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

Committee Absent: Edward Hagaman

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Michael Peacock

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016 Meeting; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Proclamation: Mr. Harry Craig / 50 Year Volunteer Firefighter: Chief Gary Franklin, Sweetwater Fire Company, stated Mr. Craig is an outstanding citizen and is privileged to work with him. Mayor acknowledged resident and volunteer Harry Craig and presented him with a Proclamation on behalf of the Governing Body for his dedicated years of service as a volunteer fireman.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: None.

First Reading: Ordinance #10-2016 / Street Vacation / Portion of 8th Avenue: 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 Entitled "An Ordinance to Vacate and Release From Dedication Eighth Avenue, a Paper Street, Between Pennsylvania Avenue and the end of Block 7703, Lot 3, in the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey"

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve and set the hearing date for August 23rd at 7pm; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Committee Reports:

Department of Public Safety: Mr. Silva reported the following: Five suspects have been charged in connection with the home invasion that occurred in May in Sweetwater. Three of the five have been arrested, two are outstanding. A media release will be issued this week detailing the individuals involved. New hires: One of the two backgrounds is done, the other is nearly complete, and physicals will be scheduled shortly. Police Department has had several individuals and groups visit the station in the past two weeks expressing their appreciation and support of the police department in light of recent national events. Mr. Silva reported the following from Chief Thompson: "We live in a great community, I am honored to serve in it. Thank you to all that has contacted us." Mr. Silva reported the following calls from June 21 – July 26; abandoned 911 calls 12; burglar alarms 40; bank bags 17; burglary 1; disable motor vehicles 13; disputes 3; disturbances 3; domestics 12; drunk driver 8; ambulance calls 45, fire 12; firearm applications 29; harassment 1; mail transport 29;

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missing person 2; motor vehicle accident 18; motor vehicle stop 251; noise complaint 6; overdose 1; pedestrian stop 10; property check 384; sex offender registration 1; sexual assault 1; suspicious motor vehicle 20; suspicious person 8; unwanted person 5; vehicle maintenance 11; warrant service 4. Mayor Brown stated alarms seem increasingly high and questioned if Ordinance is being followed. Mr. Silva to review. Mayor reported we are looking into other means for bank bag and mail transportation. Mr. Walther stated he is awaiting a price from the bank.

Department of Public Works: Mr. Riffle reported the following: Public Works has continued with cleaning of the vegetation around the telephone poles and guide wires also the road signs and street signs / guard rails. Keeping up with chipping, patching and maintaining recreational complex. Also, welding repairs made to the wheel on trash container, seat frame on case wheel loader, mowing deck on brush hog. Cleaned wind storm debris on Heidelberg Avenue. Mr. Silva thanked Mr. Sperlak for saving costs by doing welding in house.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

Mayor stated at the next meeting he will have information regarding the county and school increases regarding our tax rates.

New Business:

Resolution #108-2016 / Appoint Part-time Laborer / Michael Neals: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to appoint; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #109-2016 / Extend 3rd Quarter Tax Payment: Mayor entertained a motion to extend; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #110-2016 / Cancel Taxes & Refund Taxes / Block 408, Lot 15: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to set cancel and refund; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #111-2016 / Waive Permit Fees / Mullica Historical Society: Mayor entertained a motion to waive; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #112-2016 / Renew Junkyard License / Green Day Auto Recyclers: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to renew; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #113-2016 / Approve Coin Drop / Weekstown Volunteer Fire Company / 10-16-2016: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Payment of Bills: None.

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-12-16 in full to discuss contract negotiations and to review Executive Session Minutes. Mayor entertained a motion to come back to Regular Session at 7:55 pm;

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so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body discussed safety issues, attorney client relationships, ethics, and on-going investigations, was updated on contract negotiations and unlawful persons in municipal property and reviewed Executive Session Minutes.

Approve Executive Session Minutes: Mr. Silva moved to approve the minutes of June 28, 2016, seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Mr. Silva moved to direct Department Heads that prior to contacting Municipal Legal Counsel, approval needs to be given by Directors of said Department seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Mr. Silva made a motion to direct Chief Thompson for Atlantic County Prosecutors Directive on Internal Affairs seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk