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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, Larry Riffle, Christopher Silva, John Walther, Mayor Brown

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Tracy Siebold

CFO: Dawn Stollenwerk

Fire Department: Jerry Critelli, Chief of Fire Affairs; Anthony Tomasco, Elwood Fire Chief

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2016 Meeting; so moved by Mr. Walther seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Presentation: Jerry Critelli, Chief of Fire Affairs. Chief Critelli stated the Elwood Volunteer Fire Company is in desperate need to replace their tanker. He reported there is a grant opportunity from FEMA, which is a longshot, to purchase a new pumper/tanker; however, the Township needs to match 10% of the total cost. He stated the current vehicle is a pumper/tanker, which is 25 years old and beginning to nickel and dime the company. Chief Critelli stated their first out engine in Elwood is 20 years old and the rescue truck is 7 years old. He said they would like to apply for a tanked with a scaled dump pump which is approximately \$350,000 to \$400,000. Mr. Silva asked if the matching funding is bondable. CFO stated it is not, but that we could put money aside in the Capital Budget. Mayor questioned the number of tankers that report to Mullica. Chief stated Mullica has two, and when mutual aid is initiated, Hammonton, Laureldale and Germania will respond with tankers, along with Atlantic County Tanker Task Force. Mayor expressed his concern with not receiving the grant and how else to address this issue. Committee briefly discussed and stated that they will research and revisit.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: None.

Committee Reports:

Development & Housing: Mr. Hagaman reported the following: For the month of September the Construction Department issued 21 new permits, roof and ground mount solar systems, new shed and demolition of sheds. The remaining new permits were for alterations. The Construction Office collected \$4,331.00 in fees of which \$255.00 is remitted to the State. The Zoning Department issued 8 Zoning Permits, 4 Maintenance Certificates, issued violation notices to 7 properties and collected \$975.00. At the October Planning Board Meeting the Board recommended to vacate a portion of Maryland Avenue between Fifth and Fourth Avenues. This portion of roadway is an unimproved paper street and will not land lock any property owners. I am requesting consensus of Governing Body to move forward with a Vacation Ordinance. Mr. Silva moved for Clerk to prepare Ordinance seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

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Public Works: Mr. Riffle reported the following: Public Works has been busy: replacing signage, patching, chipping, litter pick-up, maintenance to recreation fields and park, welding, service to equipment, checked all storm drains, cleared ditches and had sand ready in preparation for Hurricane Matthew.

Department of Administration: Mr. Walther reported the following: 15th Annual William Kennedy Memorial Golf Tournament to Benefit Elwood Vol. Fire Co. & Township resident Linda Eagen will be held at the Mays Landing Country Club Saturday October 15th 2016 @ 8 am Rain or Shine. October 18th, 7pm., The Mullica in the Pines Historical Society speaker will be Peter Wawrzonkiewicz and the Morning Star Paranormal, theme is "Creepy Places in South Jersey". Mullica Township invites you to Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 22nd 6pm, at the Recreational Fields. Children dress in costume for Trunk or Treating! Prizes for trunks and treaters! Set-up between Concession Stand Field and Senior League Field. This event is being held in lieu of the Annual Halloween Parade. Halloween will be October 31st from 6pm -8pm.

Department of Revenue & Finance: Mayor Brown reported the following: New Jersey homeowners will begin to receive their 2014 Homestead Benefit application packets shortly. The Division of Taxation will be mailing applications over the next three weeks. The deadline for filing is Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016. Mayor stated under New Business Item B. we will be renewing the contract for un-collected court fines. The Court Fines received through the collection agency totaled \$7,333.67 over the last 15 months and the Township does not incur a cost for this program.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Resolution #140-2016: Oppose Public Question No. 1 / General Election: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to oppose; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #141-2016: Extend Contract / Penn Credit Corporation: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to extend; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Approve RFP / Township Auditor: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Payment of Bills: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the Bill List; so moved by Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Public Discussion:

Mr. Francis Paulsgraf asked in relationship to the Fire Company if that can be paid out over a number of years. Ms. Stollenwerk stated fire safety is ten years.

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to enter Executive Session; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Silva, Mr. Walther, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Clerk read Resolution ES 17-2016 in full, to discuss, pending litigation, grievances, a personnel matter, applicants for employment, 2017 appointments on-going investigation and to review Executive Session Minutes.

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Mayor convened Regular Session at 8:55 p.m.

Approve Executive Session Minutes: Mayor entertained a motion to approve to approve the minutes of September 27, 2016; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body discussed pending litigation, grievances, a personnel matter, candidates for employment, 2017 appointments for professionals, on-going investigations, and reviewed the Executive Session Minutes. Clerk also reported in regards to the pending investigation and a grievance Committee consented to authorize the Township Solicitor and Labor Counsel to negotiate a settlement agreement. Mayor Brown moved to the authorization seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Ms. Johnson reported the Governing Body also consented to have the Township Solicitor and Labor Counsel address the open claims in regards to the on-going investigation; so moved by Mayor Brown seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

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

BILL LIST

Atlantic City Electric	2,040.16	September Services
Casa Payroll Services	183.40	May-December Services
Sweetwater Country Cupboard	183.30	EPL Training Breakfast
Gloucester County Police Academy	60.00	FTO Training 11/2016
Hammonton Gazette	33.91	Special Meeting, Want Ad, Reval RFP
Verizon	228.93	September Services
NJ League of Municipalities	385.00	2016 Conference
Pitney Bowes Credit Corp	367.50	June-Sept Lease Installment
ACMJIF	51,733.00	4 th Quarter 2016 Installment
Staples Business Advantage	158.78	Office Supplies – Police
Swift, James P.	333.33	April-December Services
The Press of Atlantic City	81.20	September Publications
Petroleum traders	977.04	3 rd Quarter 2016 Purchases
Vital Communications, Inc.	204.00	May-December Services
Atlantic County Clerk's Office	8.00	Record MTRA 62-2016
Atlantic County Clerk's Office	16.00	Horst Landsale Deed
CSM	910.55	Vehicle Docking Station/Ikey
Demichele & Demichele	666.67	April-December Services
Serzan, Vincent	629.40	3rd Quarter Mcare Reimburse
Thompson, John C. Jr.	60.00	Vehicle Registration Reimburse
Gentilini Ford	1,193.61	Parts

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Gruccio, Pepper, DeSanto & Ruth	2,880.00	August Services
Treasurer, State of NJ/ML	225.00	3 rd Quarter Fees
NJ Dept of Health & Senior Sr	4..80	September State Fees
Weekstown Community Church	665.23	Refund Taxes Res 129-2016

Current Fund 6-01 63,289.46
Grant Fund G-02 910.55
Trust Fund T-03 20.80
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS 64,220.81