

April 4, 2018
Municipal Building
121 Evergreen Road
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Workshop Session of the meeting of the Plumsted Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Trotta.

STATEMENT: “This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. It was advertised for publication in the Asbury Park Press and posted on the bulletin board.”

THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT WERE:

COMMITTEEMAN JONES COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK
MAYOR TROTTA BUSINESS ADMIN PEZARRAS DAVID LEUTWYLER, CDC
ATTORNEY MONACO MUNICIPAL CLERK HENDRICKSON

Committeeman Marinari attended via telephone.

Public Safety Director Galloway, Chief Meroney and Lieutenant Reilly were also in attendance.

Mayor Trotta asked everyone to rise for the flag salute. The invocation was led by Pastor Gardner.

Mayor Trotta said that the meeting will deviate for a moment from the prepared agenda. He asked Assemblyman Dancer to come forward.

Trotta said that the Plumsted Township Municipal Building is being renamed the “Ronald S. Dancer Municipal Building” in recognition of everything Mr. Dancer has done for the Township. Trotta said that Mr. Dancer has given over thirty years’ service to the Township. He was Mayor of Plumsted for many years and, prior to that, was on the Planning Board. Trotta said Mr. Dancer was embarrassed when he was told about the building dedication because he does not like to bring a spotlight on himself, but he deserves this. It is a well-deserved honor.

Mr. Dancer said that he is humbled. He thanked the Mayor and Township Committee for their thoughtfulness. He said there are a lot of people deserving of it. He would like to leave it at that. He is humbled, thankful and appreciates their thoughtfulness.

Trotta said that the sign was supposed to be done for tonight, but the weather did not cooperate, and it will be done very shortly so you will be able to drive by and see it.

Trotta said there will be a five minute recess.

Mayor Trotta called the Workshop Session back to order.

Trotta reviewed the agenda. He said there is a set of minutes to approve tonight, four different proclamations, and three ordinances for second reading and public hearing. The first ordinance concerns the financial agreement for the New Egypt Redevelopment area sewer system. The financial advisors came up with a way to do the bonds that will save money for the township. The next ordinance is for outside employment by the police department changing their off-duty pay from \$30 per hour to \$50 per hour for the township, the MUA and the school district. The last ordinance is for brush, grass and weed removal that involves bamboo and other invasive species, which has been discussed by the committee for some time now.

Trotta said he is going to skip down to Resolution 2018-158, appointing the animal control officer as the township’s animal cruelty investigator. The title is being amended to read “the Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer,” as the State just changed the name effective May 2018. Since the title will be changed, the resolution will be “As Amended.” An ordinance will also be introduced by title tonight to add “Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer” to the “Officers and Employees” ordinance.

Trotta said there are a few things for New Egypt Day and two proclamations from the Office of Emergency Management for the snow storm in March 2018.

Trotta asked Business Administrator Pezarras to discuss Resolution 2018-157, which concerns a tax appeal issue. Pezarras said the township was involved in a state tax appeal that crossed over the 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 tax years. The appeal was filed for the years 2014 and 2015. The

years 2016 and 2017 were incorporated into a settlement agreement. The case was settled prior to Pezarras coming on board. After settlement, there was a change in attorneys. The new attorney was unaware that there was a settlement agreement. The Appellant wanted the settlement agreement to be honored. In the meantime, the township sold a lien against the property for non-payment of taxes in 2016. The final judgment incorporated the 2016 tax year. After discussion with the township attorney it was decided that the township would pay off the lien and net the lien against the credits that were given in the tax appeal for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. It was a little convoluted. Not the normal way a state tax refund is usually given. The township will be paying the lienholder. The amount that was paid to the lienholder will be netted against the tax credits that are given from the successful tax appeal. Trotta said that it will be done by resolution tonight.

Trotta said that there is a resolution for the township police department to participate in the Distracted Driving initiative from the State and a resolution amending the temporary budget. The budget presentation is next Wednesday. A resolution will also be introduced by title tonight for the shared service busing agreement with the township schools.

Trotta asked if there were any comments.

