

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 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 25, 2011; 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: None.

First Reading: Ordinance 2-2011 / Street Vacation / Adirondack Avenue: Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Kennedy. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

An Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance to Vacate and Release from Dedication the Balance of Adirondack Avenue between Prince Albert Street and to the end of Block 10818, Lot 2, in the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic"

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

Hearing: 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 opened this to the public. Mr. Charles Errera questioned the improvement. Mayor indicated reconstruction to Fifth Avenue. 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.

Committee Reports:

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Public Safety: Mr. Kennedy reported the following: From January 25, 2011 until February 8, 2011 the following incidents were handled by the members of the Mullica Twp. Police Department; 1,361 calls for service, 2 arrests, 7 motor vehicle accidents were investigated, 129 motor vehicle stops initiated, and 64 summons issued. Mr. Kennedy proposed a Resolution for the next meeting to be forwarded to Atlantic County representatives to consider Mullica's participation in countywide dispatch pilot program. Mayor agreed we should ask for consideration; Committee concurred.

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 am – 12 pm. A late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed for those dogs that do not get their license before March 31st. Reminder Mullica Township PTA is sponsoring "Dining to Donate Fundraiser", tomorrow night, 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. 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. Mullica Twp. & Egg Harbor City Community Alumni Basketball Fun Night will be held February 25th at the Cedar Creek High School Gym at 6:00 pm. Invited guests will be CCHS staff, Mullica and Egg Harbor Basketball Alumni, Coaches, Police Dept., Fire Dept., Mayor's Office, Council Members, Boards of Ed Community Members. There will be a 3 point contest, foul shooting contest and games. Come play or watch the fun activity. For more information call Mark Whittaker 742-4477. Tickets for the Mullica Township Education Foundation Dinner and Raffle, to be held May 20th, 6pm at Kerri-Brooke Caterers, can be purchased from the Municipal Clerk

Public Works: Mr. Riffle reported the following: 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 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. Mr. Riffle thanked Mr. Chuck Errera, Stomper Excavating for volunteering during the snowstorm on January 27th and assisting Public Works.

Development and Housing: Mr. Gabris reported for the year 2010 the Construction office collected \$65,438.00, which includes \$3,605.00 in State training fees, remitted to the D.C.A., municipality retained \$61,833.00. The Zoning Office collected \$9,955.00 for the year 2010. In 2010 six permits were issued for new homes, three homes were demolished; therefore, net change was three homes. Mr. Gabris stated this reflects a 9% reduction in permit fees and an increase of 8% in trailer permit fees, with a total difference of \$8,446.00 less.

Revenue & Finance: Mayor reported the following: 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. February 1st, residents of Atlantic County, whose household income does not exceed \$49,000, are invited to

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“Cash In on Tax Tuesday” with free tax assistance available through United Way of Atlantic County’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program from 11 am – 3 pm at the Carnegie Library Center in Atlantic City, NJ. Residents are encouraged to visit www.unitedwayac.org to view a list of required documents they must bring to access the free tax service. To make an appointment for Tuesday or at another nearby VITA site, call 404-4483 (appointments must be made in advance).

Correspondence:

Notification from NJ DOT that we have not received funding for 2011.

Resolution from Port Republic supporting continued open space pilot funding. Mayor supported this Resolution and entertained a motion to adopt a similar Resolution seconded by Mr. Kennedy. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Old Business:

Discuss Chapter 217 / Towing Ordinance: Mayor Brown reported when amendments to this Chapter were adopted in December of 2010, there were concerns regarding the collection of the additional \$25.00. Mayor stated after a meeting with the towers and Chief of Police it is being suggested that the Police Department collect that \$25.00. Mayor entertained a motion to amend the Ordinance with the submitted changes; so moved by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

New Business:

Resolution 36-2011 / Accept Performance Guarantee / Weekstown Community Church: Mayor entertained a motion to accept in the amount of \$12, 827.90; so moved by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle. Abstain: Mayor Brown.

Approve Change Order / Jackson Road: Mayor reported during reconstruction the area around the bridge needed additional asphalt based upon the recommendation of the Township Engineer due to the water run-off occurring. Mr. Kennedy so moved to approve 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, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion:

Mr. Ernest Aponte suggested the Bulky Waste Permits be distributed at the Township Transfer Station. Clerk stated that would be cumbersome on the employees at the Transfer Station and further stated when the permit is distributed identification is checked against tax records as well as tenant information.

Mr. Chuck Errera suggested sending in a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive the permit.

Mr. Michael St. Amour referenced Mr. Riffle’s campaign literature in that it stated “time to stop the fiscal fiasco” and in the aftermath of last night’s budget meeting he asked Mr. Riffle what that is. Mr. Riffle stated he and Mr. Brown ran for office with the intent of maintaining a certain tax level and to not raise property taxes.

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Mr. Riffle stated they are attempting to hold the line because for the past 26 years he has resided here taxes were raised 24 times. Mr. St. Amour and Mr. Brown discussed Solicitor's billings. Mayor to review and report back. Mayor stated he is reviewing all aspects of the budget.

Ms. Janet Forman requested the campaigning be held off until August and requested everyone to work together and get along.

Mr. Charles Errera questioned Mr. Kennedy's report in that over 1,000 calls for service were handled by the Police Department in one month. Mr. Kennedy stated 1,361 calls for service.

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 1/18/2011
Atlantic City Electric	873.62	January 2011 Services
C.A.M. Co.	669.21	Snot Plow / Truck Repairs
Casa Payrol Services	292.85	January 2011 Services
Hammonton Home Center	198.60	Magnesium Pellets/Keys Etc.
Craig Testing Laboratories	1,100.00	Jackson Avenue Testing
G.T.B.M. Inc.	65.00	Info-Cop License Transfer
G&P Floor Maintenance	425.00	January 2011 Services
General Code Publishing	250.00	Minute Manager Subscription 2011
Hess Corporation	841.62	January 2011 Services
Community Mediation Services	33.00	Duffy V. Alexander
UPS	19.81	Shipment- Radio Repairs
Clay, Edward F.	600.00	Tax Map Revisions
Lawmen Supply Company of NJ	235.25	Patrol Equipment – Lupinetti
Metropolitan Telecommunication	732.37	January 2011 Services
Verizon	260.67	January 2011 Services
National Law Enforcement Supply	304.23	Evidence Supplies
NJ League of Municipalities	537.00	2011 Dues
NJ Police Traffic Officer Assoc.	35.00	2011 Annual Dues
New London Technologies	473.00	Radio Repairs
R & R Radar, Inc.	132.52	Radar Repairs
South Jersey Gas Co.	1,971.73	January 2011 Services
Spectera, Inc.	644.82	February 2011 Premium
Staples Advantage	176.01	Office Supplies Court/Finance
Swift, James P.	600.00	Jan/Feb 2011 Services
Q.C., Inc.	1,400.00	Well Monitoring
Petroleum Traders	5,387.85	January 2011 Purchases

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This & That Uniform	82.00	Lupinetti Uniform
Drager Safety Diagnostic Inc.	68.95	Alcotest Mouth Piece
Vital Services Group	693.36	2011 Notice of Assessment Card
Cargill Inc., Deicing Tech.	5,489.40	Bulk Ice Control
West End Engraving	20.00	New Committee Name Plates
Marathon Engineering	11,695.00	Reading Ave Drainage, SBA Towers, Fifth Ave, Jackson Road, Peterson Escrow, AT&T Cell Tower Escrow
AA Auto Salvage	1,200.00	Transmission
Biel, Zlotnick & Feinberg	1,262.50	December 2010 Services
Atlantic County Treasurer	513,067.75	1 st Quarter 2011 Levy
Thompson, John C. Jr.	180.00	Education Reimbursement
Mullica Twp. Board of Ed	319,110.00	February 2011 Levy
MidAtlantic Communicatons	17,583.33	January 2011 Services

Current Fund Appropriations 0-01	8,973.21
Current Fund Appropriations 1-01	877,588.24
Trust Fund Disbursements 1-03	2,225.00
Total of All Funds	888,786.45