

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 26, 2013
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, EGG HARBOR AND HAMMONTON NEWS ON JANUARY 9, 2013, AND POSTED AT TOWN HALL.

Roll Call:

Committee Present: Anthony Gabris, Ed Hagaman, Larry Riffle, Mayor Brown

Committee Absent: Barbara Rheault

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Elias Manos

CFO: Dawn Stollenwerk

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2013 Meeting; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: Ms. Beth Schroeder-Buonsante asked if there would be another public portion. Mayor stated yes at the end of the agenda.

First Reading: Ordinance #5-2012 / Street Vacation / Washington Avenue between 21st & 22nd: Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

An Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance to Vacate and Release Dedication Washington Avenue between 21st and 22nd Avenues, in the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey"

Hearing: Ordinance #3-2013 / Amend Chapter 34, Personnel Policy / School Resource Officer: Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 34, Personnel Policies, Section 34-4, Officers & Employees, Duties of the Code of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey

Mayor Brown opened to the public; no public comment. Mayor entertained a motion to adopt; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Hearing: Ordinance #4-2013 / CAP Waiver: Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

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Committee Reports: Public Safety: Mr. Riffle reported the following: The annual Easter Egg Hunt was a success; approximately 200 children were in attendance. Thank you to all of our sponsors! A shooting occurred in the Wharton Park section at approximately 12:30am this past Saturday morning. The police department is requesting assistance. Witnesses are urged to call the police department. Early this morning the F.B.I. conducted a fugitive sweep across Atlantic County, our police department assisted in the efforts. A Sean Murphy 35 currently residing in Sweetwater was arrested. Murphy was a fugitive out of two states. Murphy was also found to be in a possession of a significant quantity of cocaine at the time of his arrest. He was lodged in the Atlantic County Jail. Mullica Town Watch is holding their monthly meeting March 28th at 7 pm in the Weekstown Fire House. The speaker is a Secret Service Agent who will be detailing ways to recognize and thwart predators in the cyber world. This evening we will be accepting the resignation of Officer Creamer and based upon the recommendation of Chief Thompson I recommend we hire Michael Jamerson effective April 1st or as soon as he is released from his duties from Paulsboro Township.

Administration: Mr. Gabris reported the following: Municipal offices will be closed Friday, March 29th in observance of Good Friday. Please join us in celebrating Mullica Township's 175th Anniversary on June 1, 2013; we are currently seeking vendors, volunteers and ideas to be a part of our Birthday festivities! If you are interested in any of the above, please contact the Township Clerk's Office. Mullica Township is accepting Request for Proposals for Animal Control Services. Deadline for submission is April 10th at 10:00 am. More information is available on our web site or the Township Clerk's Office. Nesco Volunteer Fire Company is holding a Hoagie Sale Tuesday, April 16th; hoagies are \$5.00 each call or fax orders to 609-561-6791. Mr. Gabris noted there is a new ownership of the Old Playhouse on Pleasant Mills Road and added they are doing a tremendous job of cleaning up the property. Mr. Gabris mentioned that last week we lost 3 well-known Mullica Township residents and asked that we keep them in your thoughts or prayers, John Perona, Betsy Rabush and Jim Romeo. Mayor Brown requested everyone stand for a Moment of Silence.

Revenue & Finance: Mayor Brown reported the Township received the 2012 Safety Excellence Award from the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. The township met or exceeded all of the requirements of the safety incentive program. Congratulations to all our employees who played an important role in this achievement.

Correspondence:

Correspondence from Assemblymen Amodeo & Brown requesting DOT addresses the drainage issue on 5th Avenue. Mayor Brown stated tomorrow morning he is meeting with the Governor's Office to discuss this.

Atlantic County will hold a public hearing on May 7th, 6pm at the Canale Training Center regarding the proposed expansion of the County Firing Range at River Bend Park in EHT.

Old Business:

Certificate of Occupancy Discussion: Mr. Hagaman reported the amendments are currently being reviewed by the Construction Office. Mr. Gabris stated it is important that chimneys be required to have a cap.

New Business:

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Mayor reported he received a complaint from property owners on Richards Avenue regarding the berm that has been washed out which has created water to run across the roadway, therefore washing out the roadway. Mayor entertained a motion to have Public Works address the berm to alleviate the problem; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Accept Resignation Officer John Creamer: Mayor read resignation letter in full addressed to Chief Thompson and entertained a motion to accept the resignation; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Mayor Brown read a Memorandum from Chief Thompson noting that the resignation of Officer John Creamer will create an overtime issue and requested that advertising and hiring be expedited. Mayor entertained a motion to advertise so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Resolution 50-2013 / Alliance Grant: Mayor entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Resolution 51-2013 / Shared Services Agreement / Mullica School / School Resource Officer: Mayor entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Mayor Brown reported Ms. Rheault had questioned the union representation of these employees, either the school or PBA and Mayor confirmed they are employees of the municipality and not in any bargaining unit.

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

Public Discussion:

Ms. Beth Schroeder-Buonsante, 1030 Columbia Road, asked what the status of the Municipal Court, in reference to rumors of possible consolidation and the possible time-line. Mayor responded that they are exploring opportunities with another Township for a shared services agreement with the Municipal Court, with a possible savings of \$40,000-\$60,000 a year, no formal action has been taken, the communication is ongoing and if it does not happen by July the savings would not be beneficial. Ms. Schroeder-Buonsante asked the Committee consider the long-time employee who is also a resident, as well as many other considerations. She thanked Committee for considering tax savings, but noted once we give away a service it is difficult to regain it back. Ms. Schroeder-Buonsante referenced a report by the NJ Courts, which has a lot of considerations and noted that some of these shared services fail within the first year. Mayor reported he had a session today with the Township's CFO and Chief of Police and more questions and concerns were raised that need to be addressed. Ms. Schroeder-Buonsante requested that all of Mullica's interests are best represented, not just the cost benefit and that Committee does not rush to judgment.

Mr. Francis Paulsgraf referenced Mr. Gabris comment regarding chimney caps should also be addressed on wood burning stoves. Mr. Gabris stated yes for any wood burning item. Mr. Paulsgraf asked who pays the overtime for the police officer who is stationed by the utility workers. Mayor stated the utility company reimburses the costs, but Mayor stated this needs to be addressed, because the he does not feel the amount is equal to our amount.

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Mr. Gabris stated he has been asked about clothing boxes that are being placed around the municipality and if we should consider addressing them. Mayor Brown stated he has been notified by farmers in the community that the clothing boxes on the farms, are helping in keeping the areas clean.

Mayor Brown closed the public portion and entertained a motion to enter Executive Session; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Clerk read Resolution ES 5-2013 in full to discuss possible litigation and to review Executive Session Minutes.

Mayor entertained a motion to return to Regular Session at 8:00 pm; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body discussed a personnel issue in the Police Department, possible litigation, pending litigation regarding James Wild, shared services regarding the Municipal Court and reviewed Executive Session Minutes.

Approve Executive Session Minutes: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2013; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson,
Municipal Clerk

BILL LIST

Lupinetti, Brittany	30.00	2013 Rabies Clinic
Atlantic Coast Alarm	528.00	Service Call/Fire Test
Alicea, Miriam	150.00	3/5, 3/19 Court Session
Atlantic City Electric	2,306.19	February 2013 Services
Barrett Asphalt Corp	133.12	Bituminous Concrete
Best Eastern	90.00	Service 1/31/13
Casa Payroll Services, LLC	269.55	Casa Payroll Services
Dr. Kimberlee Glenn	175.00	2013 Rabies Clinic
EJT Custom Exteriors	5,000.00	MTRA Roof
G&P Floor Maintenance	425.00	February 2013 February 2013 Services
General Code Publishers	1,195.00	2013 E Code Maintenance
George Senn Co., Inc.	4.03	Irrigation Parts
Goloff, Carol	187.50	March 2013 Services
Hess Corporation	596.12	March 2013 Services
Keeffe, Kimberly	30.00	2013 Rabies Clinic
AE Stone Inc.	763.60	HPP/UPM Cold Patch
Val-U Auto Parts	228.72	February 2013 Purchases
MDG Environmental	2,167.50	IAQ Inspection
Barker, Scott Gelfand	4,189.34	February 2013 Services
Nehmad Perillo & Davis	2,500.00	March 2013 Services
Verizon	193.09	February 2013 Service
Verizon Wireless	200.15	March 2013 Service
Nextel Communications	485.47	March 2013 Services

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Ancero	2,065.00	March Services
Pitney Bowes Credit Corp	585.00	Dec-March 2013 Lease Install
R&R Radar Inc.	120.30	Radar Repair
South Jersey Gas Co.	398.03	March 2013 Services
South Jersey Healthcare	50.00	Physical Exam-Level 1
Unitedhealthcare Insurance	718.20	April 2013 premium
The Daily Journal	4.94	PT Laborer Ad
Thanks For Being Green	135.00	E-Waste Pick Up
Petroleum Traders	3,173.01	1 st Quarter 2013 Purchase
The Scrap Tire Recycling	279.25	Tire Disposal
Vital Services Group	204.00	February 2013 Services
Walmart	167.52	Easter Egg Hunt Supplies
Avaya Inc.	237.70	March Lease Installment
Office Basics	915.95	Offices Supplies /Shredder
Marathon Engineering	2,290.00	Escrow, Mullica Sun, Whitetail, Bowers, Jiapello, Reading Ave, Zoning Questions, GIS Data Research
Atlantic County Utilities Auth	13,701.68	February 2013 Services
Acevedo, Zoraida	30.00	2013 Rabies Clinic
Thompson, John C Jr.	612.68	Easter Egg Hunt Supplies, Reimbursement/Investigation
NJ Division of Pensions	250,693.65	2013 Pensions Contributions, Contr 2/23 & 3/2
NJ State Health Benefits Fund	65,715.74	March 2013 Premium
Greater Egg Harbor Regional	212,732.93	March 2013 Levy
Mullica Twp Board of Ed	312,180.00	April 2013 Levy

Current Fund	3-01	881,913.41
Total Fund	T-03	7,574.55
Total of All Funds		889,487.96