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7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Silva called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. read the following statement and led the flag salute.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975 ANNUAL NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN BY NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE ATLANTIC CITY PRESS, ON JANUARY 6, 2018, THE HAMMONTON GAZETTE ON JANUARY 10, 2018, AND POSTED AT TOWN HALL

**Roll Call:**

**Committee Present:** James Brown, Barbara Rheault, Christopher Silva

**Committee Absent:** Larry Riffle, John Walther

**Municipal Clerk:** Kimberly Johnson

**Solicitor:** Tracy Siebold

**CFO:** Dawn Stollenwerk

**Police Department:** Captain Zeck

**Township Engineer:** Jay Sciullo

**Approval of Committee Minutes:** Mayor Silva entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the budget meeting held March 13<sup>th</sup>; so moved by Mr. Brown seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Mayor moved to approve the minutes of the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Brown. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

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

**Hearing: Ordinance #5-2018 / Amend Chapter 144 / COAH:** Mayor Silva entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mayor Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

*An Ordinance of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 144, Land Development Ordinance to Address the Requirements of the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) Regarding Compliance with the Municipality's Prior Round and Third Round Affordable Housing Obligations*

Ms. Siebold explained this Ordinance is an accumulation of our settlement with Fair Share Housing Center, with regard to the affordable housing obligations of the municipality for the years 1999-2025. She reported this was a positive settlement which commits the municipality to build no affordable housing, but to provide funds for upgrading and replacing of emergent remedies to our residents. Ms. Siebold stated once this is approved a copy will be sent to the Courts to establish our compliance. Mayor Silva opened to the public; no public comment. Mayor Silva entertained a motion to adopt; so moved by Mr. Brown seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Hearing: Ordinance #6-2018 / Amend Chapter 144 / WV Zone, Water Quality & Zoning Map:** Mayor Silva entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Brown. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

*Amending Chapter 144, Section 110 Water Quality, Section 118 Zoning Map and Section 135 Weekstown Village of the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey*

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Mr. Sciallo reported that Viking Yachts purchased the Ocean Yachts Facility on Green Bank Road and as part of the development approval process with the Pinelands Commission, a portion of the site is being re-zoned to allow upgrades to the facility. He explained the amendment to the Weekstown Village is to include boat building which should have been in the Development Ordinance as well as Water Quality which is site specific to this parcel only as recommended by the Pinelands Commission. Mayor Silva opened to the public.

Mr. Jerry Critelli asked what the proposed upgrades are. Mr. Sciallo stated formal application has been made at this time, so the upgrades are unknown. Mayor Silva closed public portion and entertained a motion to adopt; so moved by Mr. Brown seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Budget Introduction:** 2018 Municipal Budget: Mayor Silva entertained motion to read by title. Mr. Brown stated there is a last minute change, noting the increase percentage will drop to 2.41 based upon recommendations of the Tax Assessor regarding revenue. Ms. Rheault moved to read by title seconded by Mr. Brown. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

### *2018 Municipal Budget of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey*

Mayor Silva entertained motion to approve and set hearing date for April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; so moved by Mr. Brown seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Brown, Ms. Rheault. Abstain: Mayor Silva.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Department of Public Safety:** Ms. Rheault reported the following: February Fire Report: Safety Report, none. Calls for Service: Elwood 9- in Elwood; 1 - assist in Mullica; 1 - Mutual aide; 10 calls total; Nesco 6 assist in Mullica; 1 mutual aide; 7 total; Weekstown 4 assist in Mullica; 4 total; Sweetwater 1 call in Sweetwater; 6 assist in Mullica; 7 total. Chief of Fire Affairs Critelli is requesting to be included in Capital Budget Planning, for replacement of outdated equipment and researching replacement of Elwood 26 year old tanker. He is also request to meet with a member from each station, Mayor Silva, CFO and, myself Director of Public Safety to address staffing issues. The Fire Departments have and will continue to support the Public Works Department with the handling of tree removal and whatever is needed during any storm. Ms. Rheault thanked the Fire Departments for their assistance during the last storm. Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Recreational Fields this Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m., du to last week's storm. On Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 the Chief, Captain and myself conducted 2<sup>nd</sup> interviews on 4 police applicants. The results of the interviews were unanimous, an individual has been selected. This individual is a trained police officer from Camden County that is eager to start a career with our department. The individual was advanced to the background phase which is being completed now. If any committee member would like to see a copy of the individuals resume please contact myself, otherwise, pending successful completion of the background investigation, I will have a recommendation in preparation for appointment at the April 10<sup>th</sup> committee meeting. Mayor Silva requested the candidate's resume be emailed to all members of Committee.

Mayor Silva stated the members of our Fire Department are volunteers and their assistance Township snow/storm emergencies is only a small portion of their dedication to the wellbeing of this municipality.

**Department of Revenue & Finance:** Mr. Brown reported the following: Tax Sale is schedule for April 4<sup>th</sup> for all unpaid 2017 property taxes. The Atlantic County Tax Board is meeting Friday to discuss the option of extending our revaluation until 2019. At this time, Vital is anticipating it will take another month to complete

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inspections and establish values. Instead of rushing through the project and cutting short the time residents have to discuss their new values with Vital, postponing the revaluation until 2019 seems the best solution at this time.

