

**REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2014  
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 8, 2014, AND POSTED AT TOWN HALL.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Committee Absent:** Larry Riffle

**Municipal Clerk:** Kimberly Johnson

**Solicitor:** Tracy Siebold

**CFO:** Dawn Stollenwerk

**Approval of Committee Minutes:** Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mayor Brown.

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

**Hearing: Ordinance 1-2013 / Salary Ordinance:** Mayor Brown entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mayor Brown.

*An Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries and Wages of Certain Officers and Employees of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey for the Year 2014".*

Mayor opened to the public. No public comment. Mayor entertained a motion to adopt; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Mayor Brown. Recuse: Ms. Rheault.

**Budget Discussion:** Ms. Stollenwerk reported with all the 2014 budget requests the tax increase is currently at 11.9 cents, which is well over our levy cap. CFO stated we lost \$250,000 in assessed valuations primarily from the Verizon issue, local revenues are down, especially in the Municipal Court and Construction Office, and loss of \$41,000 from Garden State Trust. Ms. Stollenwerk stated if she cut back other expense to 2013 she could bring the increase down two cents. Mayor stated the bulk of the increases are health insurance and contractual salaries, noting on the revenue side we can review the detail rate, permit fees and research shared services. Ms. Stollenwerk reminded the Board we have been ordered to do a Re-valuation. Committee briefly discussed and agreed to have a Budget Workshop Meeting. Ms. Rheault so moved to hold a Budget Workshop Meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Ms. Rheault noted that the Teachers Union and the Board reached a tentative agreement to settle the contract. Mayor Brown added if the Bond is approved for improvements to the high schools the increase in Mullica would be approximately \$24.00 per year per household. Ms. Stollenwerk reported we are saving approximately \$40,000 per year due to our agreement with Galloway Dispatch.

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### Committee Reports:

**Public Works:** Ms. Rheault reported the Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, in observance of President's Day and the compost area was recently inspected by the Board of Health and all was found in compliance. Ms. Rheault stated she is currently investigating a residents concern regarding snow access during snow events. Ms. Rheault commended Public Works for their continued stellar performance during our snow storms.

**Development & Housing:** Mr. Hagaman reported the following: For the month of January the Construction Department issued 11 new permits and 3 updates which included replacing a single family, repairs to a flood damaged single family dwelling, replacement of a flood damaged garage, demolition of a single family home, roof mounted solar panels, and heaters. The remaining new permits were for alterations. The Construction Office collected \$8,235.00 in fees of which \$443.00 is remitted to the State. The Zoning Department issued 2 Zoning Permits, 1 Zoning Denial and 1 Maintenance Certificates. The Zoning/Housing Department collected \$225.00.

**Department of Administration:** Mr. Gabris reported the following: Municipal offices will be closed February 17<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day. Historical Society will not meet on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> as previously scheduled. Seniors will meet on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Elwood Fire House. 2014 Rabies Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 12 pm in the Township Garage. Municipal Building will be open to purchase your 2014 dog license and to obtain your 2014 bulk permit.

**Department of Revenue & Finance:** Mayor Brown reported the Tax Sale for 2013 unpaid taxes is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>, advertising will begin February 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Correspondence:

Draft Resolution from County Executive Levinson supporting changes to Open Public Records Act to include the NJ Legislature.

Pinelands Commission will hold a public hearing on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm regarding regulatory amendments to the CMP which include the Pinelands Development Credits and the Pilot Program for Alternate Design Wastewater Treatment Systems.

### Old Business:

**Resolution 37-2014 / Award 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bid / Arawak Paving:** Mayor entertained a motion to award in the amount of \$178,700; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 38-2014 / Amend Resolution #59-2013 / ID Card System:** Mayor entertained a motion to amend; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 39-2014 / Confirm Landsale / Block 1001, Lots 19 & 24:** Mayor entertained a motion to confirm the sale in the amount of \$813.00 per lot; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mayor Brown.

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### **New Business:**

Ms. Siebold reported at the last meeting she was directed to send correspondence to Wawa regarding potential sites in Mullica. She stated her firm does quite a bit of work with Wawa; therefore, she drafted an email to her partner who forwarded our interest to their contact and is going up the chain.

**Resolution 40-2014 / Junkyard Renewals / Sofias:** Mayor entertained a motion to renew; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 41-2014 / Confirm Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator / Steve Sperlak:** Mayor entertained a confirm appointment; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 42-2014 / Removing Exemptions of OPRA for the State Legislature:** Mayor entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mayor Brown.

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

### **Public Discussion:**

Mr. Brian Nuttal, 2 Fawn Drive, Mullica Woods, expressed his concern regarding the electrical problems that are occurring in the development. Mr. Nuttal stated the meters are over 30 years old and in need of repair. Mr. Nuttal stated he was informed by the owner that the wires underneath the ground are the tenant's responsibility. Mayor Brown stated the Zoning Official has sent a letter to the owners regarding the electrical meters.

Ms. Kathy Dickerson stated it is in the lease that the underground wires are the responsibility of the tenant, but she noted it is too costly for the tenants. Committee briefly discussed with Mr. Nuttal and Ms. Dickerson and suggested contacting county and/or state agencies for relief. Ms. Dickerson stated she was informed by management that they will be addressing the meters next year.

