

**REGULAR MEETING
JULY 12, 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, Susan Polk, Larry Riffle, Mayor Brown

Committee Absent: William Kennedy

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Elias Manos

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of June 28, 2011; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held July 5, 2011; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Proclamation: Donna Leek / Mainland Auxilian of the Year: Mayor presented Mrs. Donna Leek with a Proclamation from the Governing Body acknowledging her exceptional devotion to Mainland Auxiliary.

Presentation: Mr. James F. Ferguson, Atlantic County Counsel / Pay to Play: County Counsel Ferguson gave a presentation regarding Public Contracting Reform and the County's adoption of Ordinance #10-2007. Mr. Ferguson explained the Ordinance and noted the Ordinance does not prohibit vendors from making political contributions, but limits the amount of contributions per candidate per election cycle and sets limits for professional entities. Mr. Ferguson commented on the draft Ordinance for Mullica Township and suggested a definition section be added, exemptions (as listed in Section 6 of the County Ordinance) and incorporation by reference (Section 9 of the County Ordinance). Mr. Ferguson extended his assistance to the municipality if warranted. Mayor suggested the threshold for Mullica be \$10,000, noting we have numerous vendors who may contract services for much less. Mayor suggested Committee move forward with the adoption of a Pay-to-Play Ordinance with Mr. Ferguson's suggestions. Consensus of Committee is to schedule for next meeting.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: None.

First Reading: Ordinance 7-2011 / Salary Ordinance: Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

An Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries and Wages of Certain Officers and Employees of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey for the Year 2011"

Mayor entertained a motion to approve and set hearing date for July 26th at 7pm; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

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First Reading: Ordinance 8-2011 / Amend Chapter 38 / Division of Police: Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 38, Article III, Section 18, Off-Duty Employment of the Code of the Township of Mullica Entitled "Police, Division Of"

Mayor entertained a motion to approve and set hearing date for July 26th at 7pm; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Committee Reports:

Administration: Ms. Polk extended a thank you to Steve Calcese owner of Green Thumb located on the White Horse Pike who donated the beautiful flowers in front of the municipal building. Ms. Polk noted the next Seniors Citizen Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 20th at 12 noon at the Elwood Fire House. Ms. Polk reported Sustainable Mullica will no longer have monthly meetings; however, the action committees and leaders will continue to work towards their goals.

Public Works: Mr. Riffle stated we will be accepting the resignation of our par-time laborer and requested to advertise for the position. Ms. Polk made a motion to advertise seconded by Mayor Brown. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Old Business:

Resolution 88-2011 / Approve PBA Contract / Superior Officers: Ms. Polk so moved to approve seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Resolution 89-2011 / Supporting Re-Naming Green Bank Bridge in Honor of John Leek, Jr.: Ms. Polk made a motion to approve seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Clerk read Resolution in full and Mayor presented Mrs. Bea Leek with the Resolution.

New Business:

Accept Resignation / William Porter / Part-time Laborer: Ms. Polk moved to accept resignation seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Approve MTRA Application #47-2011 / Well: Mayor entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion:

Mr. Ron Lischak, Lake Nescochague Association, reported he attended the Freeholders meeting held today, to request the Board to continue their efforts with assisting the Association in regards to the Pleasant Mills Dam and alerting the Board an inspection is due this September. Mr. Lischak stated he also requested the County to continue their efforts to have the dam reclassified to a Class Three, based upon the traffic study completed in 2010. Mr. Lischak stated he was advised that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is reevaluating all dam classifications and criteria and the County will request an extension of the inspection to DEP. Mr.

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Gabris questioned the relationship between a traffic study and the dam. Mr. Lischak explained the study is a determining factor in classifying the dam, as to whether the roadway is considered a major thoroughfare.

Ms. Joy Ramer, Elm Street, requested the Township does not grade the Elwood Cemetery Road and not put any resources into the roadway which increases traffic, trash, etc.

Mayor entertained a motion to enter Executive Session; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Clerk read Resolution ES9-11 in full to review Executive Session Minutes. Ms. Polk made a motion to come back to Regular Session at 7:41 seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body reviewed the Executive Session Minutes of June 14th and June 28th.

Approve Executive Session Minutes: Ms. Polk made a motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2011 seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Ms. Polk so moved to approve the minutes of June 28, 2011 seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Ms. Polk, Mr. Gabris, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk