

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2012
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.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN BY WAY OF ANNUAL NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE ATLANTIC CITY PRESS, ON JANUARY 5, 2012, THE EGG HARBOR AND HAMMONTON NEWS ON JANUARY 11, 2012 AND POSTED AT TOWNHALL.

Roll Call:

Committee Present: Anthony Gabris, Edward Hagaman, Susan Polk, Larry Riffle, Mayor Brown

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Elias Manos

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2012; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Mayor entertained a motion to amend the Agenda to add under New Business, Item C. Approve MTRA Application 49-2012 / Heater and Hot Water Heater; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

First Reading: Ordinance #1-2012 / Amend Chapter 2, Economic Advisory/Development Commission: Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Department of Development & Housing, Section 2-29, Economic Advisory/Development Commission of the Code of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey

Mayor entertained a motion to approve and set hearing date for February 14, 2012 at 7pm; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: None.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety: Mr. Hagaman reported the following: Municipal Court collected \$19,088.50 for the month of December 2011 and the municipality retained \$8,983.64. Fire Department News: Total fire department calls for the New Year as of today are 2 and EMS calls are 19. A committee has been created for review and application of fire department grants. The Fire Department received a complimentary note from Atlanti-Care regarding a complex extrication.

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Administration: Ms. Polk reported the following: Municipal offices will be closed February 20th in observance of Presidents Day. The Department of Community Affairs recently announced that the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is now accepting applications for the upcoming heating season which runs from November 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012. The DCA administers this federal program which provides low-income households with money to help pay their heating bills. Information about the program is available online at www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/hea.html or call 1-800-510-3102. Save this date February 29th Mullica Township PTA Applebee's Night. This is a simple fundraiser for our school. Just visit Applebee's and bring the flyer and Applebee's will donate a percentage to our school. Flyers will be available soon at the front desk or can be obtained at the school. A grant has been received in the amount of \$1,500.00 to build a school yard garden, and participation is welcomed!

Public Works: Mr. Riffle reported the following: The bulky waste permits for 2012 are available. Permits are required for bulky items such as furniture, children's toys, and carpeting. We have another bin at the Transfer Station which is for the collection of bulky plastic items. Reminder during the winter weather to avoid parking vehicles on the streets, therefore, snow plows can maneuver more effectively throughout the township. Township Transfer Station will be closed February 20th in observance of Presidents Day. Mayor noted Public Works did a great job this past weekend regarding the snow.

Development & Housing: Mr. Gabris reported the following activities for 2011: 209 permits issued and 33 updates (42 accessory structures, 16 additions and 184 alterations) and 10 demolition permits. Two new homes were erected in 2011 and two re-built. Total amount collected for the Construction Office was \$68,906.00. Mr. Gabris noted his Department has instated monthly meetings for better efficiency. Mr. Gabris stated the Historical Society adopted a portion of Route 542.

Revenue & Finance: Mayor suggested a meeting date be set for a Budget Workshop Meeting. Ms. Polk so moved to hold a meeting on February 14, 2012 at 6 pm. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Old Business:

Discuss Lake Nescochague: Mr. Gabris has no update, but stated he is researching open space procedures. Mr. Ron Lischak, President Lake Association reported the Judge has set a pre-hearing conference call regarding the violations from Department of Environmental Protection. However, he stated he has requested an extension as the Association needs legal representation for the conference call. Mr. Lischak suggested the County or Township create a special tax district for benefiting properties of the lake to help pay for the upcoming required inspections.

New Business:

Resolution 36-2012 / Refund Overpayment 2011-2012 Taxes: Mayor entertained a motion to apply overpayments; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Discuss Chapter 122 / Fees: Clerk reported in 2010 the Governing Body amended our cost for copies to be in compliance with Assembly Bill 559, Open Public Records Act. Ms. Johnson indicated the discovery fee is being challenged. Mr. Manos stated the law is unclear regarding discovery, but there is case law which indicates the fee

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should be reasonable. Mayor stated the Mayor's Association is currently reviewing OPRA fees and suggested we do nothing at this time.

Approve MTRA Application 49-2012 / Heater and Hot Water Heater: Mayor entertained a motion to approve with a maximum of \$5,000.00; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Payment of Bills: Ms. Polk so moved to approve the Bill List seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion: Mr. Lischak noted website should be updated to indicate Route 542 is now open. Mr. Lischak reported the Blessing of the River will be held on June 9th, 2012.

Mayor suggested Committee view a presentation from professional grant writers, noting the many available grants. Committee agreed to pursue.

Mayor closed public portion and entertained a motion to enter Executive Session; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Clerk read Resolution ES #1-12 in full to review Executive Session Minutes.

Ms. Polk so moved to come back to Regular Session at 7:45 pm seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Clerk reported the Governing Body reviewed Executive Session Minutes while in Executive Session.

Approve Executive Session Minutes: Ms. Polk so moved to approve the minutes of December 13, 2011 seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Hagaman. Ms. Polk so moved to approve the minutes of December 22, 2011 seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Hagaman.

Ms. Polk made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk

BILL LIST

Crescent Tire & Auto	136.38	December 2011 Services
Lorco Petroleum Services	140.00	Oily Water Disposal
Entemann-Rovin Co.	164.73	Patrolman Badges
Garden State Highway	1,230.00	Water Barricades
Crystal Springs	99.54	Aug-December 2011 Services
MGL Printing Solutions	59.00	Tax Sale Forms
Vincent J. DiMatteo	85.00	Service Call 11/18
Treasurer, State of NJ	125.00	Marriage 4 th Quarter 2011 Fees

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Petrosh's Big Top	169.00	Tree Lighting
Greater Egg Harbor	333,640.07	January 2012 Levy

Current Fund 1-01	1,915.15
Current Fund 2-01	333,765.07
Trust Fund	169.00
 Total of All Funds	 333,849.22