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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: Gary Franklin, Larry Riffle, Christopher Silva, John Walther, James Brown

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Tracy Siebold

Police Department: Chief Thompson

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26th meeting. Mr. Silva requested the minutes be amended to reflect the CFO's comments, under Department of Revenue and Finance, that the savings in health benefits, which he requested, could be approximately \$30,000.00. Mr. Silva made a motion to amend seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Franklin. Absent: Mr. Walther. Mr. Silva moved to approve the minutes with the amendment seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Franklin. Absent: Mr. Walther.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: None.

Hearing: Ordinance #8-2017 / Accept Unimproved Lands / Block 11119, Lot 2 and Block; 11120, Lot 2: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Franklin, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown. Absent: Mr. Walther.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of Unimproved Lands, Designated Block 11119, Lot 2 and Block 11120, Lot 2, on the Tax Map of the Township Mullica, by the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey.

Mayor Brown opened to the public. No public comment. Mayor entertained a motion to adopt; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Franklin, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Silva, Mayor Brown. Absent: Mr. Walther.

Committee Reports:

Department of Public Works: Mr. Riffle indicated at the Transfer Station last weekend, there was an incident where a resident became irate with employees, which he witnessed. Committee briefly discussed and agreed that employees should call 911 when there is incident. Chief stated he will have a patrol unit visit on the weekends.

Department of Administration: Mayor reported the following: The September Historical Society meeting will be held Tuesday October 17th, at 7:00 pm at the Hilda Frame School. Museum will be open. Mullica Recreation is holding a fundraiser at Butterhof' Farm on Saturday, October 21st, beginning at 5:30 pm. Mullica

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Township Trunk or Treat will be held Saturday, October 28th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Recreation Fields. Trick or Treating will be held October 31st from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Correspondence:

Resolution from Buena Vista expressing opposition to the legislative proposals regarding the Open Public Meetings Act and Open Public Records Act.

Resolution from NJ Conference of Mayors urging the State Legislature to extend the 2% CAP on Police and Fire Arbitration Contract Awards.

Old Business:

Resolution #130-0217 / Amend Date / Elwood Volunteer Fire Department Coin Drop / October 21st: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to amend; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #131-2017 / Opposing Senate Bill 1045 & 1046 / OPMA & OPRA: Mr. Silva moved to approve seconded by Mr. Franklin. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Discuss Amendments / Towing Ordinance / Chapter 217: Chief Thompson reported the Towing Ordinance has not been updated within the past fourteen years, noting Committee was given a proposal which includes amendments to fees, language changes and a more concise ordinance overall. Chief reported these amendments are based on a meeting held with himself, former Committeeman Hagaman, Ms. Johnson and Township towers, Mr. Forman and Mr. Schlue. Chief explained in preparation for the meeting held with those listed above he reviewed towing ordinances of surrounding municipalities. Chief began to explain some of the definition changes and requested further review of the fees, noting there is a discrepancy regarding mileage rates outside of the municipality. Committee discussed the proposed changes with Chief Thompson and the towers. Discussion included, towing out of town, hours of operation, mileage costs, etc. Mr. Silva suggested reviewing the changes with Mr. Franklin, Chief Thompson and the towers. Mr. Silva suggested placing on the next meeting agenda and they will be ready to discuss and explain the revisions.

Budget Discussion: Mayor reported in regards to the mail he indicated new forms are being ordered with our new address. In regards to the insurance issue Mayor suggested all the employees be informed first and that the CFO is working on that. Mr. Silva agreed and stated that is why he had requested a presentation to the Governing Body to show the savings to the municipality and the employees. Mr. Franklin stated he is reviewing the analysis submitted from the Police Department regarding Special Officers and he does not feel it will be sustainable. He is still reviewing and will be able to submit a report to Committee in the near future. Mr. Silva stated this is a Public Safety issue and those officers will be specifically focused for traffic. Mayor suggested reviewing current productivity, prior to spending additional funding.

New Business:

Resolution #132-2017 / Award Fuel Contract / Majestic Oil: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to award; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #133-2017 / Chapter 159 / Bulletproof Vest Fund: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to insert \$1,544.49 into the budget; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

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Resolution #134-2017 / Chapter 159 / Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to insert \$12,815.98 into the budget; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #135-2017 / DOT Grant / Seventh Avenue Section II: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to submit; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #136-2017 / DOT Grant / Darmstadt Avenue Section I: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to submit; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #137-2017 / Appoint Heavy Equipment Operator / Charles Hartman: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to appoint; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution #138-2017 / Urging the State Legislature to Extend the 2% CAP on Police & Fire Arbitration Contract Awards: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to support; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Franklin, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Walther, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Silva.

Payment of Bills: Mayor Brown entertained a motion to approve the bill list; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Franklin. RCV: All voted yes.

Public Discussion: Mr. Tom Messina, 811 Darmstadt Avenue, suggested that contractor signs should only be placed on the property while work is being done not along the highways; requested the Code Enforcement Officer work more hours to obtain offenders, that a sign be posted on the door to the Construction Office regarding the procedures for obtaining permits and expressed his concern of speeders along Darmstadt Avenue and Duerer Street.

Mr. Gilberto Matos, 4461 Reading Avenue, thanked Mayor Brown for considering additional officers, expressed his dissatisfaction with receiving eight tickets for an accident he was involved and that his vehicle was towed, kept in storage, which he received a bill for \$290.00. Mr. Matos explained he is involved with Civil Air Patrol and is trying to open a veterans center on the White Horse Pike to work with senior citizens and children and urged Committee to assist in this endeavor.

Mr. Glen Forman indicated Mr. Matos car was towed and stored because he was involved in a serious auto accident.

Mayor Brown closed public portion and entertained a motion to enter Executive Session; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Clerk read Resolution #ES14-17 in full to discuss pending litigation, contract negotiations, 2018 appointments and to review Executive Session minutes.

Mayor Brown moved to come back to Regular Session at 8:50 PM. Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body reviewed the Executive Session Minutes, discussed pending litigation, and 2018 appointments.

Approve Executive Session Minutes: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2017; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Silva, Mr. Walther, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Mr. Franklin. Absent: Mr. Riffle.

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to adjourn; so moved by Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Franklin, Mr. Silva, Mr. Walther, Mayor Brown. Absent: Mr. Riffle.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk