

**REGULAR MEETING
JULY 23, 2013
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, EGG HARBOR AND HAMMONTON NEWS ON JANUARY 9, 2013, AND POSTED AT TOWN HALL.

Roll Call:

Committee Present: Anthony Gabris, Ed Hagaman, Barbara Rheault, Larry Riffle, Mayor Brown

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Elias Manos

Chief of Police: John Thompson

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2013 Meeting; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Oath of Office Administered to Officer Joseph Giardina: Clerk administered Oath of Office to Officer Giardina.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: None.

Committee Reports:

Public Works: Ms. Rheault reported the following: Repairs to the Jackson Road Bridge will be completed soon. The Transfer Station received a satisfactory report from the Board of Health. On this evening's agenda we will be hiring a Light Equipment Operator based upon recommendation of Supervisor of Public Works.

Development & Housing: Mr. Hagaman reported the August Planning Board Meeting has been cancelled and noted his office is issuing permits, as well as, code violations. Mr. Gabris expressed his concern with some of the code violations that have been recently issued. Mr. Hagaman requested any concerns should be directed to himself or his Department.

Public Safety: Mr. Riffle reported the following: SAVE THE DATE FOR National Night Out which will be held August 6th at the Mullica Rec. Complex on Elwood Road from 5:00 pm – 8 pm.

Correspondence:

South Jersey Gas will hold public hearings regarding proposed increases, changes and requests at the Voorhees Middle School on August 7th, at 4:30 and 5:30 pm.

Old Business:

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Pinelands Infrastructure Grant Update: Mayor Brown gave the following overview regarding this Grant Opportunity: The Township is pursuing a \$60,000 grant from the Pinelands Commission for a pre-engineering study to find solutions to existing septic systems problems in the Elwood Village Section of the Township, specifically Wharton Park. Wharton Park homes were constructed in the 1960's and many have cesspools, in this 160 home development, which are beginning to fail. Due to new legislation a health department inspection is required when there is a real estate transaction, which will cause the cesspool to become abandoned and replaced with a conforming septic system, which could cost up to \$15,000.00. Two meetings were held with representatives from the municipality and the Pinelands Commission to discuss solutions to address these aging septic systems, as well as, the environmental issues. The possibilities that were discussed were: 1. Low costs loans being funded by the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust fund to finance septic replacements (Officials expressed concern with the ability to pay back the loan due to the cost of the systems); 2. Constructing a wastewater conveyance infrastructure to connect to Hammonton Sewage Treatment Plant (this solution was ruled out due to Hammonton's difficulty with properly disposing of its existing sewage flows); 3. Construct a decentralized wastewater treatment system; this would best address public health, environmental protection and economic issues. The third option could also assist the school with their wastewater plant (which they showed an interest), as well as, providing sewerage treatment along the White Horse Pike. Discussions included contacting the Atlantic County Utilities Authority regarding this type of system and utilizing their expertise, which the ACUA has offered assistance. The Executive Director of the Pinelands has briefly introduced this to the Pinelands Commission and the scope of work, a draft resolution and memorandum of understanding will be presented to the Pinelands Policy & Implementation Committee at their August meeting, and will be attended by Mayor Brown to address the Committee.

Mr. Gabris stated he was glad to see this type of project in the works, adding it is much needed. Mr. Hagaman thanked Mayor Brown for his involvement and informing the Governing Body of the progress. Mayor Brown entertained a motion to continue moving forward with this project; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Mayor Brown opened this to the public to address any questions.

Mr. Francis Paulsgraf asked where the sewage treatment plant would be located and how much land would be required to house this. Mayor stated that will be addressed in the study.

Ms. Ann Cavage asked where the monies will come from. Mayor stated the municipality has no funding for this and that it is our desire to receive grant funding.

Mr. William Butterhof, Jr., asked what area the pre-engineering study will encompass. Mayor stated that is an unknown until we receive the grant approval, and then begin the study.

