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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.

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN BY ANNUAL NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE ATLANTIC CITY PRESS, ON JANUARY 6, 2016 AND IN THE HAMMONTON GAZETTE, EGG HARBOR AND HAMMONTON NEWS ON JANUARY 13, 2016, AND POSTED AT TOWN HALL.

Roll Call:

Committee Present: Edward Hagaman, Christopher Silva, John Walther, James Brown

Committee Absent: Larry Riffle

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Tracy Siebold

CFO: Dawn Stollenwerk

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2016 Meeting; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Silva, Mr. Walther. Abstain: Mayor Brown. Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15th meeting; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Mr. Silva, Mr. Walther, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Hagaman.

Presentation: Verizon Wireless / Mr. William Flanagan: Mr. Flanagan, Tilson Tech., Project Manager. Mr. Flanagan explained Verizon Wireless is planning to install small cell antennas throughout the area. He explained this is a statewide initiative for installation of low powered nodes to new or existing utility poles in the public right of ways. This process is to enhance its network for 2017 and is seeking the municipality's consent to operate within the right of ways. Ms. Siebold stated she reviewed the Resolution proposed by Verizon and is requesting minor modifications. Mayor Brown reported on many of the main roads there are smaller poles near the utility poles which is not at all aesthetically pleasing. Mr. Flanagan stated he is working for Verizon Wireless and will check with Verizon regarding the poles. He indicated the antennas will be placed on the large Verizon poles. He stated the antennas are very well powered and the distance between each other are about 500-1000 feet. He stated the primary purpose is for areas that lack coverage. Mr. Silva suggested the antennas resemble the poles. Mr. Flanagan stated this installation should take place within the next year. Mr. Flanagan stated he will research the smaller poles and report back to the Governing Body. Mr. Silva asked what the proposed coverage will be. Mr. Flanagan stated the goal is 100%. Mr. Silva requested free services for our Police Department and Public Works. Mr. Flanagan stated he can ask.

Mayor opened to the public. Mr. Paulsgraf asked how many nodes are to be installed. Mr. Flanagan stated at this time they do not know, at the most a half of dozen.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: None.

Hearing: Ordinance #13-2016 / An Ordinance to Vacate a portion of Maryland Avenue between 4th and 5th Avenues: Mayor entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

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An Ordinance Entitled “An Ordinance to Vacate and Release from Dedication Maryland Avenue, a Paper Street, between Fourth and Fifth Avenues, in the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey”

Committee Reports:

Department of Development & Housing: Mr. Haganan reported the following for the month of October: Construction Department issued 27 new permits which included rehab for two existing single family dwellings and roof mount solar systems. The remaining new permits were for alterations (which include roofing, siding, and reinstatements of service, installing and removing of tanks). The Construction Office collected \$6,904.00 in fees of which \$503.00 is remitted to the State. The Zoning Department issued 13 Zoning Permits, 5 Maintenance Certificates and collected \$1,200.00. In October we also received \$1,800.00 for the property registration program through Community Champions. Mr. Haganan stated we have received a request to accept Block 11118, Lot 2, a vacant wooded lot on Reading Avenue. It is a 3.65 acre under-sized lot in the FAR zone. The lot is completely wooded with no wetlands. Mayor Brown entertained a motion to accept; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Haganan. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Mayor stated in regards to Community Champions to date we have collected \$31,500.00 and we need to discuss at budget time how we can allocate the funds.

Department of Public Safety: Mr. Silva reported the following stats from October 25-November 22: burglary alarms 23, Chief notes there are not a lot of repeat offenders, but is researching it; assisting other agencies 6; assistance from other agencies 33; bank bags 16; general complaints 11; disabled motor vehicles 8; domestics 7; EMS calls 42; fire 6; firearm applications 23; mail transport 17; missing persons 4; motor vehicle accidents 16; motor vehicle stops 158; property checks 349; sex offender registration 3; suspicious motor vehicle 13; suspicious persons 6; traffic control 6; and warrant service 8. Mr. Silva reported on a resident who was recently accosted in his driveway and acknowledged the Police Department on an outstanding job in apprehending the suspects.

Department of Public Works: Mr. Walther reported the following: Recycling for the week of Thanksgiving will be on FRIDAY, November 25th. Public Works has been busy with the following: Chipped down trees, set-up three polling locations for General Election, cut back branches on Nescochague Drive, serviced snow plow equipment, cut trees and cleaned litter in retention pond in White Oak Circle, at the recreation complex cut fields, aerated, seeded ball fields and winterized irrigation system and picked up litter along township roadways.

Department of Administration: Mr. Walther reported the following: Municipal Offices will be closed November 24th & 25th. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving! For the Christmas holiday the municipal offices will be closed on December 26th and 27th. Mullica Township Seniors are holding ceramic classes on Wednesday November 30th, December 7th, and December 14th at 11:00 am.

Department of Revenue & Finance: Mayor Brown reported the following: The deadline for the 2014 Homestead Benefit application is Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016. As the end of the year approaches we ask residents to pay their property taxes up-to-date. By having taxes paid current before the end of the year it helps the rate for the entire Township as well as yourself by not having to pay penalties. Be thoughtful to others who are working hard to keep the taxes down!

Old Business:

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Resolution #157-2016 / Reduce Performance Guarantee / Block 9802, lots 1-3: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to reduce based upon the recommendation of the Township Engineer; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

New Business:

Set 2017 Re-Organization Meeting Date: Mayor stated New Year's Day is on Sunday and the Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4th. Mayor Brown recommended January 2nd at 12 noon. Mr. Silva moved to hold Re-Org on January 2nd, seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Public Discussion: None.

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to enter Executive Session; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Clerk read Resolution ES 20-2016 in full, to discuss, a grievance, update on ejection of persons in wrongful possession of municipal property and to review Executive Session Minutes.

Mayor Brown re-convened regular session at 8:30pm. Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body discussed a grievance with the PBA, an on-going investigation, update on COAH, update on ejection of persons in wrongful possession of municipal property and reviewed the Executive Session Minutes.

Approve Executive Session Minutes: Mr. Silva so moved to approve the minutes of October 25, 2016 seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Silva, Mr. Walther. Abstain: Mayor Brown.

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to adjourn; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk

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