Committeeman Lotito asked if the money is coming out of the township's trust account to pay for the plowing and salting services in Resolution 2018-163. Trotta said the resolution only certifies that the funds are available. The Chief Financial Officer will use either the current fund or the trust account when she actually pay the bills. At that time, she will decide which account to use.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik spoke about the police department's monthly activity reports for January and February 2018. He noted that February is on the reverse side of the report for January. He said there were a total of 460 activities for the month of January. There were about 450 points of contact for each month for traffic offenses, accidents, etc. There were house alarms that take up a considerable amount of response time because two patrol cars are sent to alarms. He said that attention should be paid to the alarms because it takes up a lot of time to handle them.

Trotta said that while unclassified activities in the reports have come down (163 for the month of January versus 145 for the month of February), there are still a large number of activities that have not been classified. It is a new a system, we are getting there, and the goal is to eventually get it down to zero.

Committeeman Marinari said that he appreciates having the police activity report each month. It is very important for the committee to see. He asked if there is any way that the traffic offenses can be broken down further, i.e. as to how many speeding violations, etc. Chief Meroney said that the system does not break it down that far. The Police Administration Secretary would need to go through every summons and put it on a spreadsheet. Marinari said that he would like to have that number defined a little bit better.

Meroney said the new system does break down the percentage of time that the officer is on those types of calls. For motor vehicle stops, it would say the percentage of time for motor vehicle stops for a month. Marinari said he does not want to have the police go to a lot of extra work, but he would like to see a more in-depth report. He said that they are doing a great job and do not need to have any extra work to do. Meroney said he will look into it and see if something can be done.

Sorchik asked if Marinari was looking for the specific types of violations. Marinari said he would like to see it broken down into how many traffic stops were for drunken driving, speeding, etc. Sorchik said that information can be obtained from the court. All of the summonses are filed in the court so those numbers are registered with them. The court categorizes the violations as drunk driving, speeding, etc. Marinari said that is what is he is looking for. Trotta said that will be worked on--one way or another we will get better information. That is doable.

Trotta asked if there was any further discussion. There was none.

Attorney Monaco read Resolution No. 2018-149 for Executive Session. The following matters will be discussed: under personnel: personnel matters—business administrator/tax collector position; and under potential litigation – Code Enforcement/Land Use issue.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 2018-149, AUTHORIZING THE CONVENING OF AN EXECUTIVE

SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT WAS ADOPTED.
ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Trotta called the regular session of the meeting to order.

MINUTES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION OF MARCH 7-8, 2018 WAS APPROVED.
ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Trotta asked Kylie Stanger from Meridian Health to come forward to accept the proclamation for “Paint the Town Pink” – May 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018. Mayor Trotta read and presented the proclamation to Kylie.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE PROCLAMATION FOR PAINT THE TOWN PINK – MAY 1, 2018 TO MAY 31, 2018 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Ms. Stanger said that the “Paint the Town Pink” campaign is expanding to not only encourage women to have an annual mammography but to also have an annual screening. To make sure they take time for themselves to get checked out. All of their events are on the “Paint the Town Pink” website. Sorchik asked if that is the best way to get information. Stanger said that it is. The website tells you everything you need to know. It has their calendar on it. It has all of their partners and their promotions. It is the source of all things. She said to definitely check out the website. The committee thanked her for the information.

Mayor Trotta asked Barbara Diblin to come forward to accept the proclamation for the “National Day of Prayer – Unity” – May 3, 2018. Committeeman Lotito read and presented the proclamation to Barbara.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PROCLAMATION FOR “NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – UNITY” – MAY 3, 2018 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Ms. Diblin said this year the National Day of Prayer will be celebrated on May 3, 2018, from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm, in the Plumsted Township courtroom. The National Anthem will be sung first. Then the Boys Scouts will take turns reading the proclamation. After that, they will lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. There are seven “prayer warriors,” who are pastors in the area, which will cover the seven pillars of prayer for our nation. One person will pray for the government, another will pray for the military, another for education, family, business, media and entertainment. Patriotic hymns will be sung. This is the 26th year that it has been done in Plumsted Township. Barbara thanked the committee for supporting the National Day of Prayer. The Committee thanked her for her presentation.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik read the proclamation for “National Alcohol Awareness Month” – April, 2018 and presented it to Linda Leutwyler, Chairman of the Plumsted Township Municipal Alliance.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE PROCLAMATION FOR “NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH” – APRIL, 2018 WAS APPPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Ms. Leutwyler accepted the proclamation and thanked the township committee for its continued support of the Municipal Alliance. Sorchik said the Municipal Alliance meets the first Monday of every month in the building behind the American Legion. The public is invited to attend.

