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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, Larry Riffle, Christopher Silva, John Walther, Mayor Brown

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Tracy Siebold

CFO: Dawn Stollenwerk

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016 Meeting; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Riffle, Mr. Walther. Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held April 18, 2016; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Riffle, Mr. Walther.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: None.

Committee Reports:

Development & Housing: Mr. Hagaman reported the following: For the month of April the Construction Department issued 26 new permits which included ground and roof mount solar systems, gut and rehab a single family dwelling, generator and remove above ground tank. The remaining new permits were for alterations. The Construction Office collected \$5,473.00 in fees of which \$505.00 is remitted to the State. The Zoning Department issued 6 Zoning Permits, and 5 Maintenance Certificates. The Zoning/Housing Department collected \$375.00. Mayor stated the report from Community Champions for the registration of bank owned homes has about 13 registrations which equates to \$3,900.00. Mayor suggested that the money be utilized for clean-up of unsafe structures. Ms. Stollenwerk stated we cannot dedicate the funds as it is not an approved Dedication by Rider, but noted the funds will go into the surplus.

Department of Public Safety: Mr. Silva reported the following: Municipal Court collected \$20,499.66 for the month of April, 2016 and the municipality retained \$8,911.57. Captain Zeck, Detective Lupinetti, and Detective Spencer received letters of Commendation for their efforts in an investigation that led to arrest and recovery of \$8,000 in cash to the victim. Home invasion occurred this morning in the Sweetwater Haven section of the Township, the victim was burglarized and assaulted, suspects are traveling in a black or dark color 4-door sedan. Please contact the Police Department if you have any information.

Public Works: Mr. Riffle reported the following: The Transfer Station will be closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day. Public Works has been maintaining the Recreational Facilities cutting the grass and repairs. Serviced small equipment and cleaned the shop. Checked the storm drains in the township and cleaned out and removed an old damaged storm drain pipe on 7th and New Hampshire Avenue in Sweetwater.

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Mr. Riffle asked Committee to consider that the Transfer Station not accept fluorescent bulbs and televisions. He stated we are collecting more bulbs than Atlantic County and noted the bulbs are a safety hazard and we do not have the means to recycle them properly. Mr. Riffle stated televisions have also become a huge problem. CFO stated the fee has increased, noting it is 18 cents a pound and we are up approximately \$3,000.00. Committee discussed requiring a special permit for large televisions.

Department of Administration: Mr. Walther reported the following: Elwood Gaskill United Methodist Church, 2nd Annual Summer Yard Sale, Saturday, June 25, 2016 - 7:00 a.m. – Noon, breakfast/lunch available for purchase. Table space is available for rent \$15.00 (You must provide your own table.) Bike Events are scheduled through our Township on May 22, 2016 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. for Pro Pedals. Also, June 12, 2016 from 7 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for American Cancer Society. Please use caution during these events. Nesco Vol. Fire Company will be holding a coin drop on May 29th at 3521 Nesco Road. The VFW will be holding a Memorial Day Service, Monday, May 30th at 9:30 a.m. at the Batsto Church. After the service the Mullica in the Pines Historical Society will host a social under the trees at the Hilda Frame School. Township offices will be closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day. June 4th is the Annual Community Day. All are welcome to participate or attend. Registration forms are available at the front desk or on the Township website.

Department of Revenue & Finance : Mayor Brown reported the following: The Township qualified for the JIF 2015 Safety Incentive “Safety Excellence” Award and received \$1900 to be used for the purchase of safety equipment and to enhance the Township’s safety activities. Mayor thanked Safety Committee for their efforts. The Township is conducting an on-line auction at govdeals.com from May 10 – June 1, 2016. A list of items being auctioned is also available on the Township website. The Township held a note sale on April 27th for the 2010/2013 Bond Anticipation Notes. Only 1 bid was received from Oppenheim & Co., at a net rate of 2.231%. We attempted to negotiate a private sale to obtain a better result, but were unsuccessful. Closing is scheduled for May 12th. An \$86,875 principle payment will be made, leaving a balance of \$407,125 outstanding on these notes. We need to schedule a special meeting to award the bid for Reconstruction of Indian Cabin Road that will be opened on May 12th. Mr. Hagaman moved to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, May 16th at 9am seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Correspondence:

Resolutions from Hamilton Township and Town of Hammonton opposing licensed casinos outside of Atlantic City.