New Business:

Resolution 92-2013 / Approving Light Equipment Operator / Lawrence Prince: Mayor entertained a motion to appoint; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Resolution 93-2013 / Extending 3rd Quarter Tax Payment / August 20th: Mayor entertained a motion to extend until August 20th; so moved by Mr. Gabris seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

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Resolution 94-2013/ Grant Utility Easement / ACE / Block 9303, Lot 1: Mayor entertained a motion to grant; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Approve Bid Specifications / Reconstruction of Fifth Avenue: Mayor entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Payment of Bills: Mayor entertained a motion to approve the Bill List; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion: Mr. Jack Piper, 3537 Nesco Road, stated he was requested by the Code Enforcement Officer to remove his recently purchased chickens from his property, due to a recent complaint, as he does not have the required acreage. Mr. Piper stated he has resided in Mullica since 1969 and in the past had chickens on his property. Mr. Piper submitted a Petition to the Governing Body signed by his neighbors requesting he be allowed to keep his chickens, noting he did not agree with the Zoning Ordinance, in that it relates to Pastoral Animals. Mr. Gabris suggested he apply for a variance to the Planning Board for an under-sized lot. Mr. Hagaman stated he will review the Ordinance and correspondence with the Housing Department.

Mayor Brown closed the public portion and entertained a motion to enter Executive Session; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Clerk read Resolution ES 10-2013 in full to discuss matters of personnel and to review Executive Session Minutes.

Mayor Brown called the meeting back to Regular Session at 8:25 pm. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Approve Executive Session Minutes: Mr. Hagaman made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 25, 2013 seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Abstain: Ms. Rheault.

Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body discussed personnel matters regarding promotions in the Police Department and staffing levels in the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Hagaman moved to adjourn seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson,
Municipal Clerk

BILL LIST

Alicea, Miriam	150.00	Court session 6/4 & 6/21
Alphacard	2,425.50	ID Machine
Barrett Asphalt Corporation	308.70	Rap
Belvin, Niki	300.00	NNO Face Painting
Butterhof's Farm & Home Supply	11.00	Chain/Connectors

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Casa Payroll Svc.	290.95	April-December 2013 Services
Cherry Valley Tractor	50.86	Chipper Air Cover
Crescent Service, LLC	3,248.10	May/June Svc.
DiMeglio Septic	65.00	May-December Services
Deer Carcass Removal Svc.	60.00	Carcass Removal 6/13
G&P Floor Maintenance	425.00	April – December Svc.
Glass, Gary M. MD	100.00	Psychiatric Evaluation
GFOA	170.00	Membership
Grainger Industrial	310.50	Trash Can Liners
Heavenly Promotions	330.00	Window Envelopes/Tax
Hess Corporation	138.00	May-December Services
Jimmies Florist. Inc.	45.00	Memorial Day Wreath
Crystal Springs	118.36	April-December 2013 Services
Lowe's	87.34	Weed Control
Metropolitan Telecommunication	848.51	May-December Services
Maglocen	400.00	2013 User Fee
Verno, Michele	666.67	April-December Services
Barker, Scott, Gelfand, "PC	87.50	May 2013 services
Nehmad Perillo & Davis	1,755.96	May 2013 Services
Verizon	192.87	May-December Services
Verizon Wireless	200.13	May-December Services
Nextel Communications	830.93	May-December 2013 Services
Ancero	690.00	June Web Defense/PD Service
Premier Printing Solutions	334.44	Primary Election Materials
ACMJIF	53,079.00	3 rd Qtr Installment
Camden County Police Academy	25.00	In-Service Training – Trivelli
South Jersey Gas Co.	38.92	May-December Services
South Jersey Turf Consultants	1,262.00	Field Maintenance
South Jersey Welding Supply	195.00	Cylinder Lease 5/13-5/14
United healthcare Insurance	697.68	June-December Premium
Swift, James P.	300.00	April – December 2013 Services
Daily Journal	10.26	Ord 7-2013
The Press	42.18	Ord 8-2013
Petroleum Traders	3,475.04	2 nd Quarter Purchases
Vital Services Group	204.00	April-December Services
Avaya, Inc.	237.70	May-December Lease Install
Office Basics	243.99	Office Supplies
Marathon Engineering Inc.	1,200.00	May Escrow Services
Ford Motor Credit Co.	11,492.14	Lease Installment #3
Atlantic County Clerk's Office	46.00	Record St. Vacation Giacopello – File Deeds/Prop Deeded
Atlantic County Utilities Auth.	15,582.93	April – December 2013 Services
Stollenwerk, Dawn	325.28	POD Charges
Treasurer, State of NJ	3,956.23	201 Recycling & NJPDES
Treasurer, State of NJ/ML	175.00	2 nd Quarter 2013 State Fees
NJ State Health Benefits Fund	62,221.56	July Premium
NJ Dept of Health & Sr. Svc.	3.60	June 2013 State Fees

Current Fund 3-01 167,595.95
 Capital Fund C-04 325.28

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Trust Fund	T-03	1,533.60
	Total of All Funds	169,454.83