

Regular Meeting December 28, 2010

**REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 28, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor St. Amour called the meeting to order at 7:00pm read the following statement and requested Ms. Joy Ramer, to lead the flag salute.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN BY WAY OF ANNUAL NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE ATLANTIC CITY PRESS, ON JANUARY 8, 2010, THE EGG HARBOR AND HAMMONTON NEWS ON JANUARY 14, 2010 AND POSTED AT TOWNHALL.

Roll Call:

Committee Present: Anthony Gabris, Bernard Graebener, William Kennedy, Susan Polk, Mayor St. Amour

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Norman Zlotnick

Chief of Police: Paul Register

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14th, 2010 Budget Meeting, so moved by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Ms. Polk. Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour. Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 14th, 2010, so moved by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

Fire Department Report: Mr. Jerry Critelli, Director of Fire Affairs, reported the following for 2010: Fire Department calls to date for December are 23 calls, year-to-date calls to 309. EMS calls as of December 1st are 487, average of 50 calls per month. No major injuries occurred in 2010. Elwood Volunteer Fire Company signed a two year lease with AtlantiCare to rent space for the ambulance, which Mr. Critelli stated was a superior move by the Township and we are receiving exceptional care. The new rescue truck for Elwood is in service and being utilized. Eighteen sets of turn-out gear are to be ordered for Weekstown, Nesco and Sweetwater (6 each). Elwood Fire Company was recently awarded a \$50,000 grant, a \$12,000 grant for communications and due to participation Atlantic-County Tanker Task Force a grant was received in the amount of \$20,000. The Fire Departments have recently assembled a Compliance Committee to work as one Department and not four individual companies. Mr. Critelli thanked Committee, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Stollenwerk, Police Department and Mr. Berenato, who also volunteers for Elwood, for all their support. Mr. Critelli personally thanked Mayor St. Amour and Mr. Graebener for their time and efforts.

Mr. Anthony Tomasco, Chief Elwood Fire Department, stated on Christmas day a Mullica firefighter had a house fire which resulted in total loss of two rooms and the rest of the home was damaged due to water and smoke. Chief Tomasco stated the family has four children and is spearheading a campaign to assist this family in their time of need. Chief Tomasco stated donations can be sent to Town Hall care of the Clerk's Office.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: None.

Hearing: Ordinance 17-2010 / Amending Chapter 217 / Towing: Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Graebener seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 217 of the Code of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, Entitled "Towing"

Mayor opened this section to the public. No public comment. Mr. Graebener asked what type of tow the proposed \$25.00 would cover. Mayor stated that would be implemented when there is any municipal involvement with the Police Department. Mayor stated as to the mechanism the tower will be responsible for collecting the \$25.00 and it could be paid quarterly to the municipality. Mr. Zlotnick suggested a guide be implemented to submit to the parties involved. Mr. Kennedy stated the amendments are not clear as to when the \$25.00 fee is to be charged. Chief Register stated there are instances when a disabled motor vehicle needs to be taken from point A to point B, and does not feel the fee should be imposed unless the vehicle is stored. Mr. Graebener and Mayor St. Amour agreed with Chief Register. Clerk to prepare guidance material. Mr. Graebener made a motion to adopt seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

Hearing: Ordinance 18-2010 / Amending Chapter 225 / Trash Disposal & Recyclables: Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Graebener seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 225, Trash Disposal and Recyclables, 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 Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

Hearing: Ordinance 19-2010 / Amending Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-25 / Zoning Officer: Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Graebener seconded by Mr. Kennedy. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-25, of the Code of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey

Mayor reported this reduces the appointment from 4 years to 2 years and opened to the public. No public comment. Mayor entertained a motion to adopt; so moved by Mr. Graebener seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

Hearing: Ordinance 20-2010 / Appropriating \$10,000 from Capital Improvement Fund for HVAC Equipment: Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Kennedy. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

An Ordinance Appropriating \$10,000 from the Capital Improvement fund for the Purchase and Installation of HVAC Equipment for the Municipal Building, 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. Graebener seconded by Mr. Kennedy. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

Committee Reports:

Department of Administration: Ms. Polk reported Township Offices will be closed on Friday, December 31st for the New Year and the Adopt-a-Road clean up will be held on Saturday, January 8th, 10am beginning at the Egg Harbor Cemetery. Ms. Polk thanked Mayor St. Amour and Mr. Graebener for all their help and support and presented them with a gift card.

Department of Public Safety: Mr. Graebener reported the following for the 2010, 2011 summons were issued, 110 written warnings, 86 arrests, 56 D.W.I. arrests, 187 motor vehicle accidents were investigated and to date Officers handled 14,551 calls for service.

Department of Housing and Development: Mr. Gabris thanked Mayor St. Amour and Mr. Graebener for a pleasant and professional year.

Department of Public Works: Mayor reported the following: For the New Year the Transfer Station will be closed on January 1st and will reopen on January 2, 2011, weather permitting. 2011 recycling schedules are now available you may find them in the front lobby area. Please make sure to remove vehicles and basketball courts from streets during winter snow events. Mayor commended the Public Works Department for their work during this past weekend's snowstorm, noting he rode with them and understood the difficult job they have. Mayor added if you live on a dead end street, please do not park vehicles at the end because the trucks have nowhere to turn around.

Correspondence:

Notification of agricultural water use application for Variety Farms from an existing pond.

NJDEP is accepting comments regarding the FY 2011 annual fees for NJDPES Permits on January 6th, 9am in Trenton.

Resolution from Galloway Township supporting Assembly Bill #307 ending the Transitional Energy Facilities Assessment and capping the state use portion of state energy tax revenues.

Resolution from Estell Manor opposing the Assembly Bill #307.

Old Business:

Economic Advisory Members / Confirm Terms / Joe Maultz & Matt Savona / 3 Year Terms: Mayor reported it has been brought to his attention an error was made regarding the terms of these members, in that they should have been appointed for 3 years. Mr. Gabris made a motion to confirm the 3 year appointment for Mr. Maultz and Mr. Savona seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

Bus Stop Update: Clerk stated she contacted Egg Harbor City and was informed they have no agreements with New Jersey Transit for bus shelters. It was noted Egg Harbor City does have bus shelters.

New Business:

Resolution 137-2010 / Liquor License Renewal / Joshua Owheya: Mayor entertained a motion to renew; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

Resolution 138-2010 / Set Fees / Tire & White Good Permits: Mayor entertained a motion to set fees; so moved by Mr. Graebener seconded by Mr. Kennedy. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

Resolution 139-2010 / Inter-Local Agreement / ACIA / CDBG: Mayor entertained a motion to accept agreement for the Community Development Block Grant; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Kennedy. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

Waive Raffle Fee / Raffle 3-2010 / Mullica Recreation Association: Mayor entertained a motion to waive local fee; so moved by Mr. Gabris seconded by Mr. Kennedy. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

Approve 2011 Gravel Pit License / Kronmaier: Mayor entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Gabris seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

Approve 2011 Mobile Home Park License / Eastgate: Mayor entertained a motion to renew; so moved by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Mr. Gabris. Mr. Graebener stated the report from Code Enforcement noted repairs should be made to trailers. Clerk suggested the approval include a letter indicating repairs need to be made and Code Enforcement to be notified. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour. Nays: Mr. Graebener stated repairs should be made.

Payment of Bills: Mr. Kennedy so moved to approve the Bill List seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

Mayor noted no Executive Session is required and moved for the release of Executive Session Minutes as noted on the agenda, except for November 9th, 2010, which have yet to be approved.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes: Mr. Kennedy moved to release the Executive Session Minutes of: 1/12/10, 1/26/10, 2/9/10, 3/9/10, 3/23/10, 4/27/10, 5/11/10, 6/22/10, 7/27/10, and a portion of 9/28/10 seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

Public Discussion:

Ms. Joy Ramer thanked Mayor St. Amour and Committeeman Graebener for their tireless efforts that they have given to Mullica Township.

Ms. Jean Evans thanked Mayor St. Amour, Committeeman Graebener and Mr. Zlotnick for all their hard work.

Mayor closed the public portion and made the following statement. Mayor St. Amour stated what a great experience it was to be Committeeperson noting it was a tremendous learning experience. Mayor St. Amour stated the staff has been great to work with and thanked Ms. Johnson, Ms. Lupinetti, Ms. Stollenwerk, Mr. Berenato and his staff. Mayor stated during his tenure Committee strived for more open government, eliminated the procedure to sign-in to speak publicly, have had minimal tax increases,

reduced the ambulance service from \$50,000 to zero with an ambulance in Mullica, on-going effort in the area of Code Enforcement to apply the rules more fairly and to eliminate politically motivated actions and reversed the decision of previous administration which effectively took sides in a neighborly dispute by erecting unnecessary no parking signs. Mayor St. Amour acknowledged Chief Register and stated by promoting him to Chief and John Thompson to Captain they have taken the Police Department leaps and bounds. Mayor stated this Committee created a Director of Fire Department of Affairs so that all Fire Departments could be represented fairly and have an equal voice and thanked Jerry Critelli for a tremendous job. Mayor St. Amour reported they have kept Mullica rural by resisting public land sales to political insiders at discounted prices, instituted Sustainable Mullica, thanks to Ms. Polk, kept away outside interests who would harm Mullica, did not hire outside firms who see Mullica as a income source for unwanted development and avoided controversy that has blemished Mullica's reputation in the Press. Lastly Mayor St. Amour thanked his family for the time it took him to serve the community, thanked his fellow Committee members, Mr. Zlotnick and all their supporters.

Mr. Graebener made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson,
Municipal Clerk

BILL LIST

Aponte, Nellie 300.00 2010 Alliance Stipend Atlantic City Electric 1,966.17 October / December 2010
 Svc.Casa Payroll Services 119.35 August-December 2010 Service Rocco's Town House 718.38 Safety
 Dinner / Safety Lunch DiMeglio Septic, Inc. 65.00 June-December 2010 Services Deer Carcass Removal
 Services 120.00 November 2010 Services Hess Corporation 689.23 November/December 2010
 Service Crystal Springs 118.87 July-December 2010 Services Laurel Lawnmower Service Inc. 649.57 Snow
 Plow Parts MGA Printing Solutions 235.00 Dog Licenses Verizon Wireless 240.12 May-December 2010
 Services Nextel Communications 472.00 May-December 2010 Services Ancero 790.00 Nov./December
 Services South Jersey Gas Co. 879.10 Oct - December 2010 Services Thanks for Being Green 135.00 E-
 Waste Pickup Petroleum Traders 5,038.67 November Blanket Voucher / Dec. Purchases 2010 Val-U Auto
 Parts 278.78 November 2010 Blanket Voucher West Customer Service 783.00 Statute Updates Avaya
 Inc. 233.83 Maintenance Agreement Oct-Dec Biel, Zlotnick, Feinberg 2,843.00 November 2010
 Services Atlantic County Utilities Auth. 18,845.26 November 2010 Services Atlantic County
 Treasurer 5,736.64 Added/Omitted Johnson, Kimberly 105.00 2010 Mileage Reimbursement Treasurer, State
 of NJ 205.00 Water Use Permit - Rec NJ Dept of Health & Sr. Services 1.20 November 2010 State
 Fees Greater Egg Harbor Regional 138,156.94 December 2010 Levy Petty Cash 36.84 Reimburse Petty Cash

Current Fund Appropriations	0-01	179,390.75
Trust Fund Disbursements		371.20
Total of All Funds		179,761.95