

## REGULAR MEETING MAY 7, 2018

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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, John Walther, Christopher Silva

**Committee Absent:** Larry Riffle

**Municipal Clerk:** Kimberly Johnson

**Solicitor:** Tracy Siebold

**CFO:** Dawn Stollenwerk

**Township Engineer:** Jay Sciullo

**Approval of Committee Minutes:** Mayor Silva entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting; so moved by Mr. Brown seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

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

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Department of Public Safety:** Ms. Rheault reported the following Fire Report for the month of March: Safety, no accidents or injuries, Calls for Service, Elwood 27; Nesco 25; Weekstown 23; Sweetwater 33 (many calls due to Mach storms). Departments attended a live burn at Camden County training facility and went well. Chief of Fire Affairs is currently requesting quotes and trade in values for a new tanker for Elwood.

**Department of Finance:** Mr. Brown reported PO #18-00302 for NJ Planning Officials in the amount of \$85.00 was removed from the Bill List.

**Department of Administration:** Mr. Walther reported the following: Atlantic County Animal Shelter Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 am -11 am. At 240 Old Turnpike Road in Pleasantville, NJ. The guest speaker for the May 15<sup>th</sup> Mullica in the Pines Historical Society meeting is Noelle Gardella, butterfly expert. Noelle will give an update on the protection of the butterfly and their importance to the environment, meeting starts at 7pm. Mr. Walther reported he, Chief Thompson and Ms. Johnson met with Shore Animal Control regarding procedures. Mayor Silva expressed his concern with the coyote population and requested it be researched.

**Department of Public Works:** Mr. Walther reported the following: We received correspondence from resident Tom Monzo regarding a standing water issue. It was suggested by Superintendent Ayers that we forward this to the Board of Health. Superintendent Ayers has contacted the State DOT Dispatch regarding pot holes from Elwood Road to the EHC boundary. There are a multitude of holes along the Pike in the travel lanes and the cross over's between the medians. This request was submitted to the Regional Director and they have advised it will be put on a priority list of work to be completed. Chipper is currently down, waiting for parts and repair.

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Currently obtaining estimates for brush grinding at the Transfer Station. New container wheels were purchased for the cans at the Transfer Station, awaiting date to be welded. Recreation fields look great!

**Department of Development & Housing:** Mayor Silva reported the following for the month of April: Construction Department issued 24 permits which included Continued Certificate of Occupancy for Jay's Sweetwater Grill, roof mount solar systems, in-ground pool, garage conversion, and a deck. The remaining new permits were for alterations. The Construction Office collected \$6,410.00 in fees of which \$511.00 is remitted to the State. The Zoning Department issued 12 Zoning Permits, 7 Maintenance Certificates and collected \$1,775.00.

Ms. Siebold reported the Court is ready to enter a final judgment in the Affordable Housing matter for a Judgment of Repose from 1999-2025, which order will be submitted and will grant Mullica protective immunity. She noted COAH has is requiring that when Chapter 144 is amended that any reference regarding COAH to make clear it includes the controlling court.

### **Correspondence:**

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

Resolution from City of Absecon calling for defeat of Assembly Bill A-773 proposing gaming expansion at State Race Tracks.

Atlantic County will hold a public hearing on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 5pm at the Atlantic County Library for the proposal of disbursement from the Atlantic County Open Space, Recreation Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for various improvements at Lake Lenape Park East.

### **Old Business:**

**Resolution #79-2018 / Confirm Sale of Property / Block 10022, Lot 18:** Mayor Silva entertained a motion to approve in the amount of \$2,200.00; so moved by Mr. Brown seconded by Mayor Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

### **New Business:**

**Discuss Amendments to Chapter 131 / Flood Damage Prevention:** Ms. Johnson reported in order to continue participation in the National Flood Insurance Program we have been mandated by FEMA to make changes to our Ordinance. She stated she has made the requested changes, noting many were already amended in 2014; however, there are optional higher standards that Committee needs to consider. Mr. Sciullo explained one of the options is to change the substantial damage to 40 percent from 50 percent which lowers the threshold to the homeowners. Mayor asked if insurance rates will go down lower. Mr. Sciullo stated overall if residents do re-builds in accordance with it, the rate would go down. Mr. Sciullo reported the map changes resulted in a reduction of structures in Mullica in the Flood Hazard Area. Mr. Brown stated the changes are not that restrictive. Mr. Sciullo explained another option is to amend the freeboard from the first finished floor from one foot with two or three feet. He stated for new construction adds minimal amount of cost; however, the reduction of premium insurance costs is substantial. Mayor asked if the height restriction would be amended. Mr. Sciullo suggested that Chapter 144 be amended for building height in flood hazard areas. Mayor asked what affect this would have on a homeowner making

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alterations. Mr. Sciuillo stated if the threshold is reduced in combination with raising the finished floor it could conceivably hit the threshold at a lower amount of value and have to raise the building. Committee to review.

**Resolution #80-2018 / Chapter 159 / Click It or Tick It:** Mayor entertained a motion to insert \$5,500.00 in the 2018 budget; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mayor Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #81-2018 / Refund Taxes / Block 8905, Lot 4 (2015 Homestead Cred / 100% Disabled Vet):** Mayor entertained a motion to refund; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #82-2018 / Refund Taxes / Block 3917, Lot 6 / Corelogic Overpayments:** Mayor entertained a motion to refund; so moved by Mr. Brown seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Resolution #83-2018 / Extend EMS Services / AtlantiCare:** Mayor Silva entertained a motion to extend the contract. Mr. Brown asked the term and Ms. Rheault asked if there are any issues. Clerk replied the term is one year and that they have been complying with the terms of the contract. Mr. Brown moved to extend seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Appoint Chief of Fire Affairs:** Mayor Silva entertained a motion to appoint Jerry Critelli; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Brown. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Approve Bid Specification's / Communications Easement:** Ms. Rheault moved to approve. Mr. Brown asked or an update. Ms. Siebold stated we currently have a lease agreement with a cellular company who has offered a buy-out. She reported we cannot have a perpetual lease agreement; however, this is for a 50 year easement. Mayor Silva seconded the motion. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Review of JIF's Correspondence / West Wildwood vs. NJ MEL:** Ms. Siebold noted this was placed on the agenda per the recommendation of the JIF. She explained that West Wildwood deviated from the JIF's recommendation; therefore, the municipality was responsible for the claim. Committee briefly discussed.

**Accept Planning Board Resignation / Michael Carrigan:** Mayor moved to accept; so moved by Mr. Walther seconded by Mayor Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes. Mayor thanked Mr. Carrigan for his services.

**Payment of Bills:** Mayor moved to approve the Bill List (with removal of PO1#8-00302); so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Walther. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

**Public Discussion:** Mr. Louis Vitale, 810 Darmstadt Avenue, expressed his dissatisfaction with the workers at the Transfer Station noting an occurrence that happened and the workers were not helpful. Mayor Silva stated we will investigate.

Mr. Francis Paulsgraf asked the update on Elm Street. CFO stated we just received approval from the County. Ms. Sciuillo stated bids will be out shortly. Mr. Paulsgraf expressed his dissatisfaction that the sidewalk was removed due to the resurfacing on Elwood Road.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk