

December 27, 2017
Municipal Building
121 Evergreen Road
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Workshop Session of the Special 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 LOTITO COMMITTEEMAN JONES COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI
DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK MAYOR TROTTA
MUNICIPAL CLERK HENDRICKSON BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR PEZARRAS

Mayor Trotta asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and a moment of silence.

Mayor Trotta reviewed the agenda for the evening. He said there are minutes to be approved and second readings and public hearings on two ordinances. The first is the salary ordinance, as amended, for next year’s salaries and the second, the ordinance increasing the hotel and motel tax from 1 percent to 2 percent. There are a couple of end-of-the year resolutions and an end-of-year bill list, as amended, to approve tonight.

Trotta pointed out that everyone should have received a packet from June Madden on the budget that will be introduced. He said that he, June Madden, and Scott Pezarras sat with the various department heads and went over their budgets. There are no major changes from previous years. The budget will not be discussed tonight. He just wants to be sure everyone has a copy and takes a look at it.

Trotta asked if there was any discussion.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik said that Sgt. Meroney is present at the meeting and asked him if he had anything to report to the Committee. Meroney said that everything is pretty quiet. He spoke about traffic enforcement, sending out an email concerning school buses, and warnings on the flashing neon sign to be alert for school buses.

Meroney said there has been an issue with cars passing school buses when their lights are on, so they put a message up on the sign on Main Street. A patrol car follows certain buses every morning. They are following the buses with the biggest issues. It seems to be going pretty well. People are seeing them.

Meroney said that the police received extra money from the State so there will be additional officers out for DWI patrol on New Year’s Eve.

Sorchik asked if the police get Code Blue emails from Ocean County Emergency Management. Meroney said he does not get them. Sorchik said they frequently have notices that law enforcement and Emergency Management should be aware of for informational purposes. Meroney said they may not have his contact information. Sorchik said he will take care of it.

Committeeman Marinari said he is going to abstain on Resolution 2017-333 because that person is an active account of his.

Trotta asked if there were any other comments. There were no other comments.

Mayor Trotta read Resolution No. 2017-332 for Executive Session. The following matters will be discussed: he said personnel issues have been added; under contractual – PBA contract update and Municipal Court contract; under potential litigation – Code Enforcement/Land Use issue, police canine issue, and cell tower update.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 2017-332, 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.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Trotta asked the Main Street New Egypt volunteers for the 2017 Community Holiday Tree Lighting to come to the dais. He read and presented Certificates of Appreciation to Kara Johnson and Josh Martinez. He said their hard work was appreciated. It is always a fun day for the community and the young kids love that day. He thanked them for their help.

Sorchik commented that he thought it was one of the largest turnouts the Township has had in years. He thanked photographer Rebecca Nowalski for her work at the tree lighting ceremony. He said it was great. People were getting their pictures right away. Families look forward to getting their pictures taken with Santa every year. He said he thought it was one of the main reasons that so many people showed up this year.

Nowalski said that many towns are decreasing the number of events they hold during the year. She is glad that Plumsted continues to hold the Holiday Tree Lighting every year.

Trotta mentioned the Arts Council Gingerbread Contest held during the Tree Lighting event. He also asked Nowalski to forward the Arts Council meeting dates for 2018 to the Clerk's Office to be put on the Township's website. Nowalski said she would do so.

MINUTES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES THE MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSIONS OF DECEMBER 6, 2017 – AS AMENDED WERE ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO AND COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI ABSTAINING.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2017 WERE ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO AND COMMITTEEMAN JONES ABSTAINING.

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. 2017-23. The ordinance amends an Ordinance to establish salaries for various officials of the Township of Plumsted and regulating the matter of payment of same, as amended. This is for 2018 salaries.

Mayor Trotta opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2017-23. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN JONES, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2017-23 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY REGULATING THE MATTER OF PAYMENT OF SAME” AS AMENDED WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, ORDINANCE NO. 2017-23 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Trotta said that next is the second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 2017-24. It is an ordinance that amends and supplements Chapter 21AA, Section 1, “Hotel and Motel Tax.” This ordinance increases the tax from 1 percent to 2 percent. The State allows the Township to change it to 3 percent, but it is only being increased to 2. He told the only bed and breakfast in town that it applies to that it will go into effect on April 1, 2018.

Mayor Trotta opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2017-24. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2017-24 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF

PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 21AA, SECTION 1 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED "HOTEL AND MOTEL TAX" WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, ORDINANCE NO. 2017-24 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

RESOLUTIONS:

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. 2017-333 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF DUPLICATE PAYMENT OF TAXES (BLOCK 37, LOT 5.01)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-334 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TEMPORARY 2018 SOIL REMOVAL EXCAVATION AND MINING LICENSE TO EXCAVATING MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-335 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SCHEDULE "C" AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-336 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT (FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-337 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION APPLICATION FORM FOR PERMITS/AUTHORIZATION (PEDESTRIAN TRAIL AND FOOTBRIDGE)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-338 – TO ADJUST THE 2017 YEAR ENDING BALANCE OF DEFERRED SCHOOL TAX AND CURRENT FUND BALANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13, P.L. 1991,C.63 (AMENDED 1994)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-339 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS 2017-333 THROUGH 2017-339 ON PAGE 2 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES, WITH COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI ABSTAINING ON RESOLUTION 2017-333.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, THE BILL LIST OF DECEMBER 27, 2017 AS AMENDED WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW: CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL REPORT – November, 2017; TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS – September, 2017; October, 2017 and November, 2017; FINANCE REPORTS – Revenue Summary by Month – November, 2017; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status – November, 2017

Mayor Trotta asked for any old business from the committee. There was none.

Mayor Trotta asked for any new business from the committee.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik said the committee has been invited to an Eagle Court of Honor this Saturday at the United Methodist Church and asked if anyone is going. He said two scouts are

being promoted to Eagle Scout. Sorchik said he can go and asked the Clerk for certificates of recognition. OIC Earl Meroney said that he can go also.

Mayor Trotta asked for public comment. There was none.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy J. Hendrickson, RMC
Municipal Clerk