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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 October 11<sup>th</sup>; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

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

**First Reading: Ordinance 11-2011 / Accept Land / Block 4161, Lot 3:** Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

*An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of Unimproved Land Designated Block 4161, Lot 3, on the Tax Map of the Township of Mullica by the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey.*

Mayor entertained a motion to approve and set hearing date for November 22, 2011, 7pm; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Committee Reports:**

**Public Safety:** Mr. Graebener reported the following: The Police Department investigated the following from October 11, 2011 through October 24, 2011, arrests 14, motor vehicle accidents 8, motor vehicle stops 126, summons issued 87, warnings 1, D.W.I. 5 (total for the year 63), calls for service year-to-date 11,245. Remember Monday, October 31, 2011 Trick or Treating will be celebrated from 6pm – 8pm, please look for Trick or Treaters who will be out and about during this time period. Municipal Court collected \$24,997.75.00 for the month of September and the municipality retained \$11,492.53. Nesco Volunteer Fire Company is holding their Haunted House and Hayride on October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – 11pm. Cost is \$10.00.

**Administration:** Ms. Polk reported the following: The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, registration begins at 12 noon, and parade begins promptly at 1pm. All ages are welcome to participate. The front of our building looks so beautiful with our fall decorations. We would like to thank

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Green Thumb for their kind donation of the hay bales, corn stalks, pumpkins and mums. Our parking lot has been lined for parking spaces. We thank Capaldi Brothers for donating their time and work. November 8, 2011

Municipal Offices closed for General Election (The Township Clerk's Office will remain open during polling hours). November 11, 2011 Municipal Offices closed for Veteran's Day. November 24th & 25th Municipal Offices closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. Ms. Polk announced Mullica Township has achieved bronze Sustainable Jersey certification and thanked all the community members and employees for their efforts. Ms. Polk invited everyone to join her at her home on Friday for a celebration. Ms. Polk stated the focus for 2012 will be working with the school and their first goal is a school garden. Mayor congratulated Ms. Polk and her team in achieving this goal.

**Public Works:** Mr. Riffle reported the following: The Township does not provide curb side leaf pick up, residents may bring their leaves to the transfer station and dispose of in the leaf pile. The transfer station was inspected by the County Health Dept on October 17<sup>th</sup> and received a very good report, in compliance with all requirements.

**Housing & Development:** Mr. Gabris encouraged residents to attend the Seniors Citizen Meetings held the third Wednesday of each month at the Elwood Fire Company and the Historical Society Meetings held the third Tuesday of each month at Town Hall.

### **Correspondence:**

Thank you from Terence Watson to the Public Works Department for their efforts and hard work in preparing the fields for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Soccer Festival.

Hamilton Township will hold a public hearing on their Master Plan Re-Examination on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm at Hamilton Township Municipal Building.

Notification that Mullica Township has achieved bronze Sustainable Jersey certification.

Correspondence from Lake Nescochague Association seeking to discussion Block 701, Lot 14 as meaningful access. Clerk read letter in full. Mr. Graebener suggested creating a sub-committee. Mr. Gabris suggested forwarding that correspondence to the County. Mayor noted the County has created a sub-committee and agreed to forward the letter and await a response from the County. Mr. John Walther, Nescochague Lake Association, reported they had received a preliminary engineer's report regarding the dam and the recommendation is to fix the pipe (auxiliary spillway). Mr. Walther gave a brief description of the damage and the remedy. Clerk to forward correspondence to County and request meeting.

Request from Mullica Woods to waive \$25.00 application fee for a hearing. Mr. Gabris so moved to waive the fee, seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Old Business:** None.

### **New Business:**

**Approve Raffle 3-2011 / Mullica PTA – Benefits MTEF:** Mayor entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

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**Waive Permit Fee / Raffle 3-2011:** Mayor entertained a motion to approve the local fee; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Accept Resignation / Judge Henry Broome:** Mr. Gabris moved to accept seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Discuss Municipal Court Judge Vacancy:** Mr. Gabris stated he spoke with the Court Administrator for her preference and she stated a local judge would be helpful. Mayor recommended the remaining judges who submitted resumes sit in Mullica so our Court can have an opportunity to work with all who are interested. Mayor stated there was no urgency to fill the unexpired term. Ms. Polk stated she would like Judge William Cappuccio to have the position. Mr. Graebener made a motion to appoint Mr. William Cappuccio to fill the unexpired term seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Ms. Polk. Nays: Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

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

Ms. Polk stated on November 5<sup>th</sup>, Sustainable Mullica will be conducting an adopt-a-road clean-up beginning at the Egg Harbor Cemetery at 9am.

### **Public Discussion:**

Ms. Kathy Dickerson, Mullica Woods's resident, thanked Committee for waiving the fee and asked if the pad fee would be on the complaint or would it be addressed before the Governing Body. Mr. Graebener stated that is a Governing Body issue. Ms. Dickerson asked Committee if they would request from Hometown America their financials, to assist them in their complaint. Committee consented to request.

Mr. Paul Williams, Mullica Woods's resident, stated over the past eight years the rent has increased over \$200.00 per month and the Township receives \$40,000 in pad fees which should be reviewed.

Ms. Joy Ramer thanked Committee for the dead end sign on cemetery road, noting it has basically eliminated commercial traffic, advised Committee the Elwood Cemetery cannot hold any burials until it is recognized by the State, reported there is still a water issue in the area and requested before anything else is graded or re-directed to speak with her. Mayor reported he visited the area after the last rainstorm and the water issue is due to the run-off from the school, not from the grading of the roadway.

Ms. Mildred Pauls, Mullica Wood's resident, stated she moved into the community eleven years ago and her lot rent was \$427.00 a month and now it is \$650.00 a month and they don't maintain the lawns, plow driveways, etc. and Committee has done nothing to assist the residents.

Mr. Paul Williams stated the residents are their own caretakers of their areas, and the company does very little to assist them.

Ms. Joann Jones, Mullica Wood's resident, stated many residents have to purchase water, because it smells of chlorine.

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Mayor Brown stated many of the issues being reported are between the tenants and the owners of the property and should be addressed to the landlord. Mr. Graebener suggested revisiting the Ordinance to lower the cost of living increase.

Mayor Brown closed public portion and entertained a motion to enter Executive Session. Ms. Polk so moved to enter Executive Session seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Clerk read Resolution ES14-2011 in full to discuss personnel and review executive session minutes.

Ms. Polk moved to come back to Regular Session at 8:50 pm seconded by Mr. Graebener. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Mayor reported in Executive Session the Governing Body reviewed executive session minutes, discussed the positions of Chief of Police and Police Captain and reported on the interviews for these positions.

Mayor entertained a motion to appoint Captain John Thompson as Chief of Police effective January 1, 2012, and to negotiate a contract for 2012; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Mr. Graebener made a motion to appoint Sgt. Brian Zeck as Police Captain effective January 1, 2012, and to negotiate a contract for 2012 seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Graebener, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Approve Executive Session Minutes:** Ms. Polk moved to approve the minutes of September 27, 2011, seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Graebener.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk

### BILL LIST

Alicea, Miriam	75.00	Court Session
Animal Capture & Control Services	649.00	May-December 2011 Services
Apple Printing Company, Inc.	101.00	Court Envelopes
Atlantic City Electric	897.35	October 2011 Services
Crown Trophy of Mays Landing	750.00	Plaques/Firemen
Butterhof's Farm & Home Supply	33.47	Locks/Chain, Etc.
CAM Co.	208.00	Compactor Repairs
Casa Payroll Services	120.85	June-December Services
Crescent Tire & Auto	1889.20	September 2011 Services
Hammonton Home Center	49.98	Roundup
Dell USA	1,499.00	Computer-PD / Tax Office Monitor
Document Concepts, Inc.	199.00	Daily Notices – Court
Fautleroy, Richard	300.00	Court Session
Goloff, Carol	187.50	May-December 2011 Services
Crystal Springs	123.14	Aug-December 2011 Services

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Mike's Auto Body & Automotive	430.50	Jeep Repairs
Township of Galloway	48,750.00	November 2011 Installment
Nehmad Perillo & Davis	2,500.00	May-December 2011 Retainer
Verizon Wireless	240.12	June – December 2011 Service
Nextel Communications	365.98	June-December 2011 Services
Ancero	240.00	Install New Desktop
ACMJIF	54,815.00	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Assessment
Lexisnexis Risk Data Management	50.00	June-December 2011 Premium
SMH Life Support Training Center	14.00	CPR Cards
Rodio Tractor Sales, Inc.	184.13	Tractor Parts
Spectera, Inc.	664.36	July-December 2011 Premium
Spitalnick, David A.	300.00	Court Session
Staples Advantage	184.72	Office Supplies
QC Inc.	700.00	Well Monitoring 9/2011
The Press	20.52	Special Meeting Notice
Petroleum Traders	6,697.77	September 2011 Purchases
Val-U Auto Parts	324.60	September 2011 Purchases
Vital Services Group	396.00	May-December 2011 Services / Tax Binders
Xerox Capital Services	27.00	Copier Maintenance
Avaya, Inc.	237.70	October Lease Installment
Best Construction	4,907.00	MTRA 48-2011
Marathon Engineering	2,230.00	Solar, Reading Ave, Fifth Ave.
Atlantic County Utilities Auth.	16,850.26	September 2011 Services
Atlantic County Treasurer	596,439.94	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2011 Levy
Johnson, Kimberly	1,039.30	Halloween Prizes / Candy Reimbursement
NJ Motor Vehicle Commission	15.00	Salvage Titles
Greater Egg Harbor Regional	132,722.75	October 2011 Levy
Mullica Twp. Board of Ed	319,110.00	November 2011 Installment
Mullica Twp. Board of Ed	2,555.00	Alliance Summer Camp

Current Fund 1-01                      1,194,047.84  
 Trust Fund T-03                         6,046.30

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS 1,200.094.14