

REGULAR MEETING APRIL 14, 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

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2015 Meeting; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: None.

Budget Hearing: 2015 Municipal Budget: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Nays: Mr. Silva.

2015 Budget of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic for the Fiscal Year 2015

Mayor Brown opened to the public. No public comment. Mayor Brown entertained a motion to adopt. Mr. Gabris urged Committee to budget funding in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the Hilda Frame School which building can be utilized by all residents of the community. Committee briefly discussed the building and the need for funding. Mayor suggested looking at different line items in the budget after adoption. Mr. Riffle moved to adopt the budget seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Nays: Mr. Silva.

Committee Reports:

Public Works: Ms. Rheault reported the following: Public Works have been busy patching roadways, thus far utilizing 15 ton of patch, chipping brush, repairing streets signs, and servicing of light equipment to prepare for spring season work. We received a call today from the County that the Jackson Road Bridge has been addressed; however, not completely according to Public Works. Ms. Rheault added we have been informed the County will address the 7th Avenue Bridge as well.

Department of Public Safety: Mr. Riffle reported the following: As of March the Fire Departments responded to 34 calls for service, they are beginning to have man power issues; however, junior membership is up. Director of Fire Affairs is working with the Clerk's Office to update the junior fire application for all companies. Currently Jim Scarpato of Sweetwater Fire is the acting safety officer. The Police Department, along with assistance by Atlantic Human Resources, will be installing a permanent medicine drop container in the lobby of the police department within the next couple of weeks. Residents will be able to properly dispose

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of any unwanted prescription, or over the counter medicines with no questions asked. Drop off hours will be during normal business hours.

Department of Administration: Mr. Gabris reported the following: Mullica Township Education Association is holding a Chili Cook-off Friday, April 17th from 5-8 p.m. at Senior Center (formerly Hilda Frame School) in Nesco. Chili entries \$20. Admission \$10. Per adult, \$5/child under Grade 5. Includes “tasting spoon” salad, roll, iced tea or lemonade, dessert. Wine and beer samples \$3.00 donation per glass; live entertainment and door prizes and more! Come out for a great evening. Tickets available at the school, as well as, at the door the day of the event. Mullica Senior Citizens meet at the Hilda Frame School in Nesco the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 12:00 p.m. The next Historical Society Meeting will be held April 21st at 7:00 p.m. Reminder the Environmental Commission Meeting will be held April 27, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room. 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.

Department of Revenue & Finance: Mayor Brown proposed a Resolution for the next agenda requesting the legislature and administration to adopt a more sensible approach to COAH (Council on Affordable Housing). Mayor Brown reported the following: 2014 Tax sale was conducted on April 8th. 104 properties were on the list. 42 were purchased by outside lien holders and the Township was left with 62 properties. Funds received from outside lien holders totaled \$92,047.59 with a total premium of \$144,200.00. Township liens retained were valued at \$16,754.51. Free Shredding Event for all Township Residents: In conjunction with Egg Harbor City, the Township will be holding a free shredding event on Saturday, April 25th from 9am – 1 pm at the old Crossfire parking lot (New York Avenue & Route 30).

Correspondence:

Atlantic City Electric is holding public hearing on Thursday April 23, 1 pm at their offices in Mays Landing regarding rates.

Notification that Pines Barrens Adventure Camp will be through Mullica on April 25th and April 26th.

Request from Assemblyman Auth that Mullica Township pass a Resolution supporting Assembly Bill 4235 the Transparent Tax Act of 2015.

Request from Atlantic County SPCA that Mullica adopt a tethering and extreme weather ordinance. Mr. Silva asked if there is a sample Ordinance. Clerk to distribute to Committee for consideration.

Old Business:

Resolution 61-2015 / Approving MTRA Loan #56-2013: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution 62-2015 / Confirming Property Sale / Block 6201, Lot 6: Mayor entertained a motion to confirm sale in the amount of \$5,560.00; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Request to Renew Temporary Trailer Permit / Mr. DePhillips: Committee discussed Mr. DePhillips request and the fact that no progress has been made to the dwelling. Mayor Brown made a motion to allow Mr. DePhillips 60 days to submit a sales agreement or vacate the property seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

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Discuss Commercial Tax Abatements: Mr. Gabris strongly expressed his desire to offer tax abatements to commercial property along the White Horse Pike, to hopefully attract commercial development to Mullica. Mayor stated it is a great idea; however, we need to put a lot of thought and planning into it. Mayor suggested having the Economic Development Committee research this and report back to the Governing Body. Ms. Rheault suggested having the Committee also research the former "Mill" which is for sale, possibly by a non-profit as a historic building for the arts. Mr. Silva suggested researching grants.

New Business:

Resolution 63-2015 / Self-Examination of 2015 Budget: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Silva, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Resolution 64-2015 / Renew 2015 Junkyard License / Capella & Sons / SJ Truck Auto Salvage: Mayor entertained a motion to renew licenses; so moved by Mr. Gabris seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

Resolution 65-2015 / Volunteer Theresa Tully: Mayor 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 66-2015 / Approve Cedar Creek Use of Facilities: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

Resolution 67-2015 / Appoint Temporary Part-Time Laborer / Benjamin Morse: 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.

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

Approve RFP / Township Labor Counsel: Mayor reported all collective bargaining contracts expire this year and entertained a motion to request proposals for labor counsel; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Public Discussion:

Mr. Frank Perona, Block 1801, Lot 5, asked if his property was on the tax sale Mayor Brown reported on in his Report. Clerk stated Block 1801, Lot 5, was foreclosed on in February 2015 by municipality. Mr. Perona stated he is a life-long resident, the property has been in his family for seventy years; therefore, asking Committee to please consider allowing him to purchase his property back. Ms. Siebold stated she will discuss with the Governing Body in Executive Session, as this matter is in litigation, and she will contact him directly.

Mr. Bud Walker stated the former Mill needs immediate repairs to be completed.

Ms. Tedders, 331 4th Avenue, requested her road be addressed, noting there are many potholes, adding she has a disabled child and it is difficult for vehicles to gain access to her home. Ms. Rheault stated this section of

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roadway is considered unopened and unimproved. Committee discussed with Ms. Tedders and agreed to research what can be done to the roadway.

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to enter Executive Session; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Clerk read the Resolution #5-2015 in full to, report on a Grievance filed by the PBA, James Wild vs. Mullica Township, to discuss the ejection of persons in wrongful possession of municipal property and to review Executive Session Minutes.

Mr. Silva moved to reconvene Regular Session at 8:45 pm seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body discussed the grievance filed by the PBA, James Wild vs. Mullica Township, the ejection of persons in wrongful possession of municipal property and reviewed Executive Session Minutes.

Approve Executive Session Minutes: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve the minutes of March 24, 2015; so moved Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown.

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

Lupinetti, Brittany	30.00	2015 Rabies Clinic
Alicea, Miriam	150.00	March Court Services
Animal Capture & Control Svc.	1,298.00	March / April 2015 Services
Atlantic City Electric	1,354.86	March Services
Barrett Asphalt Corporation	55.69	Bituminous Concrete
CAM Co.	280.50	Plow Repairs /Compactor Repairs
Casa Payroll Services, LCC	286.60	March Services
Dr. Kimberlee Glenn	205.00	2015 Rabies Clinic
Forman's Auto Body	11,495.82	2011 Charger Repairs
G&P Floor Maintenance	425.00	March Services
Direct Energy	1,918.89	March Services
UPS	22.93	Crossmatch Repair Shipping
Crystal Springs	89.02	February Services
Keeffe, Kimberly	30.00	2015 Rabies Clinic
Lowe's	59.78	PW Purchases
AE Stone, Inc.	801.00	Patch
MGL Printing Solutions	387.00	Resolution Books
Maguire & Maguire	187.50	March 2015 Services
Civil Solutions A Division	15,000.00	Tax Map Update Service Thru 3/15
The Hammonton Gazette	188.48	March Publications
Nehmad Perillo & Davis	2,500.00	March Retainer

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Verizon	382.52	Feb/March Services
Ancero	940.00	March Services
Porter Lee Corporation	919.00	Software Support 3/15-2/16
ACMJIF	50,347.00	2 nd Quarter Installment
Absecon Lock Service	174.00	Police Keys
ARCA Advanced Processing	296.00	AC Refrigeration Evacuation
Rodio Tractor Sales Inc.	32.43	Tractor Blade Guide
South Jersey Gas Co	1,379.05	March Services
Staples Advantage	380.32	Trash bags / Police Office Supplies
Swift, James	399.99	March 2015 Services
TCTA of NJ	600.00	Spring Conference
Truckmasters, Inc.	4,377.11	February / January Services
Petroleum Traders	759.88	January - March Purchases
Avaya Inc.	237.70	March Lease Installment
Cedar Creek Crew Booster Club	300.00	2014 Alliance Contribution
Calibre Press	249.00	FTD Seminar 11/16/15
Atlantic County Clerks Office	8.00	Record MTRA 59-2015
DeMichelle & DeMichelle	666.67	March 2015 Services
Acevedo, Zoraida	30.00	2015 Rabies Clinic
Kirkendoll, Sharon	30.00	2015 Rabies Clinic
NJ State Health Benefits Fund	72,255.32	April Premium
Corelogic Real Estate Tax Serv	577.75	Tax Refund Red 56-2015
Titherington, Jerry	216.00	Snow Plowing
Mullica Twp Board of Ed	318,249.66	Levy - May 2015
Weekstown Fire Company	2,624.00	Insurance Reimbursement

Current Fund4-01	19,377.11
Current Fund5-01	472,741.94
Grand Fund G-02	300.00
Total Fund T-03	778.42

Total of All Funds 493,197.47