

REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 9, 2011

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7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 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

**CFO:** Dawn Stollenwerk

**Approval of Committee Minutes:** Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of July 26 2011; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items:** None.

**Hearing: Ordinance 9-2011 / Pay-to-Play:** Mayor noted a correction to the Ordinance needs to be made. Mr. Manos reported Section 2.b., should be amended to delete the following: *non-emergency contracts awarded by NJSA 40A:11*. 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 of the Township of Mullica, Creating Chapter 6, "Contracts" Establishing Limits on Political Contributions Made by Those Individuals or Business Entities Seeking to or Performing Business within the Township of Mullica*

Mayor opened to the public. Mr. Bernard Graebener, requested clarification for the following: if a vendor donates money to a County Political Party, who in turns donates money to a local candidate, if that vendor is precluded from doing business. Mr. Manos stated yes the vendor would be if the donation is more than the allowable \$500.00.

Mayor closed public portion and entertained a motion to adopt; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Committee Reports:**

**Administration:** Ms. Polk reported the following: Municipal offices will be closed Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in honor of Labor Day. On September 10<sup>th</sup> Port Republic Athletic Fund will be having a bike run through Mullica Township during the hours of 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; bikes will be traveling on county roadways. September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Bike MS: Ride City to Shore Ride 2011 will be riding through Mullica Township on their 175 mile journey. For more information contact [mscycling.org](http://mscycling.org) or call 1-800-445-BIKE (2453). Operation Vets Chili

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Challenge, Saturday, October 1, 2011 from 12 p.m. - 10 p.m. At the Nesco Vol. Fire Co. Station 161, 3521 Nesco Road, Backed by American Legion Post 186. Chili Cook-Off, live music all day, contact Stephen Weber for more information or to be a sponsor! [s\\_weber108@comcast.net](mailto:s_weber108@comcast.net)

**Public Works:** Mr. Riffle reported the following: Inlet cleaning has begun and should be completed by the beginning of October. In addition to the normal cleaning this year we have added the cleaning of the storm water holding tanks on Anderson (6), Elm (3) and Darmstadt (2). There have been 2 break-ins at the Transfer Station in the last month, with air conditioners, refrigerators and batteries being taken. The core samples have been taken on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and as soon as the results are approved the silt fence will be removed. The Transfer Station will be closed Monday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> Due to Labor Day. Please do not leave trash outside the gate. We have received application for NJDOT municipal aid and based upon the recommendation of the Township Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works we will be applying for 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue between White Horse Pike and Moss Mill Road, Darmstadt Avenue between Moss Mill Road and Indian Cabin Road between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Weekstown Road

**Housing & Development:** Mr. Gabris reported the following: At the next meeting a presentation will be given by Township Planner Lance Landgraf on the Planning Board's Master Plan Re-Examination. Beginning in September the Historical Society will begin meeting the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. First meeting will be September 20<sup>th</sup>, so mark your calendar if interested.

**Public Safety:** Ms. Polk stated Mr. Kennedy is having some medical issues and asked everyone to keep him in their thoughts prayers. Ms. Polk reported the following: Elwood Volunteer Fire Co. 10th Annual Golf **Tournament** to benefit EVFC and Gianna DeRosa will be held Saturday, October 8, 2011 for more information contact John Falciano at 609-965-2529. Donations and checks can be made payable to EVFC Charity Golf Tournament. For the month of July the officers of the Police Dept. investigated the following incidents, 390 motor vehicle stops, issued 252 motor vehicle summons, issued 3 motor vehicle warnings, 39 adult arrests, 2 juvenile arrests, and 12 drunk drivers were removed from our roadways. Ms. Polk on behalf of Chief Register thanked all of the Township volunteers, for their assistance with National Night Out, as well as all of the township officials that participated. I especially would like to thank all of the business owners and other agencies that donated time and give away items to make this year's event a success, but most of all I want to thank the citizens of this community for coming out.