Old Business:

Resolution #73-2016 / Rescinding Bonuses of GEHR School Administrators: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #74-2016 / Appoint Bankruptcy Attorney / Walter Gavigan: Mayor entertained a motion to appoint; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #75-2016 / Confirm Land sale Block 11306, Lots 1-8 & 10-16 / Howery: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to confirm the sale; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Hagaman.

Discuss Elwood Water Storage Tank: Mayor appointed Mr. Walther, Director of Administration and Mr. Riffle, Director of Public Works to meet with the Recreation Association, Fire Company and Emergency Management to

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put a plan together to submit to the Governing Body. Mayor noted that there are many issues to be addressed, which include, engineering, open space, DEP, safety, etc.

Approve RFP – Vehicle Maintenance: Mayor expressed his concern with State Contract Vendor pricing and wants Committee to research and review this proposal. Mayor expressed his dissatisfaction with a current vendor claiming they are a State Contract Vendor and not charging us state contract price. Mr. Silva asked if this RFP includes tires. CFO stated the RFP does not because the vendor we utilize is in a co-op, she added that we are following our Purchasing Policies and Procedures. Committee requested the Municipal Clerk send a letter asking confirmation to the vendor regarding if they are a State Contract Vendor and/or if they will charge the state contract vendor pricing or better.

Mr. Critelli cautioned Committee that if they have a good vendor to stick with them, noting going out for RFP's is not always cost effective. Mr. Jack O'Hara suggested going directly to the vendor and requesting the information. Ms. Siebold stated letters will provide a paper trail.

New Business:

Resolution #76-2016 / Approve Inter-Local Agreement / School Resource Officers: Mayor entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Silva, suggested considering in the future that the School Board establish their own School Officer, due to lack of personnel, noting we are limited by State Statute for Class II Officers, seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #77-2016 / Refund Taxes / Block 10001, Lot 17 / Disabled Veteran: Mayor entertained a motion to refund; so moved by Mr. Walther seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #78-2016: Approve Lease Agreement / Interstate Billboard, L.P.: Mayor Brown indicated as suggested by Legal Counsel to table this Resolution.

Resolution #79-2016: Awarding Contract / Mobile Radios / New London: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to award contract; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #80-2016: Approve Local 108 / Government Workers Contract 2016 – 2019: Mayor Brown entertained a motion approve; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #81-2016: Approve PBA Local 77 / Rank & File/ Superiors Contract 2016-2019: Mayor Brown entertained a motion approve; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #82-2016: Approve Municipal Clerk Contract 2016 – 2020: Mayor Brown entertained a motion approve; so moved by Mr. Walther seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #83-2016: Chapter 159 / Click It or Ticket: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to insert \$5,000.00 into the budget; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #84-2016: Chapter 159 / CDBG: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to insert funding into the budget; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Accept Resignation Part-time laborer / Neil Garrity: Mayor entertained a motion to accept; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

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Appoint Chief of Fire Affairs / Jerry Critelli: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to appoint; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Mayor thanked Chief Critelli for his service and support of this Committee.

Payment of Bills: Mayor expressed his dissatisfaction with charges from Crescent Tire and stated he will be voting no on their bills. Mayor entertained a motion to approve the Bill List; so moved by Riffle seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mr. Walther. Nays: Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion: None.

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to enter Executive Session; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Clerk read Resolution ES 8-2016 in full, to discuss, Update on ejection of persons in wrongful possession of municipal property, policies, contract negotiations and to review Executive Session Minutes.

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to come back to Regular Session at 8:00 pm; so moved by Mr. Walther seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body was updated on an ejection of persons in wrongful possession of municipal property, discussed township policies and reviewed the Executive Session Minutes of April 12, 2016.

Approve Executive Session Minutes: Mr. Silva so moved to approve the minutes of April 12,, 2016 seconded by Mayor Brown. RCV: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Riffle, Mr. Walther.

Mr. Hagaman moved to adjourn seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk