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

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Tracy Siebold

CFO: Dawn Stollenwerk

Chief of Police: John Thompson

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2016 Meeting; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mr. Walther, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Hagaman.

Mayor stated there was a Proclamation for Farmers Johns' 30 Years of Business which will be presented at the next meeting and that Old Business will be discussed after Public Discussion.

Presentation: Mr. Toussaint / Ordinance Amendments / Chapter 144: Clerk explained these changes would need to be presented to the Pinelands Commission prior to Committee adopting. Mr. Toussaint, Zoning Official gave the following overview of the suggested Ordinance amendments which have been deemed consistent with the 2010 Master Plan by the Planning Board (letter dated April 19, 2016 from Township Planner). Recommend Changes: *Chapter 144-48 Fees. K. Zoning Permit Anything other than a single family dwelling: \$35.00 - fees should be consistent for pools, sheds, etc., basic fee for accessory structures as it takes the same amount of time to review. 144-123A. Accessory Structures (3) Maximum square footage for a residential accessory building will be 850 square feet, (4) Agricultural accessory building must be located on a lot that qualifies for farmland assessment and is actively farmed.* - There was no maximum and it was not clear; 850 square feet is a typical three car garage, anything larger would require a variance. Agricultural accessory structures are treated differently as long as it is active. *Chapter 144-113. Scenic Corridor Conditions. C. Signs, to be combined with Chapter 144-123-BB. Signs. - makes it smoother and easier to locate sign controls. Chapter 144-123 BB. Sign Controls add the following: BB. (2) E. Square Footage. Square footage of freestanding signs shall have a maximum square footage of 50 (fifty) feet. BB. (2) (b) [2] [c]. Setback for freestanding signs in all zoning districts shall have a setback from the property line of fifteen (15) feet.* - there was no setbacks for signs on a state highway. Add - BB. (3)(b)[6]. *Permitted Signs. Temporary signs advertising Political parties or candidates for election of special events should be erected no more than thirty (30) days prior and must be removed within five (5) days after the date of the election and/or event in all zoning districts.* - This sets a time limit. *Chapter 144-123 J. Height limitations. (1). Height limitations in a flood zone shall be measured from a point two feet above the federal base flood elevation (BFE) to the top of the highest part of the roof, regardless of the roof structural configuration.* - in conjunction with the Township Engineer this formula is being included due to the 35 foot height limitation. Chapter 144-123 K. Home occupations. (Add) *Commercial vehicles associated to the Home Occupation are limited to one. No employee parking shall be permitted.* -

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There were no limitations. *(3) The Home Occupation shall not be conducted within any accessory structure located on the property. No outside storage of materials is permitted.* – This will maintain a residential area.

Mr. Riffle asked about business that are established as Home Occupations with more than one vehicle. Mr. Toussaint stated anyone who had prior approval would be grandfathered in.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: None.

Committee Reports:

Department of Housing: Mr. Hagaman reported the following for the month of July: Construction Department issued 25 new permits which included roof mount and ground mount solar systems, above ground pool, replacement of existing porch, shed and decks. The remaining new permits were for roofing, siding, service etc. The Construction Office collected \$6,223.00 in fees of which \$448.00 is remitted to the State. The Zoning Department issued 10 Zoning Permits, and 5 Maintenance Certificates. The Zoning/Housing Department collected \$675.00.

Department of Public Safety: Mr. Silva stated Committee had been examining the Police Department's assistance to other agencies. He reported Chief Thompson requested his Officers keep a log of how many other agencies assist us and it is about doubled. Mr. Silva thanked the Police Department for all their efforts on National Night Out. Mayor asked if the assistance numbers is documented and what towns are assisting. Chief Thompson explained the CAD System does not report that figure so he had the Supervisors keep track and that in terms of greatest to least, Egg Harbor City, Hammonton, Hamilton Township. Chief Thompson stated that does not included assistance with investigations.

Department of Public Works: Mr. Riffle reported the following: Fluorescent bulbs and tubing are no longer being accepted at the Transfer Station. Beginning August 13th Computer monitors and televisions containing cathode ray tubes will require a \$10.00 permit (flat screen computer and flat screen televisions do not require the permit). August 31st recyclables will no longer be permitted at the transfer station, recycling pick up will be curbside only. All recyclable items can be in the same container. No separation is necessary, containers may not exceed 49 lbs. Please do not use plastic bags for your recyclables. Public Works has been busy cutting and maintaining the recreation complex, ball fields and Pine Cone Zone; chipping and maintenance to roadways. The Department assisted in the setting up and breaking down of National Night Out.

Department of Administration: Mr. Walther reported the following: Municipal offices will be closed Monday, September 5th for Labor Day. 1st Annual Car Show Mullica Seniors – Saturday, September 10, 2016, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.- Rain Date – Sunday, September 11, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Nesco Fire Co. Limited Number of spaces (75) available. Pre-registration suggested! Food, Music and more! For additional information call Adrian Thibault (609) 561-2420.

New Business:

Resolution #114-2016 / MTRA 62-2016 / Well: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #115-2016 / Cancel Taxes / Block 3303, Lot 12: Mayor entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

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Resolution #116-2016 / Refund Tax Payment / Block 99999, Lot 1 / Verizon: Mayor Brown entertained a motion refund; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Payment of Bills: Mayor Brown moved to approve the Bill List; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Public Discussion:

Mr. Francis Paulsgraf thanked Committee for their support noting they have received the Certificate of Occupancy for the Hilda Frame School.

Ms. Joann Ream, Musket Lane, expressed her concern with the drainage pipe in her yard and the sinkhole it is creating in her yard. She also expressed concern of her septic system. Mayor stated a video was conducted on the drainage pipe and he will review with the Municipal Engineer.

Ms. Sharon Schiavo, Musket Lane, neighbor of Ms. Reim stated the ground near the pipe is down about five feet and she is concerned with tress falling. She stated her attorney sent a letter to the municipality notifying us of this. Clerk stated she has received no correspondence.

Mr. Gayton Panarello, River Road expressed his concern with the conditions of his road. He stated 30 years ago the neighbors paved the road and now they are requesting assistance from the municipality. He stated the road is washing away and requested to be placed on the agenda to give a presentation. Mayor stated they were hoping to obtain a grant for storm related conditions, unfortunately the River Road did not fall into FEMA's guidelines. Mayor reported to address this roadway would be in excess of \$30,000 and we do not have that in the budget. Mr. Panarello confirmed he received quotes for that price but asked the Governing Body to consider funding for this 13 home street who ask for nothing. Mr. Panarello thanked Mayor Brown for his assistance.

Ms. Toni LoSasso, River Road, asked how Linda Avenue was paved and how it was funded. She added the snow plows are causing great damage to the road, and the residents on River Road do not ask for much.

Mayor closed Public Discussion.

Correspondence:

Resolution from City of Brigantine requesting comprehensive roadway improvements to US Route 30.

Atlantic County will hold public hearing on Wednesday September 14, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the Mays Landing Library to inform the public of the proposed use of funds from the 2017 Senior Citizens and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program.

South Jersey Gas will hold public hearings on August 22nd at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m., Voorhees Municipal Court regarding rates.

Resolution from Mullica Township Board of Education for Bond Proposal to be submitted to the voters at the General Election.

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Mr. Silva asked what the Bond Proposal will do to our tax rate. Mayor stated it is a 4.9 million dollar improvement and he believes there will be some impact. CFO explained how the debt service impacts the tax is based on if they are retiring any debt service, how the bond is structured, what the interest rates are, etc, so at this time no. Committee discussed school taxes and County taxes. Mayor stated more residents need to get involved and attend meetings.

Old Business:

Mayor stated Committee needs to discuss hiring in the Police Department. Mr. Silva reported Officers Carricarte and Trivelli have retired and Officer Jamerson took a position in another Department. He stated Officer Carricarte has been replaced with a new officer and we have two positions that need to be filled. Mr. Silva stated Chief Thompson has recommended two candidates to hire to fill these positions, noting there will be cost savings as they will be on a lower pay scale versus the senior officers they will be replacing. Mayor stated the impact is not this year, but next year and how we will continue to fund the positions. Mayor stated the retirees health benefit costs have just increased by two and insurance is always increasing. Mayor agreed we need to replace, but his concern is funding. Mr. Silva suggested making lump sum payments to retirees to forgo benefit costs. Chief stated our call volumes and crime reports are not decreasing. He stated there has been a toll on overtime, his officers are tired and he needs 13 officers to effectively run the department. He stated in 2009 the department had 14 full time officers and 2 specials. Mr. Hagaman asked if the officers he is recommending are fully trained. Chief stated one is fully trained and the other is a Class II with minimal training left (about 10 days) that will have no cost to the municipality. Chief asked for Committee's consideration in hiring. Mayor stated we budgeted to lease a car which we have not done yet and suggested deferring the car. Mr. Silva made a motion to hire two officers and defer the police car seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

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 #ES13-16 in full to discuss an ejection of unlawful persons of municipal property, conflicts of interest and to review Executive Session Minutes. Mayor entertained a motion to come back to Regular Session at 8:30 pm; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body discussed on-going investigations, was updated ejection of unlawful persons on municipal property, conflict of interest, employee relations and reviewed Executive Session Minutes.

Approve Executive Session Minutes: Mr. Silva moved to approve the minutes of July 26, 2016, seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mr. Walther, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Hagaman.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk

BILL LIST

Alicea, Miriam	150.00	Court Session
AT&T – ISDN	9.20	May-December Services
Atlantic City Electric	5,436.13	June / July Services
Barrett Asphalt Corporation	253.61	Bituminous Concrete

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Casa Payroll Services	278.50	May-December Services
Chapman Auto Group	295.64	2014 Explorer/Seat Belt
Crescent Service, LLC	463.40	July Services
Lorco Petroleum Services	174.00	Used Oil / Water Disposal
Sweetwater Country Cupboard	259.60	Lunch Meeting / Wellness
DiMeglio Septic Inc.	65.00	May-December Services
G&P Floor Maintenance	425.00	April-December Services
Heavenly Promotions	644.00	Tax Window Envelopes
Crystal Springs	172.35	April-December Services
Lowe's	131.76	PW Supplies
National Bulb Recycling Inc.	330.50	Bulb Recycling
Maguire & Maguire	187.50	April-December Plan Bd Service
The Hammonton Gazette	107.88	June Publications
Nehmad Perillo & Davis	990.00	May Services
Verizon	219.36	April-December Service
Verizon Wireless	240.06	June-December Services
Sprint Spectrum	368.76	April-December Services
Ancero	790.00	May-December 2016 Services
Pitney Bowes	63.99	E-Z Seal
AC and Sons Tree Service	1,500.00	Tree Removal Locust/Elm/Reading
South Jersey Gas Co.	142.62	July Services
South Jersey Turf Consultants	1,974.86	Recreation Field Services
South Jersey Well Drilling Co.	3,900.00	MTRA 61-2016
Unitedhealthcare Insurance Co.	739.90	June-December Premium
Swift, James P.	333.33	April – December Services
The Press of Atlantic City	63.24	June Publications
Petroleum Traders	3,862.69	2 nd & 3 rd Qtrs 2016 Purchases
Tomasella' Fire Protection	392.00	Inspect Fire Extinguishers
Val-U Auto Parts	995.71	2 nd Qtr 2016 Purchases
Vital Communications, Inc.	508.00	May-December Svc. / Tax Master Tape to Edmunds
Marathon Engineering Inc.	985.00	Indian Cabin Project
Atlantic Tactical	2,714.00	Tactical Vest/Supplies
Backyard Battles LLC	350.00	NNO Rental/Paintball
Cedar Creek Crew Booster Club	350.00	NNO Volunteers
Atlantic County Utilities Auth.	16,446.67	April-December Services
Atlantic County Treasurer	592,779.52	3 rd Quarter 2016 Levy
Comcast	319.90	May-December Services
Comcast Business	368.68	May-December Services

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DeMarco's Landscape	719.62	Irrigation Repairs
DeMichele & DeMichele	666.67	April-December Services
Farm-Rite Inc.	426.48	Mower Repairs
Fittipaldi, Matthew	150.00	Workboot Reimbursement
Giardina, Joseph	180.00	Tuition Reimbursement
Goyco, Juilo E.	143.19	Tax Refund Res 110-2016
Gruccio, Pepper, DeSanto & Ruth	1,770.00	June Services
Holman, Frenia Allison	1,000.00	Final Install 2015 Audit
State of NJ	317.76	2015 Assessment
NJ Division of Pensions	24.92	June DCRP Contribution
Treasurer, State of New Jersey	1,015.00	2016 Recycling Compliance Fee
NJ State Health Benefits Fund	69,531.92	August Premiums
NJ Dept of Health & Senior Svc.	6.00	July State Fees
Treasurer, State of NJ	1,628.00	2 nd Quarter DCA Fees
RC2U Portable Racing	350.00	NNO 2016
Indian Harbor Insurance Co.	1,014.77	Robles Matter
The Motts Creek Pickers	600.00	NNO
Nesco Vol. Fire Co.	15,175.05	FEMA Reimbursement/June Storm / 2016 Contribution
City of Egg Harbor	225.00	Shredding Event

Current Fund 5-01	1,332.53
Current Fund 6-01	726,685.71
Grant Fund G-02	1,300.00
Trust Fund T-03	7,699.50

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS 737,017.74

**TOWNSHIP OF MULLICA
MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2016**

Current Fund

Beginning Balance	1,393,182.62
<u>Cash Receipts:</u>	
Interest	206.45
Current year tax receipts	133,934.63
Receivables/Interfunds	243.81
Anticipated Revenue	61,853.80
Unanticipated Revenue	<u>8,359.91</u>
Total Cash Receipts	204,598.60
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
2015 Appropriations	0.00
2016 Appropriations	(281,021.03)
Liabilities	(350.00)

%/budget expended