**Revenue & Finance:** Mayor reported the following: Tax bills were mailed last week and the extension date has been set to September 6<sup>th</sup>. Any payments received after that date will have the interest reverted back to August 1<sup>st</sup>. Division of Taxation has mailed 2010 Homestead Benefit Application Packets to all eligible homeowners, both seniors and non-seniors alike. The deadline for filing is October 31, 2011. In addition, the deadline for senior and disabled residents to file their 2010 property tax reimbursement (Senior Freeze) applications has been extended to October 31, 2011. The original deadline was June 1, 2011. The Township is soliciting proposals for the installation of a well at the Township's Recreation Facility on Elwood Road. Proposals will be accepted until 10:00 AM tomorrow morning, August 10th, 2011. More information and proposal documents are available on the Township website, or by contacting Dawn Stollenwerk, CFO. This project is being funded by the Atlantic County Open Space Trust fund. The Pinecone Zone playground committee has donated the remaining balance of donations from their fund-raising efforts to the township. The \$6,242.64 check has been deposited into the Community Trust Fund, and will be used for replacing equipment at the playground. Thank you to Sandy Sandra Santoro and everyone who worked so hard on this project. The money will be put to good use. Clean up work began this morning at Sesquicentennial Park. Thank you to Mr. William Countryman of Past to Present, LLC for volunteering for this project.

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### **Correspondence:**

Hammonton Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm to consider adoption of the Master Plan Re-Examination Report.

South Jersey Gas will hold public hearings on August 10<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 and 5:30 pm at the Voorhees Middle School regarding their rates.

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

**Resolution #92-2011 / Cancel Alliance Grant Balance:** Mayor entertained a motion to cancel; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution #93-2011 / Cancel Taxes – Block 10401, Lot 4:** Ms. Polk so moved to cancel taxes seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution #94-2011 / Award Natural Gas Contract:** Mayor entertained a motion to award contract; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution #95-2011 / Award Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Contract:** Mayor entertained a motion to award to Petroleum Traders; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution #96-2011 / Award Rock Salt Contract:** Mayor entertained a motion to award contract Cargill Inc., Ms. Polk so moved to approve with correction, amend Petroleum Traders to Cargill, Inc., seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution #97-2011 / Approve Contract Atlantic County / Election Products:** Mayor entertained a motion to accept election products; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Consideration of Best Practices Inventory CY 2011:** Ms. Polk suggested we consider adopting a policy regarding Absence for Meetings for Elected Official and appointed Board Members, as well as reviewing the other items in the Best Practices Inventory. Mayor and Ms. Polk indicated our score was 90%. Mayor agreed we will address in the future the items in the inventory which we have not met. Mayor entertained a motion to accept the Certification as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Payment of Bills:** Ms. Polk made a motion to approve the Bill List seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

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**Public Discussion:** Mr. Ron Lischak expressed his dissatisfaction with the bicycle race this last weekend which was not abiding by regulations and encroaching upon the entire roadway. Ms. Polk added she was amazed at the amount of water bottles which were left along the roadways. Ms. Johnson stated she was not aware of the race, but has stated her office does remind the applicants to abide by the traffic laws and to please pick up after themselves. Mr. Lischak reported Lake Nescochague Association had their annual business meeting and the Association reaffirmed their position on having the lake made public. Mr. Lischak stated the Freeholders were to request an inspection on their behalf regarding the dam inspection, and to date that has not been accomplished. Mr. Lischak asked if the newly implemented bulky permit has afforded us any savings. Mayor reported we are down approximately 30%.

Mayor reported the contracts awarded this evening are a savings to the community.

Mr. Bernard Graebener stated our Police Department was directing traffic for the bicycle race last weekend. Ms. Stollenwerk stated the Police Department was contacted at the last meeting for traffic control. Mr. Graebener asked the date of the Master Plan Re-examination Report and the due date for taxes. Mayor reported taxes are due by September 6<sup>th</sup>, and the report is tentatively scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor thanked Committee and Ms. Stollenwerk for their work on the budget, noting the increase to the average taxpayer for this year is approximately \$60.00

**Executive Session:** 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 in full to review executive session minutes and to discuss personnel. Ms. Polk made a motion to come back to Regular Session at 7:50 p.m. seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body reviewed the Executive Session Minutes of July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>, discussed a matter of personnel and the process regarding promotions in the Police Department.

**Approve Executive Session Minutes:** Ms. Polk made a motion to approve the minutes of July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup> seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk

### BILL LIST

Alicea, Miriam	75.00	Court Services 7/17/11
Animal Capture & Control	649.00	May-December 2011
Atlantic City Electric	2,199.67	July 0211 Services
Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield	4,231.71	Aug-December Permium
Butterhofs Farm & Home Supply	65.74	Chain/Weed Wacker String/Water bowl – dog pen
CAM Co.	601.36	Compactor Service
Casa Payroll Services	119.35	Services June – December 2011
Crescent Tire & Auto, Inc.	5,047.94	June/July 2011 Services
Dimeglio Septic	130.00	May 2011 Services / July-December 2011 Services
Deer Carcass Removal Services	130.00	June Deer Removal Services

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Jan Communications	1,361.00	Communications Upgrade
Forman's Auto Body	2,040.69	Repairs to B26
Gary's Used Cars	125.00	Towing Services
C&P Floor Maintenance	560.00	May-December 2011 Services
Lexis Nexis	37.47	NJ Motor Veh. & Traffic
Grainger Industrial Supply	374.00	Sander/Air Circulator
Goloff, Carol	187.50	May-December 2011 Services
UPS	72.30	Shipping Charges/Repairs
Crystal Springs	146.85	June 2011 Services
AE Stone Inc.	199.01	Aggregate
Mazza Harvesting Inc.	13,800.00	Tub Grinding at Landfill
Metropolitan Telecommunications	748.52	May-December 2011 Services
Clark, Steven G.	60.00	Tint-Jeep Windows PD
Municipal Equipment Enterprise	498.00	Install Vipers/Durango
Barker, Scott, Gelfand	1,207.50	June 2011 Services
Nehmad Perillo & Davis	2,794.00	May-December 2011
Verizon	273.81	June-December 2011
Northern Safety & industrial	200.61	Gloves
ACMJIF	55,815.00	Third Quarter 2011 Installment
Rodio Tractor Sales	42.27	Tractor Parts
South Jersey Gas Co.	129.87	June-December 2011 Services
Staples advantage	1,153.59	Supplies
Tactical Public Safety	8,056.00	Radio Connectivity
QC Inc.	700.00	Well Monitoring
The Daily Journal	383.04	June Publications
The Press	9.12	Special Meeting
Val-U Auto Parts	622.17	June Purchases
Vital Services Group	525.00	May-December 0211 Services Tax Master Tape to Edmunds
Xerox Capital Services	27.00	Copier Maintenance
Marathon Engineering	1,062.50	St Opening / Burdick SJ Gas Fifth Ave Thru 7/19 ERI Services
Lawrow Electric & Plumbing	46.90	
AA Auto Salvage	100.00	ABS Unit
FMR Inc.	263.00	Radio Charger
Atlantic County Clerk's Office	16.00	File Deed Merlino Landsale
NJ State Health Benefits Fund	50,698.04	August 2011 Coverage
NJ Department of Health & Sr. Svc.	2.40	June 2011 State Dog Fees
Petrosh's Big Top	51.80	Snow Cone Machine Rental
Elwood Volunteer Fire Co.	769.44	FEMA Grant Reimbursement
Weekstown Volunteer Fire Co.	1,238.50	FEMA Grant Reimbursement

CURRENT FUNDS 57.74  
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 TRUST FUND 278.76

Year Total 159,589.93  
 Total of All Funds 159,647.67