Mr. Brown requested a consensus from Committee to agree to postpone the revaluation until 2019, with the same terms and condition of the original contract remaining. Mr. Brown moved to support the extension as the County Tax Board recommends seconded by Mayor Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Mr. Brown suggested extending the Share Services Agreement with Galloway Township for Superintendent of Public Works for another couple of months. Ms. Rheault noted to date interviews have not been scheduled. Mr. Brown stated Mr. Riffle was awaiting clarification from Department of Community Affairs. Ms. Rheault those standards are the same and can be viewed in the Statutes. Mr. Brown moved to request Galloway to extend, seconded by Mayor Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Department of Public Works:** Mayor Silva reported the following: Public Works Department is working to clear debris from Winter Storm Toby. We ask our residents to be patient as it will take weeks to clear and collect the brush and debris. Mr. Ayers has requested I extend a thank you to The Public Works Department that worked 24 hours straight during the storm, Police Department, Fire Department, and our volunteers that assisted during the storm. Could have not got it done without everyone's help. The Township Transfer Station will be closed Sunday, April 1, 2018 in observance of Easter.

**Department of Administration:** Mayor Silva reported that the Municipal Offices will be closed, Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Department of Development & Housing: Mayor Silva reported the following:** For the month of February we collected \$3,000.00 through the Property Registration Program administered by Community Champions. The Zoning Office is suggesting we remove the following section from Chapter 177, Property Maintenance. The reason is because an independent home inspector is not employed by a state or municipal agency therefore we cannot rely on those documents to satisfy the state required inspection and municipal code. Section 177-12, Maintenance Code Certificate: *177-12E. Where preoccupation inspections are performed by other reliable agencies, the findings of such surveys shall be deemed acceptable to the requirements of this code. In such cases, the certificate shall be issued upon presentation of pertinent documents and payment of the application fee of \$25.* Mayor Silva stated he will need to have further discussions with the Zoning Officer. Clerk explained this would only eliminate the acceptance of a Home Inspection report.

Ms. Rheault stated one of the major obstacles during the storm was moving trees and other issues on County Roads, noting that is where a majority of our time was spent.

### Correspondence:

Resolution from Absecon and Buena Vista opposing offshore drilling off the coast of New Jersey.

Resolution from Northfield supporting Assembly Bill 3292 requiring a warning sticker on containers of opioid medications.

Mullica Township Board of Education has applied to the NJ Pinelands Commission for various site improvements at 500 Elwood Road. Interested persons may submit comments.

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Ms. Rheault requested Mullica support Assembly Bill 3292, noting in Mullica Township we have had five Narcan saves this year, noting this Bill has passed the Assembly today to urge the Governor to sign the bill. To be considered at next Committee meeting.

### **Old Business:**

**Resolution #61-2018 / Approve Land Sale Request / Block 10022, Lot 18:** Mayor Silva moved to approve sale; so moved by Mr. Brown seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #62-2018 / Cancelling Engineering Contracts / Marathon Engineering:** Mayor Silva moved to cancel; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Brown. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #63-2018 / Award Engineering Services / Sciullo Engineering / Musket Lane:** Mayor Silva moved to award; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Brown. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #64-2018 / Award Engineering Services / Sciullo Engineering / 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue:** Mayor Silva moved to award; so moved by Mr. Brown seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #65-2018 / Approve 2018 Junkyard Renewal / Vasilakis:** Mayor Silva explained this Resolution requires any new operator to be approved by the municipality and provide a certification from the DEP showing compliance. Mr. Brown moved to approve seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Mr. Matthew Savona requested clarification. Mayor Silva explained the approval is to renew the Junkyard License, with requirements before operation can begin, noting this is more stringent than a conditional license.

Mr. Brown requested an update from Mr. Sciullo regarding Musket Lane project. Mr. Sciullo stated last week we received the endorsed documents and that it culvert should be replaced in the next month, pending weather.

**Discuss 1033 Program Policy:** Ms. Siebold reported at the direction of the Governing Body she drafted a policy to require approval from the Governing Body if advance notice can be granted. Clerk requested clarification of the Governing Body where to incorporate the policy. Mayor Silva stated it should be included in the Personnel Policies; Committee concurred.

### **New Business:**

**Resolution #66-2018 / Award Engineering Services / Sciullo Engineering / Elm & Anderson:** Mayor Silva moved to award; so moved by Mayor Silva seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #67-2018 / Award Engineering Services / Sciullo Engineering / ADA** Mayor Silva moved to award so moved by Mr. Brown seconded by Mayor Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #68-2018 / Approve 2018 Junkyard Renewal / Quality Auto Parts:** Mayor Silva moved to renew; so moved by Mr. Brown seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #69-2018 / Approve Additional Snow/Emergency Personnel:** Mayor Silva moved to approve; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Ms. Brown. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Payment of Bills:** Mayor Silva entertained a motion to approve the Bill List: so moved by Mr. Brown seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Mayor Silva abstained on payment to Galloway Township.

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### Public Discussion:

Mr. Matthew Savona, White Horse Pike, asked if the Governor declared a State of Emergency and what impact does that have in coordinating with the State. Mayor Silva stated the State does not get involved in plowing, cutting down trees, etc.

Ms. Barbara Sarraf, Elwood Road, asked who is the Director of Emergency Management and asked if that person was on site. Mayor Silva stated it is Chief Thompson. Ms. Rheault indicated he was available by radio and phone, so was unaware of his location.

Mr. Gary Pieper, Venice Avenue, requested the chipping policy and be amended/ and or suspended due to the latest storm. It will be discussed with Superintendent.

Ms. Barbara Sarraf, asked if Chief Thompson was on site, it would have saved the Township funding instated of hiring emergency personnel and asked for confirmation. Ms. Rheault stated she will need to review the policy and the requirements of the position.

Mr. Tom Blandy, Venice Avenue, stated he has been calling Vital Communications for the past couple months and they have advised him that the letters will be going out shortly. Mayor Silva indicated we will reach out to them, since the process is going to be extended.

Mayor Silva announced that there was an instance when the recorder was left on while Committee was in Executive Session and it is being rectified.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Brown asked if we were entering Executive Session. Mayor Silva made a motion to adjourn Executive Session until the next meeting seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk