

Regular Meeting June 8, 2010

**REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor St. Amour called the meeting to order at 7:00pm read the following statement and requested Mr. Kenneth Moore, Township Auditor, 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:** Kathy Stiles

**Approval of Committee Minutes:** Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, so moved by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

**Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items:** Mr. Jon Malkin asked if other items could be discussed. Mayor stated this portion is for agenda items, but other items may be entertained.

**Presentation: 2009 Municipal Audit:** Mr. Kenneth Moore, CPA, RMA, commented to the Governing Body as to how fortunate Mullica is to have so many good employees in every department. Mr. Moore commended the Governing Body for a healthy surplus; keeping the taxes stable and maintaining a high quality of financial stability. Mr. Moore reported there is one comment in the Management Letter regarding the Construction Office, which has been addressed, and there are no audit comments, as everything is running superbly. Mr. Gabris questioned the comment in the Construction Office. Mr. Moore stated the error was due to the software and it was not material. Mayor also thanked the municipal staff, and noted officials from other municipalities continually offer praise about our municipal employees.

**First Reading: Ordinance 11-2010 / Street Vacation / Portion of Third Street:** 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 to Vacate and Release From Dedication a Portion of Third Street Between Reading Avenue and Block 3923, Lot 1, in the Township of Mullica*

Mayor entertained a motion to approve and set hearing date for June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm; so moved by Mr. Graebener seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

**First Reading: Ordinance 12-2010 / Street Vacation / Portion of Hanover Avenue:** Mayor entertained

a motion to read by title; so moved by Ms. Kennedy seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour

*An Ordinance to Vacate and Release From Dedication a Portion of Hanover Avenue Between Pleasant Mills Road and Schiller Street, in the Township of Mullica*

Mayor entertained a motion to approve and set hearing date for June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm; so moved by Mr. Graebener seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Administration:** Ms. Polk thanked Ms. Johnson and Ms. Lupinetti for their work on Community Day. Ms. Polk reported the following the Mullica School District will be leasing the Hilda Frame School, if interested contact Lourdes LaGuardia for details at 561-3868 x. 124. The New Jersey Pinelands Commission has announced the lineup for this year's Pinelands Speaker Series, which features a variety of educational presentations that will be held at the Commission's headquarters in Pemberton Township, Burlington County. The presentations are free, except for save for the Rain barrel Workshop, is \$45, which includes materials to make a 55-gallon rain barrel that participants will take home with them. All of the tools to make the rain barrels will be provided. A link is posted in the Mullica Township web site.

Mullica Township School Information: -Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 7pm - Board of Education Meeting, School Library Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> - 8th Grade Awards Ceremony and 4th Grade Awards Ceremony; Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> - Early Dismissal Day-1:10 pm; Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> - 8th Grade Graduation; Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> last day of school with early dismissal, 1:10 pm. Mayor added Oakcrest Graduation is June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Revenue & Finance:** Mr. Kennedy reported the following: Closing on the \$489,000 Bond Anticipation Note occurred on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The funds were received and deposited into the Capital Fund Bank Account. Three bidders defaulted on payment of items on our last auction. The items will be rebid on [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) June 7<sup>th</sup> - June 18<sup>th</sup> and the items to be rebid are as follows: New back seats for Ford Crown Victoria, Emergency Medical Services Equipment and 1999 Ford Crown Victoria.

**Public Safety:** Mr. Graebener reported the following: Sweetwater Vol. Fire Company will be hosting a Car Wash on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 1pm at the Sweetwater Vol. Fire House located on Pleasant Mills Road in Sweetwater. The Car Wash is \$6.00. Also, there will be face painting, coffee and donuts, hot dogs, air brush tanning and a plant sale (flats, herbs, etc.) Rain date, Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 3pm. Elwood Volunteer Fire Company is holding a Motorcycle Run Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> with registration beginning at 9am until 10:45am at Atlantic City Cycle Center - 1181 White Horse Pike, Hammonton. Run begins sharply at 11:00am and finishes at Christina's Restaurant & Bar in Galloway. \$20.00 per bike - \$10.00 per passenger. Includes 1 roast beef sandwich, salad and chips, 1 beer, soda or water. Live music by the Time Travelers Band from 1-5, vendors, door prizes, t-shirts sales, raffles and more. For more information contact [evfc160@evfc160.com](mailto:evfc160@evfc160.com) or call 609-561-1992. A meeting was held with representatives from AtlantiCare on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The transition to AtlantiCare as the township's EMS provider is progressing smoothly, and they will assume responsibility for the service 12:01am on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Residents will not experience any service interruptions. Information on the transition is also available on

the township website.

**Housing & Development:** Mr. Gabris reported he met with management from Mullica Woods to address the concerns of the residents. During the meeting he was afforded a copy of the lease and rules and regulations, to determine responsibility. Mr. Gabris informed Committee the resident is responsible for the water from the stub up to the house and management is responsible for the trees. Currently management is trimming trees and have approximately 14 trees slated for removal. Mr. Gabris suggested the license should be renewed. Mr. Graebener asked about water pressure. Mr. Gabris stated the homeowners need to address maintenance and valves inside the homes. Ms. Polk suggested the Clerk send a letter to the President of the Homeowners regarding Mr. Gabris report. Mayor St. Amour suggested having the renewal of the license on the next agenda as an agenda item so the residents are aware it is up for discussion.

**Public Works:** Mayor St. Amour reported the following: Public Works are still chipping; currently in Sweetwater now and should be in Nesco area by end of the week. With the chipper being down and the large amounts of chipping to be completed it has taken an extra ordinary long time to make it through the whole Township. The new back hoe has arrived and will be operational shortly. County Board of Health has inspected the Transfer Station and we received an excellent rating. Mr. Graebener commended Public Works for the chipping which occurred at his home.

**Correspondence:**

West Nile Virus season is again upon us; therefore, if you see a dead bird which is intact contact the County Division of Health at 645-5971, ext. 4277.

Petition from citizens of Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District requesting the reinstatement of the Absegami Dance Program.

Letter of commendation from Hamilton Twp Police Department in appreciation for the actions of Officer Joseph Lupinetti which resulted in the capture of a defendant who conducted multiple burglaries in the County.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Accept Resignation / Vince Serzan / Patrolman:** Mayor entertained a motion to accept; so moved by Mr. Graebener seconded by Mr. Kennedy. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

**Accept Resignation David LoSasso / Building Maintenance Worker:** Mayor entertained a motion to accept; so moved by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour. Nays: Mr. Gabris.

**Resolution 72-2010 / Acceptance of Audit:** Mayor entertained a motion to accept the 2009 Audit; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

**Resolution 73-2010 / Pledge Municipal Support for New Jersey's Wildlife Action Plan:** Mayor entertained a motion to pledge support as an action for sustainable certification; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St.

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**Resolution 74-2010 / Retire Patrolman Serzan's Gun:** Mayor entertained a motion to retire handgun; so moved by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

**Resolution 75-2010 / In-Rem Foreclosure:** Mayor entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Kennedy. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

**Appoint Part-Time Laborer:** Mayor entertained a motion to appoint Mr. Robert Heckman based upon recommendation of Public Works Superintendent and Municipal Clerk; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour.

**Use of Facilities / Fee Waiver Request:** Mayor reported we have received a request to waive the fees for use of the soccer fields from Cedar Creek High School for use of both fields for approximately sixteen days for training. Mayor stated the maintenance and upkeep of the fields fall squarely on the back of Mullica taxpayers, where the Regional High School is deriving tax dollars to pay those fees from all the sending districts. Mayor stated the question is if we should be subsidizing the other sending districts. Mr. Graebener stated the Recreation Association has expressed their dissatisfaction with not receiving adequate funding for the fields. Mayor stated the he could not justify a hardship to waive fee required fees. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to deny the waiver seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour. Clerk stated it has been relayed to her that Cedar Creek may be requesting additional use of our fields and suggested addressing it in the response for the denial of the fee request.

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

#### **Public Discussion:**

Mr. Malkin thanked Committee for addressing the interests of all the taxpayers. Mayor stated \$1,600.00 is not a huge sum of money, but Committee needs to act in everyone's best interest.

Mr. Graebener suggested including the Recreation Association in any discussions with Cedar Creek regarding field usage.

Ms. Polk reminded Clerk to distribute the Pledge regarding support of the wildlife plan.

Mr. Gabris suggested a Committee to review moving the School Board Election to the General Election. Mayor agreed and suggested the possibility of moving the School Board to the Primary Election. Mr. Graebener believed this could be accomplished by a Resolution. Clerk stated there is pending legislature regarding this and she will gather information for the Governing Body.

Mayor closed the public portion and entertained a motion to adjourn; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Graebener, Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mayor St. Amour  
Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk

BILL LIST

Best Eastern Exterminating 90.00 Pest Control Services/April Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield 3,549.13 June  
 2010 Coverage Casa Payroll Services, LLC 221.60 May 2010 Services Crescent Tire & Auto,  
 Inc. 6,072.06 April, May 2010 Services Dimeglio Septic, Inc. 65.00 May 2010 Services G&P Floor  
 Maintenance 425.00 May-December 2010 Services Crystal Springs 114.31 April 2010 Services Lawmen  
 Supply Company of NJ 159.19 Gun Solvent/Target Ancero 790.00 May 2010 Services Rodio Tractor Sales,  
 Inc. 553.78 Tractor Plates / Tires / Repairs Spectera, Inc. 625.28 June 2010 Coverage The Daily  
 Journal 112.10 April Publications The Press 101.46 April 2010 Legal Ad / Special Exec Mtg. Petroleum  
 Traders 4,271.75 May 2010 Purchases Val-U Auto Parts 375.08 April 2010 Purchases Vital Services  
 Group 121.30 Farmland Assessment Forms Cody & Cody & Harward 200.00 Deed pres – Sewell  
 Landsale AA Auto Salvage 75.00 PW Plow Repairs Winchester Roofing Corp. 4,081.30 Municipal Roof  
 #2009-03 Biel, Zlotnick & Feinberg 2,754.17 May 2010 Services NJ Div of Alcohol Beverage 27.00 2010-  
 2011 License Applications NJ State Health Benefits Fund 42,911.46 June 2010 Coverages NJ Dept of  
 Health & Sr Services 25.20 April 2010 State Fees

Current Fund Appropriations	63,457.77
Trust Fund Disbursements	182.10
Improvement Authorizations	4,081.30
 TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	 67,721.17