

**REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 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.

Mayor Brown requested everyone remain standing for a Moment of Silence for Former Mayor Robert Hagaman and Ms. Pauls.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Committee Absent:** Larry Riffle

**Municipal Clerk:** Kimberly Johnson

**Solicitor:** Tracy Siebold

**Approval of Committee Minutes:** Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015 Meeting; so moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

**Presentation: Ms. Randazzo, DEP / Motorized Access Plan for Wharton State Forest:** Mayor stated after the Presentation Township Committee will open this meeting to public comment first for Mullica Township residents. Mayor stated Ms. Randazzo, Director Local Government Services and Mr. Robert Auernmuller, Superintendent Wharton State Forest will also answer questions after the presentation. Ms. Randazzo stated a representative from the Governor's Office was present as well to answer questions after. Ms. Randazzo, introduced Mr. Robert Auernmuller who will be giving the presentation.

Mr. Auernmuller provided a power point presentation which depicted the Draft Motorized Access Plan, aerial photographs and the draft map. He stated they are currently requesting feedback from the stakeholders and visitors. Mr. Auernmuller indicated information can be found at [http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/docs/wsf\\_motorzed\\_access\\_plan\\_FAQ.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/docs/wsf_motorzed_access_plan_FAQ.pdf) and the map could be found at [http://www.njparksandforests.org/parks/maps/wsf\\_motorized\\_access\\_plan.pdf](http://www.njparksandforests.org/parks/maps/wsf_motorized_access_plan.pdf). Mr. Auernmuller explained the loss in staffing, primitive road infrastructure, storm damage, beaver damage, damage from all-terrain vehicles and trucks, as well as safety issues. Mr. Auernmuller contended the reason for this access plan is to promote safety, to protect our natural resources and to enjoy the forest responsibly.

Mayor opened to Committee: Ms. Rheault questioned the 700,000 yearly visitors, how attendance was monitored how the Management Plan was formulated, has ticketing increased, will harvesting be affected.

Mr. Auernmuller clarified the visitors include Batsto Village, campers, and Atison Lake and stated attendance is monitored by staff in the forest the best they can and cameras to count vehicles. DEP has internal policies regarding the Management Plan which is revised by Land Management, Natural Lands Management, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Forestry Office, Forest Fire and Historic Preservation. He stated he does not have ticketing information, but it can be obtained. He stated the Harvest Department will determine the area for harvesting which will be approved by the Pinelands and will have road access. Mr. Silva sked if the plan has

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been implemented and have roads been closed and how many miles are proposed to be closed. Mr. Auernmuller referenced the map showing areas that were seasonally closed because of Threatened and Endangered Species, areas posted to no motor vehicles which were not roadways, adding roadways have been closed for safety reasons, but none due to the draft plan. Mr. Silva expressed his concern with the State alleviating their problem and how it will affect our municipality. Ms. Rheault noted the County is promoting outdoor activities and this plan will deter that. Mr. Auernmuller stated this new map will encourage visitors. Mayor Brown asked how many access roads are located in Mullica. Mr. Auernmuller stated one and it is closed to vehicles because the bridge is closed. Mayor Brown expressed his concern with more control and to protect the people who respect the forest.

Mayor Brown opened to the public (Mullica Residents first): The following spoke in favor of the Motorized Access Plan: Ms. Joy Ramer, Elm Street urged everyone to follow the rules; Ms. Ann Cavage, Sweetwater, stated this is long over-due.

The following spoke in opposition: Mr. Andy Demarco, White Oak Circle, stated Mr. Auernmuller story changes every time asked for cooperation from his office; Mr. William Janiszewski, Elwood Road, member of gunning club in Weekstown for the past 50 years and have been utilizing roads for hunting which now cannot access which will create safety hazard for hunters; Mr. Tom Petrella, Nesco Road, intent is good, but penalizing everyone is not fair and that enforcement is much more critical; Mr. Kenneth Held, Vice-President East Coast Enduro, stated this plan takes away the 275 miles of trails they have utilized since 1940, and this presentation is misleading; Mr. Tom Turlish, New Gretna, expressed his concern regarding enforcement. Ms. Randazzo agreed enforcement is lacking and they are working towards more.

The following commented: Charles Dodimead, Old Egg Harbor Road, requested a designated area for ATV Riders. Jerry Gleason, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, asked if Deer Management was studied and considered. Mayor Brown closed the public portion and Committee took a five minute recess.

**Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items:** None.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Public Works:** Ms. Rheault reported the following: Public Works has been busy chipping and completing storm damage from June 23<sup>rd</sup>, repairing pot holes (4 tons), cutting grass along shoulders, repairing road edges, maintenance to police cars and repairs to bed of f250 (\$5,000 savings) field and irrigation repairs at the recreation fields, addressed drainage complaints at the end of Venice Avenue. Ms. Rheault thanked Clerk's Office for the Superintendent of Public Works survey and requested the appointment of Heavy Equipment Operator be held until after Executive Session. Mr. Silva requested mowing be addressed for safety reasons, naming specific areas, which Ms. Rheault indicated are County jurisdictional areas. Public Works will contact County.