Ms. Pat VanWoeart, 7 Holly Drive, Mullica Woods, asked the criteria regarding snow removal expressing her concern in Mullica Woods, with the delay in plowing. Ms. Rheault explained the municipality has no criteria, and since it is private it would need to be addressed with management.

Mayor Brown entertained a motion to enter Executive Session; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mayor Brown. Clerk read Resolution ES2-14 in full, to discuss, potential litigation, a personnel matter, and to review Executive Session Minutes.

Mr. Hagaman moved to come back to Regular Session at 8:25 pm seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mayor Brown. Clerk reported in Executive Session the Governing Body discussed potential litigation regarding unknown ownership for Block 4197, Lot 2, and discussed salaries regarding the Tax Assessor, Construction Official, and Alternate Zoning Official and reviewed the Executive Session Minutes of January 14, 2014

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**Approve Executive Session Minutes:** Mr. Hagaman so moved to approve the minutes of January 14, 2014 seconded by Ms. Rheault. RCV: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Rheault, Mayor Brown.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk

**BILL LIST**

Animal Capture & Control Svc.	649.00	January 2014 Services
Atlantic City Electric	3,610.03	January Services
Butterhof's Farm & Home Supply	27.90	Salt
Business Cards Tomorrow	52.50	Cards – PD
C.A.M. Co.	302.53	PW Repairs / Loader Service Call
CASA Payroll Services, LCC	438.70	January 2014 Services
Dimeglio Septic, Inc.	65.00	January 2014 Services
Document Concepts, Inc.	218.60	Court Daily Notices
Edmunds and Associates, Inc.	6,038.00	2014 Annual Maintenance
Federal Express Corporation	118.00	Alcotest Recert Shipping, Lawmen Supply Paperwork
Garden State Highway Products	38.00	Street Sign / Garden Alley
G&P Floor Maintenance	425.00	January 2014 Services
Mullica Seniors	88.74	Reimbursement / Luncheon
Grainger Industrial Supply	98.80	Tow Straps
Goloff, Carol	974.17	November Escrow, January 2014 Svc.
Hess Corporation	999.71	January Services
Lowe's	85.60	Misc. Supplies
Lifeline Training, Ltd.	239.00	Training – PD
Metropolitan Telecommunications	827.09	January Services
MGL Printing Solutions	118.00	PD5 / Tax Sale Forms
Township of Galloway	50,173.99	First Quarter 2014 Dispatch
The Hammonton Gazette	10.23	PB Meeting Schedule
Barker, Scott, Gelfand PC	560.00	October 2014 Services
Nehmad Perillo & Davis	5,481.12	Wild/Misc Svcs, Jan/Feb 2014 Retainer
Verizon	192.36	January Services
NJ League of Municipalities	619.00	Budget Updates Webinar, 2014 Dues
Pogue Information & Ed. Service	348.00	2014 Safety Consortium
Peco	71.30	Court Printer Ribbon
Ancero	790.00	January 2014 AMS-P
Peter Lumber Co.	393.00	Misc Supplies – PW
Positive Promotions Inc.	936.21	Red Ribbon Alliance
R&R Radar, Inc.	547.15	Stalker Repair / Stalker ATR Repair
V.E. Ralph & Sons, Inc.	154.70	Battery – PD
Reserve Account	1,000.00	Postage

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Registrar's Assoc. of NJ	50.00	2014 Dues
Rudco Products, Inc.	1,341.81	Dumpster Wheels
South Jersey Gas Co.	588.53	January Services
Staples Advantage	122.29	Office Supplies – Court
Swift, James P.	300.00	January 2014 Services
Petroleum Traders	3,021.74	January 2014 Services
Vital Services Group	939.69	Notice of Assessment Cards / Jan. Svc.
Cargill, Inc. Deicing Tech	3,851.38	Deicing Salt
Atl. Co. Municipal Clerks Assoc.	150.00	2014 Dues
Avaya, Inc.	237.70	May-December Lease Install
Lawrow Electric & Plumbing	14.50	Misc. Supplies
David J. Santoro Inc.	5,000.00	MTRA 53-2013 HVAC
AC Kobie Electrical Corp.	1,298.00	Electrical Services
Action Uniform Co.	925.00	Body Armor – Thompson
Atlantic County Clerk's Office	8.00	Filing MTRA Deed 53-2013
Atlantic County Treasurer	624,029.12	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. Taxes
Stollenwerk, Dawn	179.98	SSL Certificate Renewal
NJ Division of Pensions	37.11	January Contribution
NJ State Health Benefits Fund	68,939.90	February Premium
NJ Motor Vehicle Commission	15.00	Titles
The Depository Trust Company	225,000.00	Bond Principal
Mullica Twp. Board of Education	318,249.75	2014 Levy – February

Current Fund 3-01	2,531.54
Current Fund 4-01	1,321,626.44
Grand Fund G-02	2,499.65
Trust Fund T-03	5,128.00
 Total of All Funds	 1,331,421.63