the Governing Body thought this thru and visited the site before making their decision.

Mr. Tony Tomasello, 911 4th Avenue, stated he purchased the property because it was very appealing to his family to be on a dead end street. Mr. Tomasello urged the Governing Body to explore other options, and expressed his dissatisfaction with the neighbors not being notified of the removal of the dirt pile.

Mr. Gabris stated once the Governing Body was made aware of the blockage of a public roadway we had to take action and that this issue is a matter for the Planning Board. Ms. Siebold explained the street vacation process and stated there is no adverse position, this is a public street and when the potential liability was brought to the attention of the Governing Body they needed to address it.

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Mr. Kevin Hartwell, 1011 4th Avenue, stated 4th Avenue is not plowed and expressed his concern with the neighbors not being notified of the Governing Body's decision.

Mr. Silva stated once this Body was made aware of this attractive nuisance and advised by the Township Solicitor to have it removed that is what we did.

Rheann Zippilli, 901 4th Avenue, stated the Governing Body was made aware of this 12 years ago, she has never seen a plow on 4th Avenue, since the mound has been removed the roadway has increased traffic and speeders which is more of a safety issue than the mound.

Ms. Rheault stated Public Works plows all the roads in the municipality, beginning with the main roads, side roads and dirt roads and that when this liability was made aware to the Governing Body we had to take action. Mayor requested signs be posted, such as Children at Play, No Thru Traffic, etc.

Ms. Shannon Myers, 1011 4th Avenue, requested if the roadway is to stay open to please have it maintained regularly.

Committee and the public discussed other options to address this issue, surveying, signage, speed limits, street vacation, width of the roadway, etc.

Mr. Tony Tomasello, 911 4th Avenue, asked if all parties need to agree for a street vacation and the process for possibly splitting the roadway. Ms. Johnson explained there is an application for a Street Opening Permit as well, and that Planning Board will listen to all the parties involved.

New Business:

Resolution 56-2015 / Tax Payment Refund / Block 2901, Lot 2: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to refund; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Riffle RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Silva, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Resolution 57-2015 / Approve Land Sale Request / Block 5801, Lot 8: Mayor entertained a motion to approve so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

Resolution 58-2015 / Renew 2015 Junkyard License / Vasilakis Constantinos: Mayor entertained a motion to renew; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

Resolution 59-2015 / Approve Coin Drop / Nesco Volunteer Fire Company: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

Resolution 60-2015 / Appoint Part-Time Laborer / Nicholas Sarraf: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to appoint; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

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

Public Discussion:

Mr. Tom Messina, 811 Darmstadt Avenue, urged Committee to review the fees for the construction department and to adopt a policy that contractors insurance be reviewed by the Department.

Mr. Gabris questioned the trash and debris at the property on the White Horse Pike near 5th Avenue, noting we need to address this area to attract investors. Mr. Gabris requested Committee offer a tax abatement as well to attract new businesses. Mayor Brown stated another incentive is to offer something when this new business employs residents.

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to enter Executive Session; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Clerk read the Resolution #4-2015 in full to discuss the ejection of persons in wrongful possession of municipal property.

Mr. Silva moved to reconvene Regular Session at 8:55 pm seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Mayor Brown reported we have been contacted by CGI, who produces videos to be utilized on our website. Mayor stated CGI has produced a video for the County which is on their website. Mayor requested Committee review the County video, adding there is no cost to the municipality.

Approve Executive Session Minutes: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2015; so moved Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body discussed potential litigation.

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to adjourn so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk

BILL LIST

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| Atlantic Coast Alarm | 79.00 | Reconfigure Alarm Phone Lines |
| Alicea, Miriam | 75.00 | Court Session |
| Atlantic City Electric | 2,427.25 | February Services |
| CAM Co | 1,257.28 | PW Repairs |
| Crescent Service, LLC | 440.00 | Tires |
| Dimeglio Septic, Inc. | 130.00 | January/February Services |
| Dell USA | 49.59 | Tape Drive Cleaning Tap |
| Elwood Gas Station | 171.00 | Fuel |
| General Code Publishers | 1,195.00 | Ecode Maintenance |

