

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2011
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, EGG HARBOR AND HAMMONTON NEWS ON JANUARY 5, 2011 AND POSTED AT TOWNHALL.

Roll Call:

Committee Present: Anthony Gabris, William Kennedy, 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 11, 2011; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Proclamation: Read Across America: Mayor entertained a motion to adopt; so moved by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items:

Michael St. Amour requested Committee consider setting the budget meetings at a convenient time for most taxpayers, due to the potential increases.

Ms. JoAnn Vitale noted the agenda reflected the incorrect date under Approval of Minutes.

First Reading: Ordinance 1-2011 / Capital Improvement Ordinance: Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

An Ordinance Appropriating \$17,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund For the Reconstruction of Fifth Avenue in the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey

Mayor entertained a motion to approve and set hearing date for February 8th at 7pm; so moved by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Committee Reports:

Public Works: Mr. Riffle reported the following: 2011 Recycling schedules are now available you may find them in the front lobby area. Please remember to remove vehicles and basketball courts from streets during winter snow events. The Transfer Station will be closed Monday, February 21st in observance of Presidents Day. Bulky waste permits are now available. They are FREE of charge and will be in effect March 5th. Every

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household is entitled to six bulky drop offs per calendar year. You may obtain the permit in Town Hall Monday through Friday during regular business hours and at the annual Rabies Clinic on March 26, 2011 from 10 am – 12 pm. Please note that there is NO construction debris accepted at the Transfer Station and White Good permits are NOT included as bulky waste material.

Development and Housing: Mr. Gabris added the amendments to the Trash Disposal and Recycling Ordinance will also require that trash cans and recycling cans are not to be left out on the roadway, other than for pick-up.

Public Safety: Mr. Kennedy reported the following: The following investigations were conducted by the Mullica Township Police from January 7, 2011 thru January 24, 2011: arrests 5; driving while intoxicated 2; motor vehicle accidents 5; motor vehicle stops 124; traffic summons issued 71 and 3 warning issues. Quarterly meeting with AtlantiCare was held and everything is going well, they have an increase in calls of about 30%. AtlantiCare will be offering CPR and first aid offer to the fire departments at no cost. A compliance committee has been established representing all fire companies to research grants, and compliance issues etc.

Administration: Ms. Polk reported the following: Municipal offices will be closed Monday, February 21st in observance of Presidents Day. Atlantic County Clerk's Office has advised us that the scheduled date of the annual school board election has been changed to **WEDNESDAY, April 27, 2011** due to conflicts with religious observances of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the last two days of Passover. Reminder, please obtain your 2011 dog license now. Please provide the Clerk's office with an updated rabies vaccination prior to purchasing the license. Licenses cost \$5.00 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$8.00 for dogs which are not. Rabies Clinic is scheduled for March 26th from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. A late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed for those dogs that do not get their license before March 31st. There has been Town Watch Meeting scheduled for January 27th at 7pm in the Weekstown Fire Hall. If interested in joining, e-mail the Town Watch Committee at safemullicatwp@gmail.com. Mullica Township PTA is sponsoring "Dining to Donate Fundraiser", Wednesday, February 9th from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Hammonton Applebee's. Flyers are available at the front desk and must be presented to the server during your visit. Car side to go is also available and 10% of the bill will be donated to Mullica Township PTA. Reminder Senior Citizens Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month in the Elwood Fire House at 1:00 p.m. Mullica Township is seeking Historical Society Membership, if interested in volunteering please contact the Township Clerk's office. Baseball and Softball sign-ups will be held during teacher's conferences on February 14th and February 15th. Sign-ups at the Elwood Fire House will be held on February 26th and March 5th from 10 am until 12 pm. Any questions call Amy Rivera at 839-6292. The County Clerk along with the Atlantic County Veterans' Organization is pleased to announce the opportunity for veterans to receive discounts from a host of retail stores, restaurants and even cell phone providers. Discounts from 10% to 20% are available. A complete list of participants is available at the County Clerk's website (www.atlanticcountyclerk.org). ID Cards are available at the County Clerk's Office for veterans who present their DD214 discharge form. Check out the "Veterans Corner" of the County website for more information. Sustainable Mullica will have a road clean-up on Saturday, February 5th.

Revenue & Finance: Mayor reported the following: The 2010 Financial Statements have been filed, and are available for review on the Township's website. The 2011 Tax Sale date has been set for April 6th for all unpaid 2010 taxes. Advertisements for the sale will be in the Egg Harbor / Hammonton News beginning March 9th.

Correspondence:

Resolution from Buena Vista supporting continued Open Space Pilot Funding.

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Notice of agricultural water use application to divert water from existing wells for Columbia Fruit Farms in Hammonton.

New Business:

Set Budget Meeting Date: Mr. Kennedy suggested 5pm prior to the next regular meeting. Committee discussed possible dates and prior engagements. Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Mr. Riffle to set a budget meeting for Monday, February 7th at 7pm. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Discuss Street Vacation Denial Adirondack Avenue: Clerk reported Mr. Michael Roberts, 261 Weymouth Road made a street vacation request to the Planning Board to vacate the remainder of Adirondack Avenue (Paper Street) and the recommendation was to deny the request. Mr. Roberts was sworn in by the Solicitor. Mr. Roberts testified he requested the street adjacent to his property be vacated and felt the Board's actions was arbitrary and capricious. Mr. Roberts testified the objector to his request resides 400 feet from the street to be vacated and the parties directly affected are in attendance in support of this street vacation, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Ditzel and Ms. Luz Aponte. Mr. Roberts stated he maintains the unpaved portion of Prince Albert Street at no cost to the municipality and is requesting Committee grant the street vacation that has been afforded to other residents, placement of a pole barn, which can meet the required setbacks for a side-yard and not for two front yards, due to the paper street. Mr. Roberts stated he only wishes to improve the quality of his property and showed Committee before and after pictures of his property. Mr. Roberts indicated he has a full-time job and he does plow for the State. Mr. Kennedy asked if he was running a business there. Mr. Roberts stated he is not. Mr. Gabris stated the concerns of the Planning Board were regarding a potential business and creation of another dead-end street. Mr. Kennedy stated overall he felt the Board's objections were minor and stated he is not opposed to this street vacation and made a motion to schedule for first reading at the next meeting seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Approve 2011 Junkyard License / George Geracos / South Jersey Auto Salvage & Recycling: Mr. Kennedy made a motion to renew seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Payment of Bills: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve the bill list; so moved by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk. Abstain: Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Mayor stated he needs to obtain a better understanding of bills that were incurred in 2010 and how they will affect the 2011 budget.

Public Discussion:

Mr. Michael St. Amour questioned the Mayor's relationship with Mr. Keith Davis, partner in the Solicitor's firm for 2011, as Mr. Davis is Chairman of the Atlantic County Republican Club, which club donated \$2,000.00 to the Mayor's campaign. Mr. St. Amour referenced this because a former Mayor had accused him of a similar situation. Mayor stated he has relationships with many people and that the appointment of Solicitor was a joint effort of the entire Committee. Mr. St. Amour questioned the Mayor on reviewing the bills prior to the meeting. Mayor reiterated his stance.

Janet Forman corrected Mr. St. Amour in that he was in office when he met with potential appointees and violated the Sunshine Law. Ms. Forman expressed her dissatisfaction with Mr. St. Amour's comments and

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hoped we could all get along. Ms. Forman suggested the Township adopt a social networking policy so that the municipality is not linked to unwarranted websites.

Mr. Rudy Coia recollected previous appointees were of political nature.

Ms. JoAnn Vitale asked Mayor Brown what his intention is regarding the Elwood Village and any possibly zoning changes. Mayor stated his priority is the budget, to get Mullica affordable and to have productive meetings.

Ms. Terry Savona agreed with Ms. Forman that everyone should get along and stated her displeasure with the audience laughing and for their intimidation tactics.

Mayor Brown closed the public portion and entertained a motion to adjourn so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Mr. Kennedy. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson
Municipal Clerk

BILL LIST

Alicea, Miriam	75.00	Court Session
Apple Printing Co., Inc.	162.17	Bulk Waste Permit Cards
Best Eastern Exterminating	90.00	Pest Control Services
Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield	4,052.28	January 2011 Coverage
Butterhof's Farm & Home Supply	13.20	Chain/Links
C.A.M. Co.	560.39	Plow Truck Repairs
Crescent Tire & Auto	2,308.03	Nov/December 2010 Services
Deer Carcass Removal Services	120.00	December 2010 Services
Elwood Gasway/Valero	631.87	Diesel Fuel
Foundation Title, LLC	6,595.00	Title Searches
Global Technology Solutions	5,671.82	Computer Mounts – DDEF Grant / Panasonic Toughbook
UPS	12.66	Radio Repairs
Jimmy's Lakeside Garage	385.19	GMC Repairs
Crystal Springs	47.28	July – December 2010 Services
Maudsley, Mary J.	100.00	Roberts Escrow
Barker, Scott, Gelfand	7,489.03	Wild Matter
Verizon	252.37	July-December 2010 Services
Verizon Wireless	480.22	May-December 2010 Services
Nextel Communications	478.82	May-December 2010 Services
Ancero	1,080.77	Mcafee License Renewal
ACMJIF	38,740.00	First Quarter 2011 Installment
LexisNexis Risk Data Management	50.00	May-December 2010
Prince's Painting	7,000.00	Painting/Minor Repairs
Rodio Tractor Sales, Inc.	71.14	Air Cleaner / Starter
Advocare	1,306.00	Employee Physicals
Spectera Inc.	644.82	January 2011 Coverages

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Staples Advantage	116.04	Office Supplies – Police Dept.
The Daily Journal	41.23	December 2010 Publications
The Press	156.18	Re-Org Publications
Petroleum Traders	1,431.82	December 2010 Purchases
Val-U Auto Parts	407.58	December 2010 Blanket
Cargill, Inc. Deicing Tech	5,571.37	Bulk Ice Control
Xerox Capital Services	27.00	Copier Maintenance Renewal
Avaya, Inc.	233.83	Jan. 2011 Maint Agreement
Marathon Engineering Inc.	10,652.50	Final Jackson Ave, 5 th Ave Project, Richard Drainage
Atlantic County Utilities Auth.	15,018.96	December 2010 Services
NJ State Health Benefits	48,899.30	January 2011 Coverage
Greater Egg Harbor Regional	344,543.20	January 2011 Levy
Mullica Twp. Board of Education	319,110.00	January 2011 Levy

Current Fund Appropriations	0-01	65,369.06
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Trust Fund Disbursements		262.17
Total of All Funds		824,627.07