

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2013
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, EGG HARBOR AND HAMMONTON NEWS ON JANUARY 9, 2013, AND POSTED AT TOWN HALL.

Roll Call:

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

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Elias Manos

CFO: Dawn Stollenwerk

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2013 Budget Workshop Meeting; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2013 meeting; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: None.

First Reading: Ordinance #1-2013 / Accept Unimproved Lands / Block 4198, Lot 2; Block 4170, Lot 2: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of Unimproved Lands Designated Block 4198, Lot 1 and Block 4170, Lot 2, on the Tax Map of the Township of Mullica, By the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey

Mayor entertained a motion to approve and set hearing date for February 26, 2013; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Committee Reports:

Public Works: Ms. Rheault reported the following: The Transfer Station “the dump” will be closed February 18, 2013 in observance of President’s Day. Please remember to utilize the orange stickers on your trash bags being taken to the Transfer Station. We will be accepting the resignation of our part-time Building Maintenance Worker and based upon the recommendation of our Superintendent of Public Works I would like to entertain a motion to advertise for a part-time laborer position. Mayor suggested we discuss under New Business. Ms. Rheault also reported this morning she met with Superintendent of Public Works, Athletic Director of Cedar Creek High School, Heads Ground & Maintenance Director of Greater Egg Harbor Regional (GHER) High School District and the President of the Mullica Recreation Association to discuss shared services for the utilization and maintenance of our fields. Ms. Rheault indicated Mayor Brown then met with representatives

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from GEHR & Cedar Creek to discuss improvements and maintenance to the fields that will improve the conditions and ensure safe play at the recreation fields, and that we will be moving ahead. Mayor Brown stated it was a good meeting and the school had some additional ideas for shared services which we will be implementing.

Development & Housing: Mr. Hagaman reported for the month of January the Construction Department issued 17 new permits and 1 update, which included an addition, pole barns, furnace replacements, generator and flood damage repairs etc. The remaining new permits were for alterations. The Construction Office collected \$7,481.00 in fees of which \$522.00 is remitted to the State. The Zoning Department issued 5 Zoning Permits (which included fences, pool and pole barns), 6 Maintenance Certificates, and collected \$680.00.

Public Safety: Mr. Riffle reported the following: Municipal Court collected \$20,567.98 for the month of January, 2013 and the municipality retained \$9,237.18.

Administration: Mr. Gabris reported the following: Municipal offices will be closed February 18, 2013 in observance of President's Day. Mullica REC. Baseball/Softball Sign-ups for children ages 4 and up will be held at the Mullica School Gym on Saturday February 16th and 23rd from 10am to 12 noon The 8TH Annual Lines on the Pines will be held Sunday March 10, 11am – 4pm at Kerri Brooke Caterers. Please join us in celebrating Mullica Township's 175th Anniversary on June 1, 2013! We are currently seeking vendors, volunteers and ideas to be a part of our Birthday festivities! If you are interested in any of the above, please contact the Township Clerk's Office. Mayor stated Cedar Creek showed a great interest in participating in the celebration.

Revenue & Finance: Mayor Brown reported the January treasurer's report was emailed to all members of committee, and will be included in the minutes of tonight's meeting.

Correspondence:

Correspondence from resident John Fetzer commending the Police Department for their outstanding professionalism and dedication to duty.

Resolution from Senator Vitale urging the Governor to support the expansion of NJ's Medicaid Program.

Old Business:

Certificate of Occupancy Discussion: Mr. Hagaman reported he and Mr. Gabris have reviewed Mullica's regulations regarding inspections and will be recommending reducing the required checklist. He stated their main concern is to address safety issues, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, and gfi receptacles. Mr. Hagaman stated the goal is to make it simpler for the homeowner and the inspector. Mr. Gabris stated primarily this will be called a "Fire Inspection", to reflect on the smoke detectors, etc, and as previously noted an inspection for safety issues. Mr. Gabris added this is the responsibility of the homeowner not the municipality. Mr. Gabris and Mr. Hagaman will submit a draft to the Governing Body to review.

Discuss 5th Avenue Reconstruction: Mayor Brown addressed the ongoing problem (lying of water) at the jug handle located at 5th Avenue and the White Horse Pike. Mayor reported he and Superintendent Ayers met with representatives from Department of Transportation to request the State to work in conjunction with our resurfacing

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project to address this condition. Mayor Brown suggested a letter be sent to Assemblyman Brown, Assemblyman Amodeo, Senator Whelan, and Chris Stark in the Governor's Office to nudge DOT to move forward with their plans of resurfacing the White Horse Pike from Elwood Road to Egg Harbor City which was slated for 2014. Mayor stated the one solution is to eliminate the u-turn. Clerk was directed to send correspondence.

Discuss Atlantic County Water Quality Management Plan: Mayor reported we received a request from the County requesting written consent in the form of a Resolution if the Governing Body consents to the amendments of the plan. Mayor moved to re-submit Resolution #88-2012, adopted in August which indicated the Committee's support seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Mayor stated he has been advised by Mr. Rutala of a grant available from the Pinelands Commission for a feasibility study regarding sewer management along the White Horse Pike and is seeking Committee's interest. Mr. Gabris stated that has always been a goal. Mr. Hagaman made a motion to pursue the grant opportunity seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

New Business:

Resolution 39-2013 / Amending Assembly Bill 1196/ Workers Compensation for Public Safety Workers: Mayor entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Resolution 40-2013 / Renew 2013 Junkyard License / SJ 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. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Resolution 41-2013 / Refund Tax Overpayment / Block 4204, Lot 2: Mayor entertained a motion to refund; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Resolution 42-2013 / Setting Rates for Court Conflict Personnel: Mayor entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Ms. Rheault.

Resolution 43-2013 / Approve MTRA (rehab) / 54-2013: Mayor entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Resolution 44-2013 / Approve MTRA (rehab) / 55-2013: Mayor entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Accept Resignation Building Maintenance Worker / Cliff Wooton: Mayor entertained a motion to accept; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Mayor entertained a motion to advertise for a part-time laborer position; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

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Public Discussion:

Mr. Marshall “Teddy” Behr, 16 Cardinal Drive, Mullica Woods, introduced himself and Ms. Ruby Cramer, who are the Co-Presidents of the Mullica Woods Senior Club and thanked Committee for their support in past issues.

Mayor Brown closed the public portion and entertained a motion to enter Executive Session; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Clerk read Resolution ES 2-2013 in full to discuss a personnel matter, a grievance, contract negotiations and to review Executive Session Minutes.

Mayor entertained a motion to return to Regular Session at 8:36 pm; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body discussed two matters of personnel, contract negotiations for the Superintendent of Public Works, a grievance in the Police Department, and reviewed Executive Session Minutes.

Approve Executive Session Minutes: Mr. Hagaman so moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2013, seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Ms. Gabris moved to adjourn seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, RMC