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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, HAMMONTON GAZETTE, EGG HARBOR AND HAMMONTON NEWS ON JANUARY 4, 2017, AND POSTED AT TOWN HALL.

**Roll Call:**

**Committee Present:** Larry Riffle, Christopher Silva, James Brown

**Committee Absent:** Edward Hagaman, John Walther

**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 March 8<sup>th</sup> Budget Meeting; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Mayor Brown. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown. Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mayor Brown. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

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

**2017 Budget Introduction:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

*“2017 Municipal Budget of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, for the Fiscal Year 2017”*

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve and set a hearing date for April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Mayor stated this budget has a three cent increase which is about 2.46% on the local purpose taxes.

**First Reading: Ordinance #3-2017 / Amend Chapter 38 / Off-Duty Employment:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

*An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 38, Article III, Section 189, Off-Duty Employment of the Code of the Township of Mullica Entitled “Police, Division of”*

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve and set a hearing date of April 11<sup>th</sup>, so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Correspondence:**

Resolution from City of Linwood in support of Atlantic County pledging non-acceptance of less than its fair percentage of pilot program revenues.

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Resolution from the Borough of Folsom supporting the filing of a complaint by the NJ Assoc. of Counties with the NJ Council on Local Mandates that the criminal justice reform act constitutes an unfunded stated mandate.

### **Old Business:**

**Budget Discussion:** CFO reported she supplied the Governing Body with the requested information from the last budget meeting and if nothing changes the proposed budget is a 3 cent increase. Mayor stated we could be looking at an overall 18 cent increase due to the Pilot Program and the schools. Mayor stated in all phases of government we are always willing to increase monies, but we should be looking at efficiencies. Mr. Silva stated the problem is this municipality has been cut to the bone; therefore, the efficiencies are less and less. Mr. Silva stated we need to find ways to produce revenue, example charge for chipping, business registrations, etc. Mr. Silva requested that additional funding be in the 2107 budget for an additional Special Officer. CFO stated with keeping a hold on overtime the Special Officer can be funded. Committee discussed ways to create savings, in the Police Department, mail delivery, bank courier and to have an Ad-hoc Committee review productivity and accountability of a new officer. Mayor suggested an analysis be completed by another agency to see if there is something Committee is missing. Mr. Silva stated we need more accountability and that all employees should be evaluated. Committee also discussed the regulations, restrictions, and loss of revenue placed on us by the Pinelands. Mr. Silva stated we still need to address the Transfer Station noting 46% of the municipality does not utilize it. Mayor entertained a motion to introduce the budget as proposed on March 28<sup>th</sup>; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

### **Old Business:**

**Budget Discussion / Efficiencies:** Mayor Brown suggested the CFO move forward with contacting the Post Office to have mail delivered to Town Hall. He indicated this would be a gain of 20 hours a month for patrol to be on the street. Mayor Brown entertained a motion to pursue; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Mayor Brown also suggested a courier service for our bank deposits, to also save on police personnel time. Mr. Silva suggested a Business Registration Ordinance be adopted, to be discussed at the next meeting.

**Public Safety Hazard / Elwood Road:** Mayor Brown reported this hazard pertains to the parking at the school. He stated as requested we received responses from the School, Police Department and NJEA and that he would like to discuss with a full Committee and stated no parking should be enforced to alleviate the hazard.

**Discuss Trailer Ordinance Revisions:** Mayor suggested holding for a full Committee review.

**Discuss Absenteeism:** Hold for full Committee discussion.

**Resolution #64-2017 / Confirm Land Sales / Block 6102, Lot 7&8 and Block 11307, Lot 2:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion to confirm in the amounts of \$12,600.00 and \$8,300.00; so moved by Mr. Silva moved seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

### **New Business:**

**Resolution #65-2017 / Approve AFSCME Contract 2016-2019:** Mayor Brown requested Committee review the contract before adopting. Hold until next meeting.

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**Resolution #66-2017 / Approve Chapter 48 Addendum:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #67-2017 / Separation of Service / Joel Conner:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #68-2017 / Appoint Heavy Equipment Operator / Andrew Finegan:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion to appoint; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #69-2017 / Approve Atlantic County Task Force Members:** Mr. Silva questioned if he should abstain due to Captain Zeck. Ms. Siebold stated this deals with public safety and he could vote. Clerk explained it recognizes employees and volunteers who participate in Task Force. Mayor Brown moved to approve seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #70-2017 / Approve Snow Plow / Emergency Personnel:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #71-2017 / Refund Taxes / Block 10001, Lot 17 / 100% Disable Vet, 2014 Homestead:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion to refund; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #72-2017 / Refund Taxes / Block 41133, Lot 2 / Bankruptcy:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion to refund; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #73-2017 / Renew Junkyard License / Quality Auto Parts:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion to renew for 2017; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #74-2017 / Approve Change Order #2 / Indian Cabin Road:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion to renew for 2017; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #75-2017 / Supporting Distracted Driving Crackdown / April 1<sup>st</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion to support; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Payment of Bills:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve the bill list; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Riffle 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. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Clerk read Resolution ES 5-2017 in full, to discuss a possible grievance and to review Executive Session Minutes.

Mayor Brown called the meeting back to regular session at 7:40 pm. Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body discussed a possible grievance in the Police Department, salary for the Heavy Equipment Operator, matters regarding the personnel policies and reviewed the Executive Session Minutes of March 14, 2017. Mayor Brown entertained a motion that the Resolution for the Heavy Equipment Operator include a starting salary of \$29,500.00; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Mr. Silva expressed his concern that the conversations of the Governing Body regarding items impacting the budget are being twisted.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk

**BILL LIST**

Alicea, Miriam	150.00	March Court Services
Animal Capture & Control Svc.	598.00	March Services
Arawak Paving Co.	197,030.23	Payment Application #2
Atlantic City Electric	3,087.20	February Services
General Code Publishers	1,195.00	Annual ECode Maintenance
Crystal Springs	130.08	January Services
Ink Technologies	195.00	Toner Cartiridge/PD
Maguire & Maguire	187.50	February Services
Civil Solutions, A Division	300.00	Services Through 3/14/17
Nehmad Perillo & Davis	3,543.14	January Services
Verizon	55.49	February Services
Verizon Wireless	240.08	March Services
Sprint Spectrum	421.33	March Services
Unitedhealthcare Insurance	718.76	April Premium
Staples Business Advantage	29.99	Courtroom Clock
The Daily Journal	9.34	Budget Workshop Meeting
Thanks for Being Green LLC	175.00	Transport Non-CED
Petroleum Traders	2,247.75	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Blanket Voucher
Groff Tractor of NJ	291.06	Case 621 D Service
Marathon Engineering Inc.	450.00	Misc. Road Projects
Atlantic County Clerk's Office	38.00	Ord 13-2016/Horst Escrow – Record Howerly Land Sale
Atlantic County Utilities Auth.	14,015.18	February Services
Comcast	350.21	March Services
Comcast Business	374.04	March Services
Gruccio, Pepper, DeSanto & Ruth	1,200.00	Legal Services Oct-Dec
HyWay Motors, Inc.	1,418.49	February Services
NJ Division of Pensions	38.28	February 2017 Employer Contribut.
Greater Egg Harbor Regional	252,076.10	2017 Levy – March
Mullica Twp. Board of Ed	324,311.97	2017 Levy – March

Current Fund 6-01 3,368.49  
 Current Fund 7-01 603,777.50  
 Capital Fund C-04 28,177.16  
 Grant Fund G-02 169,028.07  
 Trust Fund T-3 636.00  
**TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS 804,987.22**