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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, Bernard Graebener, Susan Polk, Larry Riffle, Mayor Brown

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Elias Manos

CFO: Dawn Stollenwerk

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 23, 2011; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Graebener. Ms. Polk moved to approve the minutes of the September 27th meeting seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: None.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety: Mr. Graebener reported the following: The following incidents were investigated by members of the Police Department between September 27, 2011 through October 11, 2011, arrests 13, motor vehicle accidents 2, motor vehicle stops 170, summons issued 69, warnings 0. Year-to-date calls for service have been 10,784 and drunk drivers are 57. Nesco Volunteer Fire Company is holding their Haunted House and Hayride on October 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29 from 7pm – 11pm. Cost is \$10.00.

Administration: Ms. Polk reported the following: The 18th Annual Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, October 30th, registration begins at 12 noon, parade begins promptly at 1pm. All ages are welcome to participate. Prizes awarded for most original, prettiest and scariest in age groups of infant – 3 years, 4 – 6 years, 7-10 years and 11 years old and up. Also there are group prizes and a Grand Prize winner. Everyone receives a treat bag compliments of donations received through Township businesses and residents. Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic Sunday to be held October 23, 2011 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Please bring previous proof of vaccine to the Atlantic County Animal Shelter 240 Old Turnpike Road Pleasantville, NJ 08232 (609) 485-2345.

Public Works: Mr. Riffle reported the following the Township does not have a curbside leaf pick-up program. He stated residents may bring leaves to the transfer station and dispose of in the leaf pile. If compost bags are utilized they may thrown in the leaf pile, if trash bags are utilized the bags must be emptied.

Revenue & Finance: Mayor reported the following September's treasurer report will be included in the minutes of this meeting.

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Correspondence:

Atlantic County will hold a public hearing on November 29th 6pm at the Mays Landing Library to obtain public comment regarding transfer of ownership of the County's 154 acre Babcock Road property to Hamilton Township and NJ Natural Lands Trust.

Correspondence from the Estate of Ralph Reisig owner of Block 4161, Lot 3 requesting to donate parcel. Governing Body discussed acceptance and requested Clerk to have the site visited for illegal dumping, etc.

Correspondence from Nescochague Association requesting the Township accepts ownership of Lake Nescochague. Ms. Polk asked if the lot the Township owns could offer access to the Lake. Mr. Gabris stated it could. Mayor Brown and Mr. Gabris were surprised by content, noting public access was the question and if the Committee would support that. Mayor stated there are many unknown factors and open issues regarding the lake that Committee needs to investigate. Mr. Gabris requested the Lake Association submit correspondence indicating they are in favor of the lake becoming public.

Mr. Walther, Secretary, Lake Association, stated the letter was submitted based upon their understating that no public entities would discuss the matter further unless ownership and/or access was granted. He reported it was submitted as a negotiating tool. Mr. Gabris stated the County was only requesting the Associations determination regarding public access. Mr. Walther will report back to the Association. Mr. Graebener stated we have land that may be suitable for the access.

Old Business:

Trailer Permit Extension Request / Fitzgerald / Block 7101, Lot 5: Mayor reported as requested the Fitzgerald's have submitted a written plan regarding the reconstruction of their dwelling, have paid their delinquent trailer permit fees and are requesting another extension. Clerk stated she reviewed the submittal with the Construction Official and it was acceptable, however, all information needs to be submitted by October 20th. Ms. Polk made a motion to approve the trailer permit extension until February 14, 2012 seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

New Business:

Resolution 110-2011 / Appoint Patrolman / Ryan Spencer: Mayor entertained a motion to appoint effective January 1, 2012; so moved by Mr. Graebener seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Resolution 111-2011 / Cancel Over the Limit Crackdown / Grant Balance: Mayor entertained a motion to cancel the balance; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Mayor Brown reported we have been advised Judge Henry Broome is retiring; however, we are awaiting official notification. Mayor stated the Court Administrator has found a replacement until any formal action is conducted by the Governing Body

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

Public Discussion: Ms. Darah Walther, resident of Lake Nescochague Association, thanked Committee for their support and spirit of cooperation to work towards a solution.

Ms. Joyce Howells, Mullica Woods’s resident reported the residents received their new rent increase which amounts to approximately \$650.00 a home and they will again be requesting the Governing Body’s assistance.

