

REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2016

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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, ON JANUARY 6, 2016 AND IN THE HAMMONTON GAZETTE, EGG HARBOR AND HAMMONTON NEWS ON JANUARY 13, 2016, AND POSTED AT TOWN HALL.

Roll Call:

Committee Present: Edward Hagaman, Christopher Silva, Larry Riffle, John Walther, Mayor Brown

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Tracy Siebold

CFO: Dawn Stollenwerk

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the budget minutes of the February 9, 2016 Meeting; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Silva, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Walther, Mayor Brown. Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016 Meeting; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Silva, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Walther, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: None.

First Reading: Ordinance #3-2016 / 2016 Salary Ordinance: Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries and Wages of Certain Officers and Employees of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey for the Year 2016

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve and set hearing for March 8, 2016; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

First Reading: Ordinance #4-2016 / Accept Land / Block 4109, Lot 1: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of Unimproved Land Designated Block 4109, Lot 1; on the Tax Map of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve and set hearing date for March 8, 2016; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

First Reading: Ordinance #5-2016 / Street Vacation / Old Egg Harbor Road between 6th & Grape: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

An Ordinance to Vacate and Release from Dedication Old Egg Harbor Road between Grape Avenue and Sixth Avenue in the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey.

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Committee Reports:

Development & Housing: Mr. Hagaman asked Committee to review for consideration suggested increased fees to Chapter 102, Construction Fees based upon suggestion of the Construction Official. Mr. Hagaman reported the State has adopted a new mechanical permit for residential replacement of heating and generator installations. These new permits will eliminate the fire permit allowing the Plumbing Inspector to cover the inspection.

Public Safety: Mr. Silva reported the following: Municipal Court collected \$21,581.84 for the month of January, 2016 and the municipality retained \$9,308.40. Year-to-date responses from Police Department, 10 burglaries; 5 drunk drivers; 67 ambulance calls; 7 fire calls; 59 firearms applications; 11 motor vehicle accidents; 352 motor vehicle stops; 666 property check; 18 suspicious motor vehicles; 10 suspicious persons; and 13 general thefts.

Public Works: Mr. Riffle reported the following: Public Works prepared and worked the recent snowstorm. Public Works have been busy preparing the vehicles and equipment for the auction, maintenance to vehicles, roadways and recreation complex, chipping, and pot hole patching throughout the township.

Administration: Mr. Walther reported the following: Municipal offices will be closed Friday, March 25, 2016 for Good Friday. 2016 Rabies Clinic will be held March 12th from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Yearly dog licenses will be available in the Municipal Office. \$5.00 spayed/neutered, non-spayed/non-neutered \$8.00. Licenses obtained after March 31st will be assessed a \$5.00 late fee. Mayor Brown suggested posting now the closing for Easter Sunday at the Transfer Station.

Revenue & Finance: Mayor Brown proposed first reading of the Budget be held on March 8th. Mr. Silva suggested another workshop meeting. Mayor reported the following: Reminder the Tax Sale is scheduled for April 6th for any unpaid 2015 property taxes. Advertising in the Hammonton Gazette will begin March 9th. Due to our employees outstanding performance in the 2015 Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Safety Incentive Program they have earned \$1,900 to be used in recognition of their safety accomplishments. Congratulations to our Fund Commissioner, Dawn Stollenwerk, Claim Coordinator Kimberly Johnson, members of the Safety Committee and all employees.

Correspondence:

Ordinance from Buena Vista Township amending their Code relating to Animals.

Resolution from Galloway and Egg Harbor City Opposing petition before Board of Public Utilities regarding discontinuance of copper landline by Verizon.

Public Hearing regarding South Jersey Gas rates will be held on Friday February 29th, 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm at the Voorhees Township Municipal Court.

Correspondence from Sustainable Mullica seeking contributions to the schoolyard garden's greenhouse. Checks can be made to Sustainable Mullica.

Old Business:

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Resolution #46-2016 / Authorizing Temporary Emergency Personnel / Snow Removal: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All vote yes.

Resolution #47-2016 / Confirm Land Sale / Block 10822, Lot 4 / George & Kristene Miller: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to confirm the sale; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

New Business:

Resolution #48-2016 / Approve CFO Contract / 2016 – 2020: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Walther seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #49-2016 / Approve Chief of Police Contract / 2016 – 2020: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #50-2016 / Appoint Recycling Tonnage Grant Application: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #51-2016 / Renew Junkyard License/ Pete Capella & Sons: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to renew; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #52-2016 / Renew Mullica Woods Mobile Home Park License: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to renew; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #53-2016 / Adopt Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan / Emergency Management: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #54-2016 / Approve Fire Membership Application / Weekstown Volunteer Fire Company / Matthew Williams: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve membership; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Payment of Bills: Mayor Brown expressed his concerns with utilizing two vendors for the maintenance of our municipal vehicles, noting we previously had a Contract with T-Masters from 2013. Committee briefly discussed the maintenance, towing, parts, etc. regarding municipal vehicles and suggested the CFO prepare a Request for Proposal. Mr. Silva stated we should do whatever is most cost effective. Ms. Stollenwerk stated in January the Governing Body adopted a Resolution authorizing State Contract Vendors, which included T-Masters and Crescent. Mr. Hagaman made a motion to direct the CFO to create RFP for maintenance of vehicles seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Mayor entertained a motion to approve the Bill List so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Silva, Mr. Walther, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown, except for Vendor #6917.

Public Discussion:

Ms. Barb Sarraf, noting her husband is a Mullica Township Police Officer and on the PBA Negotiation Committee, expressed her concern with the Chief of Police suggesting the Rank and File go to arbitration, that the Chief of Police contract is being ratified before the Rank and File and asked if Chief is receiving an increase. Mayor replied he is receiving a raise and that he agreed to the terms of his contract in January. Ms.

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Sarraf suggested Chief Thompson be on site and plow during snowstorms as Emergency Management Coordinator instead of adopting Resolution #46-2016. Ms. Sarraf stated Chief Thompson hired an outside agency for an internal investigation regarding a Police Officer, noting the agency (a friend of the Chief) was hired in June and the Officer was not interviewed until October. Ms. Sarraf asked if Committee was aware. Mayor stated we cannot comment on an investigation. Ms. Sarraf questioned Chief Thompson’s leadership in the Department noting the Committee is not aware of happenings in the Department that should be brought to light and that he should be kept on a tighter leash.

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to enter Executive Session; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Silva, Mr. Walther, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Clerk read Resolution ES#4-2016 in full, to be updated on ejection of persons in wrongful possession of municipal property, updated on COAH, contract negotiations, matter of personnel, and to review Executive Session Minutes.

Mr. Silva moved to come back to Regular Session at 8:45 pm seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Silva, Mr. Walther, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 26th and February 9th 2016; so moved by Mr. Silva, with the exception when he recused himself, seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body was updated on contract negotiations for managerial employees and bargaining units, discussed an ADA Complaint, discussed potential litigation, updated on ejection of persons in wrongful possession of municipal property, updated on COAH, discussed matters of personnel and reviewed Executive Session Minutes.

Mr. Silva made a motion to give Chief Thompson the authority to hire Joseph Farina based upon the PBA Contract being ratified and upon receipt of an irrevocable letter of resignation from Patrolman Spencer seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to adjourn; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk

BILL LIST

Atlantic Coast Alarm, Inc.	375.00	Alarm Testing
Atl. Cnty. Asso Chief of Police	525.00	2016 Dues
Atlantic City Electric	2,820.28	January 2016 Services
Butterhof’s Farm & Home Supply	41.85	Snow Shovels
C.A.M. Co.	394.66	Plow & Plow Trucks Repairs
Crescent Service, LLC	146.10	R&R Battery / Tire

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Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh	403.70	Vacate Foreclosure
Community Mediation Services	175.00	Mediation Services
Cuviello, Tiffany A.	1,595.00	COAH Services
National Fire Protection Assoc.	175.00	2016 Dues
MGL Printing Solutions	65.00	Court General Account
Mid Atlantic Salt	12,248.84	Salt
Maguire & Maguire	150.00	Kowalski Escrow Svc./January Services
Civil Solutions, A Division	1,800.00	Services thru 1/17/16
The Hammonton Gazette	134.54	Workshop Meeting / February 2016 Publications
NJ DRE Association	35.00	2016 Dues
Verizon	245.69	January Services
NJ Police Traffic Officer Assoc.	50.00	2016 Dues
NJ Planning Officials	325.00	2016 Dues
Sprint Spectrum	368.90	February Services
Unitedhealthcare Insurance Co.	782.18	March Services
Truckmasters, Inc.	2,739.57	January Services
The Daily Journal	18.06	Budget Workshop Meetings
The press	156.79	January Publications
Petroleum Traders	4,284.04	1 st Quarter 2016 Purchases
Vital Services Group	776.98	Notice of Assessment Cards
Marathon Engineering Inc.	2,078.46	5 th Ave. Project / SJ Gas St Opening Reading
Cedar Creek Prom Project	2,885.00	Alliance Contribution 2016
Atlantic County Utilities Auth.	12,904.29	January Services
Comcast	310.09	February Services
Comcast Business	371.31	February Services
CSM	3,100.80	Panasonic Toughpad
Giardina, Joseph	360.00	Tuition Reimbursement
Gruccio, Pepper, DeSanto & Ruth	3,727.50	January 2016 Services
NJ Division of Pensions	38.28	January 2016 DCRP

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Cape Atlantic SCD	915.00	Indian Cabin Project
Rutgers University	195.00	Park Mgmt Course
Stollenwerk, Robert	187.50	Snow Removal
Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service	992.59	Tax Refund 10001/24
Lereta Corporation	690.41	Tax Refund 1209/1
Sweetwater Fire Co.	425.05	FEMA Reimb/June Storm

Grant Fund 5-01	7,821.24
Current Fund6-01	48,968.77
Grant Fund G-02	2,885.00
Trust Fund T-03	338.46

Total of All Funds 60,013.46