Mayor Trotta asked Chief Meroney, Lieutenant Reilly and Public Safety Director Galloway to come forward to accept the proclamation for “Supporting the 2018 UDRIVE-UTEXT-UPAY” – April 1–21, 2018. Trotta read and presented the proclamation to them.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE PROCLAMATION FOR “SUPPORTING THE 2018 UDRIVE-UTEXT-UPAY” – April 1–21, 2018 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Chief Meroney explained that the 2018 UDRIVE-UTEXT-UPAY is a nationwide grant. There will be extra patrols working this detail from April 1-21. They will be enforcing distracted driver texting. Notifications are on the New Egypt Marketplace store sign in town, the township's web page, the police web page and the police Facebook page, with a brief explanation of what is involved.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing

Mayor Trotta said the next item on the agenda is the second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-04. The ordinance re-approves the execution of a financial agreement with respect to the New Egypt Development area. This concerns the sewer project and will result in a better financial arrangement for the bonds.

Mayor Trotta opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-04. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY RE-APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE NEW EGYPT REDEVELOPMENT AREA WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN JONES, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Trotta said next is the second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-05. The ordinance amends the off-duty rate for police officers from \$30 an hour to \$50 an hour for the township, the MUA and the school district.

Mayor Trotta opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-05. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2018-05 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 47 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT – OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT” WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, ORDINANCE NO. 2018-05 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Trotta said the next item on the agenda is the second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-06. The ordinance amends Chapter 5, removal of brush, grass and weeds to include bamboo and other invasive species.

Mayor Trotta opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-06. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN JONES, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 5 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED “BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS, REMOVAL OF” WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Deputy Mayor Sorchik said that he has a couple of questions about the ordinance. He understands its purpose and that Committeeman Marinari has put a lot of time into it. He said if he cannot get answers tonight, he would like to have answers before the ordinance is voted upon by the committee.

Sorchik said he is concerned about how a specific invasive species will be identified and how the ordinance will be enforced by the township. He said the ordinance states that the enforcing officer is the township zoning officer and the building inspector. Sorchik wonders what type of training the officer would need to have to identify these particular plants as an invasive species.

Also, if the township becomes the enforcement authority, how it would demonstrate in court that its personnel have had the training to identify these plants. He also wondered how the township could prove in court where the plant originated from.

Sorchik said that he understands the purpose of the ordinance. People cannot be planting things that grow onto other people's property. He believes that the current land use law says that if material from one person's property comes on yours, you have the right to remove it. For example, if a limb hangs over your property line, you can cut that limb off the tree. He is concerned about taxpayers funding the eradication of invasive species on private property.

Sorchik said that the township can write an ordinance, but if it cannot be enforced, what good is it? He would rather table the ordinance tonight. He thinks the township needs more input from our attorneys on this before codifying it.

Trotta asked Marinari for his thoughts about the ordinance. Marinari said he has the same questions as Sorchik. If a plant looks questionable, how does the township actually know what species it is? He said he would not expect a township employee to identify a leaf or branch structure. Could it be identified? Yes, it could be identified by the state. The township could take a sample, put it in a collection bag and send it to the state for proper identification. He said he would hope that there would not be a cost to do so. The issue is the turn-around time with the state. It could be two months, if you are lucky. It is a long process.

Marinari said the issue with so many invasive species is that they send sub-surface roots. Sometimes a plant cannot be seen until it is three-quarters of the way across your property. All of a sudden it pops up. How is that going to be controlled?

Sorchik said if the ordinance is passed, the burden of proof falls on the town to prove that this species originated from one property owner and went to another. Marinari said there is no way that it can be done. Committeeman Jones said that was his question also. There was a discussion between the committee and Attorney Monaco about enforcement in either civil or criminal court.

Sorchik said he is not sure if the ordinance is really needed when there are already mechanisms in place that individuals can take as opposed to the township getting involved. If the ordinance is passed and someone calls in a complaint and the township acts on it, taxpayer dollars are being spent on a neighbor dispute.

Trotta said that he thinks that is part of the problem. Some people do not want to bring a complaint against their neighbor. They would rather have the township do it.

Committeeman Lotito said if someone comes to the township and says they have poison ivy and it came from their neighbor, it becomes a problem of he said/she said. The township could tell both of them to get rid of it. Why is the township going to arbitrate it? It is there. Both people are responsible for it. Is it feasible or plausible in light of the ordinance? Lotito said he agrees that the ordinance should be tabled.

There was a discussion about the legality of telling people what can be grown on their property and the township's ability to remove invasive plants from private property. Also, if it is the obligation of the township to tell prospective property owners about the presence of invasive species.

Marinari asked Business Administrator Pezarras about his experience with this type of ordinance. Pezarras said that the issue was brought up in the town that he was previously affiliated with. During their discussions, they narrowed it down to a specific species because that was the one they were getting complaints about. If bamboo does creep onto the neighbor's property, for the neighbor to actually rid his yard of the bamboo, he had to expend about \$1500-\$2,000. That is what prompted the issue in the other town. The council felt that if they specified this particular species, it was good enough for them because that was the only species that they were getting complaints about.

Pezarras said Plumsted's ordinance speaks about "not limited to" and lists a multitude of species in Schedule A. He suggested the committee table the ordinance if they have concerns about it.

Marinari asked Attorney Monaco about the township's ability to enforce the ordinance. Monaco said other towns have similar ordinances and they do prosecute these types of things. It is up to the committee as far as what the town wants to get involved in – whether or not to go forward with this ordinance.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06 WAS TABLED UNTIL THE MAY 2, 2018 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ORDINANCES: Introduction

Mayor Trotta said an ordinance will be introduced by title tonight adding “Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.”

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, ORDINANCE NO. 2018-07 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 4 GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP ENTITLED “ANIMAL CONTROL” WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for the meeting of May 2, 2018.

Mayor Trotta said that the committee will now discuss the draft ordinance for the fairgrounds at Laurita Winery. The draft ordinance was previously provided to the committee but it has never become an official ordinance. The Land Use Board recommended that the tree house be removed from the permitted uses for residential uses. Trotta asked Deputy Mayor Sorchik for his comments on the ordinance.

Sorchik said he would like input from the fire and EMS services before the ordinance is introduced to get their comments on the special events EMS use access/egress lanes, etc. He said in emergency management, the ability to react in large events is not only based on the location, but also on the number of attendees. Laurita has numerous events where the attendees can go anywhere from 1000 to 15,000 people.

Sorchik spoke about the current process that the township uses for anyone putting on a special event. Right now, they just need to list if there are going to be more than 1000 people in attendance. He thinks if the township is going to issue a fairground overlay to Laurita, there should be a mechanism in place for them to provide the municipality with a reasonable number of attendees.

Trotta said he had that specific discussion with Laurita. He told them the numbers they provided to the township last year were very basic, which is not realistic. He asked them to give the township more realistic numbers for this year’s events. He asked Municipal Clerk Hendrickson what numbers Laurita has been providing for their events this year. She said that it has been “1000 +.” Trotta said they are still not doing what he asked them to do. Sorchik said it is reasonable for the police chief to know the number of people who will be there.

Sorchik said that the township has signed onto the National Incident Management System (“NIMS”). To get grants and be compliant with federal regulations in emergency management, every municipality has to agree to abide by NIMS standards. An incident action plan needs to be developed by the township as part of community and public safety. It has been done for the fireworks. It was done for the last event at Laurita.

Sorchik suggests that the township work with Laurita to develop a traffic management plan that can be duplicated for its events. The traffic management plan would be scaled according to the anticipated size of the event. Part of NIMS is that the winery would be part of the planning process so they can understand what the township has to do and help the township put the plan together. He said he would like to see that included in the ordinance. The safety and viability of the community has to be taken into consideration. The traffic patterns downtown cannot be stopped because of a special event.

Trotta said that is not only a major concern of the township, but also of the county. The county wants to get this worked out and part of the plan is the parking, etc. There are a lot of things. He does not know if they have answered the county. He has in his notes that he thinks that incident/action plans need to be developed for each event, as well, according to size. Part of that is that Laurita has to provide realistic numbers.

Trotta said he spoke to the owners of Laurita and told them we need the forms coming in with realistic numbers and Dorothy is telling us that they are again just sending in a 1000+. They have multiple years’ worth of experience. He understands that everything is based on weather.

They know that if the weather is optimal, they are going to get between 1000 and 4000 people. They also know that in the fall if the weather is optimal, they are going to get 15,000 people like they did last year. They need to provide the township with better numbers.

Lotito asked if the Land Use Board has advised the committee about traffic loads that are capable on the roads. Trotta said that they are county roads, so the county is involved with that. The county wants parking information for the racetrack. They also want to know how people drive in and out of the facility. He knows that Laurita is working on a second access road on Route 528. He does not know where that stands today. They were working on a couple of options. Sooner or later the plan has to be shared with the township. They have to deal with various landowners for the second access road. It is a process. The county is very interested in this.

Lotito said that for him it is somewhat disconcerting that we are trying to do this for the benefit of Laurita and the township and they have not responded in any way to the requests.

Sorchik said that areas of town are going to have to be isolated so that EMS, fire and law enforcement apparatus can be moved. That will depend on the first responders and our police officers shutting down traffic. Fire and EMS have to be able to get to everyone's house. He wants it to be made clear to Laurita what the requirements are for first responders to do that. There are ways to do this. He wants it to be done the right way.

Marinari said he agrees with everything that is being said. When the 15,000 people were at Laurita last fall, he was driving toward the entrance and a person in an older truck had a woman with him who was having some health issues. That person could not get down the road. That cannot happen. It is great that Laurita is doing so well, but the safety of our residents is first and foremost.

Lotito asked what happens if Laurita tells us it is going to be a 2,000 person event and 15,000 people show up. Do we shut it down as we see traffic escalating? What happens in that scenario? Sorchik said that part of the planning process is that it will be scalable. If they build another road, that is fine. We still need a traffic management plan. The point is, we tell them we are going to bring all traffic in a certain way for public safety reasons. We are going to route traffic using signage. With a traffic management plan, there may be a lot of traffic, but everyone is going to follow the flow and it will not affect our ability to respond to the majority of our community. There needs to be a plan and a structure. He would like a traffic management plan to be developed that is scalable and he would like Laurita to participate in the development of it so they have an understanding of what goes on.

Jones said his concerns are the same as Sorchik.

Trotta said we will try and get some more information in order to get the ordinance moving.

CONSENT AGENDA:

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ON A CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE AND SHALL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. SHOULD ANY MEMBER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SEEK SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM, THAT ITEM SHALL BE REMOVED AND DISCUSSED SEPARATELY. THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WILL BE VOTED ON IN ONE VOTE

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-150 – APPOINTING OFFICERS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS FOR THE YEAR 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-151 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR THE 2018 ROCKIN' FIREWORKS BANNER

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-152 – AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT BETWEEN ESTEEM ENTERTAINMENT AND PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP'S MAIN STREET NEW EGYPT

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-153 – RATIFYING THE EXECUTION OF THE APPROPRIATE PROCLAMATIONS IN REGARD TO THE MARCH 7, 2018 MUNICIPAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-154 – AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT BETWEEN AMAZING AMUSEMENTS & ENTERTAINMENT, INC. AND PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP'S MAIN STREET NEW EGYPT

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-155 – AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES, GRANT RECEIVABLES AND APPROPRIATED GRANT RESERVE BALANCES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-156 – AUTHORIZING EQUAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #1

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-157 - AUTHORIZING THE CREDIT REFUND OF TAXES PAID BY NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY PARKS, INC. AND NEW JERSEY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION AND THE REFUND OF A TAX LIEN TO US BANK CUST. LIENLOGIC FUND I FOR 26 CRANBERRY CANNERS ROAD ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 89, LOT 31 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, DUE TO REDUCED ASSESSMENT BY THE NEW JERSEY TAX COURT