Ms. Joy Ramer stated the Governing Body is not aware of the topography and the ongoing traffic and water problems relating to the cemetery road. Ms. Ramer stated she is thankful for the chain and requested a “dead end” sign be addressed at the Elm Street end. Ms. Ramer expressed her dissatisfaction with the millings be placed on the roadway, stating they are not related to the activities (walking, biking, etc.) and the millings raised the road and prevented the water run-off from the school to flow appropriately. Ms. Ramer stated had she known the municipality was installing millings she would have advised the Governing Body that it would create an even larger water problem that they have been dealing with for the past ten years. Ms. Ramer presented pictures to the Governing Body. Mayor stated we are expecting rain in the near future and he and Mr. Gabris will visit the roadway.

Mr. Ted Bear, Mullica Woods’s resident, stated he has been a resident for two years and that yes the rental fees for this development are higher than others and that the increases can become aggressive especially for residents on fixed incomes. Mr. Bear requested to speak with Ms. Polk at a later date regarding recycling of leaves.

Mr. Bob Mullohand, 15 year Mullica Woods’s resident, stated he is paying approximately \$8,000 yearly in lot rent and urged Committee to amend the Ordinance for the Landlord to show justification for the rent increase. Mr. Mullohand stated the Ordinance references “moderate”, which means average and they are not paying average rental fees. Mr. Mullohand urged the Rent Control Board to subpoena the landlord’s financial records and asked why they have to pay pad fees and taxes. Mr. Mullohand requested Committee to consider amending the Ordinance to reduce the pad fee. Mr. Graebener stated the pad fee is in lieu of property taxes for the mobile home.

Ms. Kathy Dickerson, Mullica Woods’s resident, stated the homeowners filed a rent control complaint two years ago and Mr. Jim Curcio, Esquire stated he would represent them and submit a brief showing their cause. She reported he never submitted the brief and failed to represent them. Ms. Dickerson stated because of that a decision was never made regarding the complaint which was filed. Clerk stated there was not enough information supplied for Mr. Murray to render a decision. Ms. Dickerson requested the former complaint be re-opened. Clerk and Solicitor to review and report back.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk

BILL LIST

Al & Richs Car Wash	200.00	Car Wash Tickets
Alicea, Miriam	75.00	Court Session
Atlantic City Electric	2,174.12	September 0211 Services
Crown Trophy	40.00	Halloween Parade Trophy
Casa Payroll Services	155.30	June-December 2011

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Crescent Tire & Auto	2,863.71	August 2011 Services
Hammonton Home Center	38.25	Brakes
First Due Emergency Supply	104.00	Defib Pads
Forman's Auto Body	2,798.00	Repairs B13
Frick, Elaine	666.67	May-December 2011 Services
Moore Wallace	125.00	Vital Statics Paper
G&P Floor Maintenance	425.00	May-December 2011 Services
General Code Publishers	3,667.61	Code Updates
General Sales Administration	22.02	Siren/Light Control
UPS	38.23	Radio Repair Shipment
Jimmie's Florist	57.00	Funeral Flowers
Lawmen Supply Co.	2,136.80	Guns
A.E. Stone	439.33	Aggregate
Metropolitan Communications	753.75	May-December 2011 Services
Barker, Scott, Gelfand	182.46	August 2011 Services
Verizon	269.16	June-December 2011 Services
New London Technology Inc.	280.00	Power Cable/Radio Repair
Ancero	790.00	Sept AMS-P Services
Rosenberger, John	300.00	Court Session 10/4/2011
Rodio Tractor sales, Inc.	178.77	Plugs, Air Filter Etc.
Radio Shack Corporation	26.74	Memory Card
South Jersey Gas Co.	35.02	June – December 2011 Services
Staples Advantage	45.29	Office Supplies – PD
Stomper Enterprises	1,200.00	Crushed Asphalt
Swift, James	300.00	Services May-December 0211
The Daily Journal	41.04	September 2011 Publications
The Press	9.12	Special Meeting
Petroleum Traders	1,139.12	September 2011 Purchases
West Customer Service	712.00	Statute Updates
Professional Prop Appraisers	895.00	Added/Omitted Services
Marathon Engineering	2,137.50	Fifth Ave, Master Plan, Concession Project, Site Plan Inspect., Peterson Inspect.
Merlino Brothers Farm	99.48	Refund Escrow Account
Thompson, John C. Jr.	92.28	Memory Upgrade Reimbursement
Jordan, Kevin	87.50	2011 Work boot Reimbursement
Rutgers University	113.00	Zoning Courses
NJ State Health Benefits Fund	50,698.04	October 2011 Coverage
NJ Dept of Health & Sr. Services	3.60	September 2011 Licenses
Mullica Twp Board of Education	319,110.00	October 2011 Installment
Sweetwater Fire Co.	71.67	Hotel Charge/Hurricane

Current Fund 1-01	394,891.00
Trust Fund T-03	705.58
Total of All Funds	395,596.58