**Development & Housing:** Mr. Silva reported the following: For the month of August the Construction Department issued new 22 permits and 1 update which included a single family dwelling, footing and foundation permit for 2 new single family dwellings, an addition, rehab of single family dwelling, 3 roof mount solar systems, 1 ground mount solar system, and a gazebo. The remaining new permits were for alterations. The Construction Office collected \$10,665 in fees of which \$861.00 is remitted to the State. The Zoning Department issued 10 Zoning Permits, 11 Maintenance Certificates and collected \$925.00.

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**Department of Administration:** Mr. Gabris reported the following: Elwood Volunteer Fire Company is holding their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual William Kennedy Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit the Elwood Vol. Fire Company and Angel Morales on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Mays Landing Country Club at 8:00 a.m. (Rain or shine). For more information or registration, the forms can be found on the front desk.

**Department of Revenue & Finance:** Mayor Brown reported the following: Township is selling \$1,420,000 in Bond Anticipation Notes on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. All proposals must be received by 11:00 am. For further information contact Dawn Stollenwerk, Chief Financial Officer. Throughout the month of September, Brian Schneider of Professional Appraisers Inc. will be inspecting properties as directed by the Tax Assessor. Mr. Schneider will have the appropriate identification as required by the Township.

### Correspondence:

Thank you from Senator Van Drew for the Resolution opposing statewide referendum to expand casino gaming beyond Atlantic City and he supports it 100%.

Atlantic County will hold a public hearing on Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup>, Galloway Municipal Complex regarding a proposal to enhance public access of Motts Creek.

NJDEP will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> in Lawrenceville at 10:00 am regarding Clean Water Financing Program.

Mayor reported the video from CGI for the Township's website has been forwarded to Committee for approval. Ms. Rheault stated she only looked at it briefly. Mayor Brown entertained a motion to move forward with posting and any comments to be forwarded to Ms. Johnson this week; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: All Yeas.

### Old Business:

**Resolution #109-2015 / Appoint Heavy Equipment Operator:** Hold until after Executive Session.

### New Business:

**Resolution #109-2015 / Cancel 2014-2015 Municipal Alliance Grant Balance:** Mayor entertained a motion to cancel. Mr. Silva questioned the cancellation. Clerk explained funds allocated for specific purposes were less. So moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution #110-2015 / Mutual Aid Agreement / Atlantic County:** Mayor entertained a motion to approve Agreement; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution #111-2015 / Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion to support; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution #112-2015 / Refund Tax Overpayment / Block 1101, Lot 12:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion to refund; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

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**Resolution #113-2015 / Approve Land Sale / Block 9909, Lot 2, 4 & 5:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve sale of properties; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Ms. Rheault. Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution #114-2015 / Approve Coin Drop / Elwood Fire Department / November 7<sup>th</sup>:** Ms. Rheault moved to approve seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #115-2015 / Appoint School Resource Officer 2015-2016 / Paul Dooner:** Ms. Rheault asked if the School will have two Officers. Chief Thompson stated we are currently interviewing for the second officer. Mayor Brown entertained a motion to appoint Officer Dooner; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #116-2015 / Liquor License Renewal / SW Café Corp.:** Mayor Brown stated this Resolution cannot be approved as we are awaiting additional paperwork. Mayor Brown entertained a meeting to hold a Special Meeting prior to September 18<sup>th</sup>, when the license expires. Mr. Silva moved to hold a Special Meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**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. Silva, Mayor Brown

**Public Discussion:** Mr. Paulsgraf asked if anyone was attending the New Jersey Business Summit in Atlantic City. Mayor stated we are not.

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 Resolution ES11-2015 in full to discuss ejection of person in wrongful possession of municipal property, heavy equipment vacancy, labor counsel and to review Executive Session Minutes.

Mr. Silva moved to come back to Regular Session at 9:45 pm seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Approve Executive Session Minutes:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion approve the minutes of July 28, 2015; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #109-2015 / Appoint Heavy Equipment Operator:** Mayor entertained a motion to appoint Larry Prince at a salary of \$31,000.00; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body discussed the salary for the vacancy in the Public Works Department, discussed the need for a conflict labor attorney and consented to appoint Mr. William Blaney, was updated on ejection of persons in wrongful possession and reviewed the Executive Session Minutes of July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Silva moved to appoint Mr. William G. Blaney of Blaney & Donahue for a specific personnel matter in the Police Department seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to adjourn; so moved by Mr. Rheault seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk

**BILL LIST**

Atlantic City Electric	4,249.46	July Services
Verizon	21.01	July Services
Verizon Wireless	200.11	August Services
Sprint Solutions, Inc.	357.44	August Services
South Jersey Gas Co.	64.59	July Services
United Healthcare Insurance Co.	738.36	September Premium
Avaya, Inc.	237.70	May-December Lease Installment
Ford Motor Credit Company	12,820.86	2013 Lease Installment #3
Atlantic County Treasurer	491,631.88	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Levy Installment
Comcast	305.78	August Services
Comcast Business	381.82	August Services
NJ Division of Pensions	24.92	July DCRP Contribution
Greater Egg Harbor Regional	606,252.50	July 2015 Levy
Mullica Twp Board of Education	323,966.33	2015 Levy July

Current Fund 05-01            1,441,297.76  
 Total of All Funds        1,441,297.76

Atlantic Coast Alarm Inc.	79.00	Changed PW Code
Alicea, Miriam	150.00	August Court Session
Animal Capture & Control Services	1,196.00	July / August Services
Atlantic City electric	1,327.50	August Services
Barrett Asphalt Corporation	179.69	Bituminous Concrete
Bonita K. Brumbach	47.64	Transcript State vs Cruz-Reyez
Business Cards Tomorrow	35.00	PD Business Cards
Casa Payroll Services	138.70	May-December Services
Dimeglio Septic, Inc.	65.00	April-December Services
Edmunds and Associates, Inc.	1,440.41	2015 Tax Bills
Forman's Auto Body	3,179.85	2008 Durango Repairs
G.T.B.M. Inc.	2,631.25	E-Ticketing 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2015 / Info Cop License Renewal
G&P Floor Maintenance	455.00	April - December Services
General Sales Administration	9,186.66	Equipment for Chevy Tahoes
Mullica Seniors	82.00	Luncheon Supplies
Mullica Seniors	373.00	Meeting Reimbursement

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		Expense
Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh	1,155.80	Michel Matter
John DeMario Advertising	1,030.00	NNO / Mullica Recycles Shirts - T-Shirts Alliance Grant
Crystal Springs	184.30	April-December Services
Lowe's	257.05	PW Purchases
Clark, Steven G.	190.00	Explorer Window Tint
Municipal Equipment Enterprise	10,343.20	Tahoe Equipment Installation Etc.
The Hammonton Gazette	38.44	Vehicle Auction
Verizon	207.96	August Services
NJ League of Municipalities	20.00	2015-16 Subscription
New London Technology	33,350.0	Mobile Radios
Ancero	2,557.50	May Dec AMS-P Svc/Server Warranty Exten. PD Computer Svc Watchguard Video Project
VE Ralph & Sons Inc.	249.97	AED Pads / Adult Resuscitators
Reserve Account	1,000.00	Postage
Registrar's Assoc. of NJ	110.00	NJRA 2015 Fall Sign-up
South Jersey Gas Co.	133.16	August Services
South Jersey Turf Consultants	625.00	Field Maintenance
Staples Advantage	426.50	Office Supplies
Swift, James P.	333.33	April-December Services
HR Direct	566.25	Gradiance Software Renewal
Truckmasters, Inc.	2,908.83	June/July Services
Petroleum Traders	3,228.61	April-December Purchases
Tomasella's Fire Protection	118.00	Fire Extinguisher/Service
Towne Paint, Inc.	55.00	Orange Spray Paint
Vital Services Group	100.00	Tax Master Tape to Edmunds
Thomson Reuters West	318.00	NJ Criminal & MV Laws 2015
Certified Speedometer Service	168.00	Calibrate Vehicles
Riggins Inc.	1,037.60	Unleaded Fuel
Marathon Engineering	1,470.00	Indian Cabin Project
Lawrow Electric & Plumbing Sup	39.90	Batteries
Advanced Electronic Design Inc.	19,707.00	In-Car Cameras/Storage

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Calibre Press	357.00	PD Training
Atlantic County Utilities Auth.	15,143.43	July Services
DeMarco's Ladscape	525.00	Irrigation Repair/Fields
DeMichele & DeMichele PC	666.67	April-December Services
DL Provisions	180.00	NNO Hamburgers
Thompson, John C. Jr.	425.35	NNO Reimbursements
Silva, Chris	289.00	Tuition Reimburse/DDEF Reimburse
Mario's Uptown Grill	135.00	PD Joint Training w EHC
NJ State Health Benefits Fund	68,353.94	September Premium
NJ Dept of Health & Sr. Services	3.60	August State Fees
NJ Motor Vehicle Commission	15.00	Vehicle Titles
Petrosh Big Top	4,346.05	NNO Rentals

Current Fund 5-01 107,640.37  
 Capital Fund C-04 72,586.86  
 Grant Fund G-02 7,164.94  
 Trust Fund T-03 5,431.97

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS \$192,824.14 237