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| George Senn Co. | 19.28 | Misc. Fittings |
| Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh | 17,553.26 | Personam Foreclosures |
| Direct Energy | 277.21 | February Services |
| HA DeHart & Sons | 22.46 | PW Plow Parts |
| IACP | 150.00 | 2015 Dues - Thompson |
| Laurel Lawnmower Service Inc. | 825.23 | Plow Repairs |
| National Fire Protection Assoc. | 165.00 | 2015 Membership |
| MGL Printing Solutions | 33.50 | Homestead Credit Forms |
| MidAtlantic Salt LLC | 6,351.66 | Salt |
| Municipal Record Service | 404.00 | Complaint Forms |
| Civil Solutions, A Division | 8,400.00 | Services Through 2/15/15 |
| Verizon | 196.27 | February Services |
| Verizon Wireless | 200.15 | March Services |
| NJ Police Traffic Officer Assoc. | 50.00 | 2015 Dues |
| Sprint Solutions, Inc. | 531.00 | March Services |
| Ancero | 525.00 | Desktop Issues |
| Pitney Bowes Credit Corp. | 367.50 | Lease Installment |
| VE Ralph & Sons. Inc. | 149.29 | AED Batteries |
| UnitedHealthCare Insurance Co. | 697.68 | March Coverage |
| Staples Advantage | 373.10 | Offices Supplies |
| Q.C. Inc. | 700.00 | Well Monitoring |
| Thanks for Being Green | 474.84 | Display Units |
| The Press | 8.16 | Budget Meeting 2/10/15 |
| Petroleum Traders | 5,594.11 | January-March Purchases |
| Val-U Auto Parts | 370.27 | February |
| Vital Services Group | 304.00 | March Services |
| Walmart | 333.96 | Easter Egg Hunt Supplies |
| Marathon Engineering Inc. | 2,190.00 | Indian Cabin Engineering, Executive Dealer, St Opening, Fifth Avenue |
| Lawrow Electric & Plumbing | 57.95 | Light Fixtures |
| Action Uniform Co. | 2,067.00 | New Officer Uniform |
| Whitemarsh Corporation | 650.00 | Topkat Service |
| Atlantic County Sheriff | 1,000.00 | Block 9001/Lot 16 |
| Broadley's | 3,278.00 | MTRA 5-2015 Heather |
| Atlantic County Utilities Auth. | 13,809.58 | February Services |
| Comcast | 487.09 | Services 2/13-4/11/15 |
| Comcast Business | 476.89 | Services 2/19-3/11/15 |
| Thompson, John c. Jr. | 329.90 | Easter Egg Reimbursement |
| Silva, Chris | 74.98 | Phone Case Reimbursement |
| Treasurer, State of NJ | 50.00 | 2015 UCC Subscription |
| NJ Division of Pensions | 269,144.00 | 2015 PERS/PFRS Contribution |
| NJ Division of Pensions | 269,182.62 | February 2015 DCRP Contribution |
| NJ Dept of Health & Sr. Service | 87.00 | February State Fees |
| Target | 799.98 | Security Camera Monitors |
| Greater Egg Harbor Regional | 231,377.60 | 2015 Levy - March |
| Mullica Twp Board of Ed | 318,249.66 | Levy - April 2015 |

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| Current Fund4-01 | 26,581.80 |
| Current Fund5-01 | 861,483.82 |
| Capital Fund C-04 | 1,312.50 |
| Trust Fund T-03 | 5,691.18 |
| TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS | 895,069.30 |

**TOWNSHIP OF MULLICA
MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2015**

| Current Fund | | <u>%/budget expended</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 1,036,858.39 | |
| <u>Cash Receipts:</u> | | |
| Interest | 245.96 | |
| Current year tax receipts | 1,867,747.16 | |
| Receivables/Interfunds | 0.00 | |
| Anticipated Revenue | 54,997.26 | |
| Unanticipated Revenue | <u>42,799.19</u> | |
| Total Cash Receipts | 1,965,789.57 | |
| <u>Expenditures:</u> | | |
| 2014 Appropriations | (16,155.92) | |
| 2015 Appropriations | (578,785.62) | |
| Liabilities | (819,405.84) | |
| Interfunds | 0.00 | |
| Grant Fund | <u>(925.00)</u> | |
| Total Expenditures | (1,415,272.38) | |
| Ending Cash Balance | 1,587,375.58 | |
| Cash Increase/(Decrease) | 550,517.19 | |
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| Reserve Budget | 246,218.67 | |
| 2015 temporary budget | 1,590,589.00 | |
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| Reserve Budget Balance | 173,308.69 | 29.61% |
| 2015 Budget Balance | 670,421.01 | 57.85% |

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Capital Fund