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-158 – APPOINTING JAN BILYK AS ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-159 – RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY DISTRACTED DRIVING DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY DISTRACTED DRIVING 2018 CRACKDOWN GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-160 – AMENDING THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-161 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-162 – RATIFYING AMENDING THE CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2018-106 (2017/2018 SNOWPLOWING/SALTING SERVICES)

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-163 – APPROVING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT LAURITA WINERY APRIL 28, 2018 (RAIN DATE APRIL 29, 2018)

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS 2018-150 THROUGH 2018-163 ON PAGES 2 AND 3 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

RESOLUTION

Trotta said a resolution for a shared services agreement with the school for courtesy busing will be added by title.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 2018-164 AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP AND THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE COURTESY BUSING FOR HAZARDOUS ROUTES FOR THE YEAR 2017-2018 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION TO CONSIDER:

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE FOLLOWING RAFFLES AND BINGO LICENSES WERE APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2018-08 – OFF PREMISE MERCHANDISE, NEW EGYPT ELKS NO. 2457 BPOE; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2018-09- OFF PREMISE, ADVANCING OPPORTUNITIES, INC. A/N, CEREBRAL PALSY OF NEW JERSEY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE BILL LIST OF APRIL 4, 2018 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH MAYOR TROTTA ABSTAINING ON 18-00237.

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW: CONSTRUCTION REPORT – February, 2018; FINANCIAL REPORTS - Revenue Summary by Month – February, 2018;

Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status –February, 2018; TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT – February, 2018; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA MEETING MINUTES – February, 2018; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – February, 2018

Marinari said the construction report has a difference of \$18,000 from last year. Trotta said that it is typical that there is a lower number at the beginning of the year and then it picks up. There was some concern with the report that is used by the construction department. Trotta said that Mr. Riccardi has always been good and always come out ahead. Trotta said he thinks the numbers will start to go back up over the next few months. It may have been weather-related.

Mayor Trotta asked for any old business from the committee.

Sorchik asked Chief Meroney about the status of the Everbridge notification system. Meroney said he spoke with the Sheriff who said that as soon as the Freeholder’s budget is adopted, he will move forward with the system. The township’s system will be under theirs. The County will pay for the major part of it. The cost to the township will be about \$1800 for the entire package. The township will have its own administrators, but the county will also be able to access the system if they need to. People will have the ability sign up for notifications from both the township and the county. Sorchik asked him to keep the committee informed on it.

Sorchik said that he met with the fire department and they are also interested in buying into the system. Meroney said he brought that to the Sheriff’s attention as well.

Mayor Trotta asked for any other old business. There was none.

Mayor Trotta asked for any new business from the committee.

Marinari said at the last Environmental Commission meeting it was discussed that PYNE will be handing out seedlings on Saturday, April 7th at the Municipal Building. It is an excellent program. They are trying to reestablish trees throughout the state for environmental purposes. He also commented about how their announcements negate Lowes and Home Depot and it does not sit well with him. On the website, it notes that Lowes has contributed to the program and he thinks that is wonderful. New Jersey is the Garden State and small nurseries are a major factor in the agriculture of the state.

Leutwyler said that there have been several complaints regarding contamination and he wanted to let the committee know that everything is being followed up through the DEP with the help of Assemblyman Dancer. There are three of them.

Mayor Trotta asked if there was any other new business. There was none.

Mayor Trotta asked for public comment.

Lenny Grilletto, 41C Highbridge Road, New Egypt, New Jersey asked if the ordinance for encroaching grass, brush, etc. excludes trees. Trotta said the ordinance has been tabled but a there is a list of the plants attached to it. He said the township will provide a copy of the latest list to Mr. Grilletto. Grilletto asked about the remedy. Trotta said that is why it was tabled. Grilletto said whatever it is, he thinks it is better if people settle it among themselves.

Trotta asked if there was any other public comment. There was no further public comment.

Mayor Trotta asked if there was any further business. There was none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted,

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Municipal Clerk