

October 2, 2019
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 LOTITO	COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO	COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI
DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK	MAYOR TROTTA	BA ELLEN REILLY-PRIVETT
ATTORNEY ZABARSKY	DAVID LEUTWYLER, CDC	MUNICIPAL CLERK WITHAM

Deputy Mayor Sorchik called in to the meeting.

Mayor Trotta asked everyone to rise for the flag salute. Pastor Bethany gave the invocation. Mayor Trotta stepped out of the meeting for a moment.

Mayor Trotta reviewed the agenda. We will be hiring a full-time tax collector that we are very happy about. There is an ordinance for second reading/adoption regarding redevelopment bonds. We inadvertently voted last month on it but we were supposed to do it at this meeting. Jessup asked us to vote on it tonight. Clerk Witham didn't advertise it until after the September 4th meeting because that's what she was supposed to do, indicating the second reading would be tonight. Witham did not attend last month's meeting due to a family medical emergency. So the vote didn't count last meeting and we are doing that tonight.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik talked about the soil ordinance. Sorchik had suggestions on the ordinance, rather than the DEPs generic model. Sorchik also got feedback from Glenn Riccardi and Len Grilletto. Walt Bronson also reviewed it and just forwarded his comments which would be put in to the document. Sorchik is asking to postpone the ordinance again until he gets more info from Riccardi and Bronson on the fees. Trotta confirmed we are holding it until the November meeting before introduction. Grilletto advised his only comment had to do with public notification. Sorchik advised that he did include Grilletto's suggestion.

Trotta reviewed other resolutions on the agenda. We are doing the second year of a two-year renewal for these services tonight. Next year we will go out to bid again for snowplow/salting agreement. There are resolutions approving employees to use leftover leave time from 2018 through the end of this year as a one-time exception. Employees are supposed to use the carried over time in the first six months of the year. The police chief advised that it is difficult for his officers to use the time because if there are three on a shift and two want to take off, he hasn't allowed that. He will only approve one at a time. If he has two out, he has to pay overtime to an office to cover which is an expense. So he limits those taking off. This is something that has to be looked at for next year to be sure officers are able to take their time. Kelly Creighton is another employee looking to extend the time to use the carried over time. She is a one-person office so it's difficult to take the time off. But she has used some already and has days scheduled so that she uses up that time.

About five years ago, the county purchased some land as preservation and the town pays part of that. This is the first of 10 years of payments; something we had budgeted for.

Jessup provided a statement as to the resolutions on the agenda tonight; it is as follows:

The Lennar Redevelopment Project is located on Block 40, Lots 10 and 18. Lot 10 is the primary parcel and lot 18 provides access to Province Road, and contains some residential units as well. In 2008/2009, the Land Use Board recommended to the Township Committee that Lot 10 be designated an area in need of redevelopment. Following that recommendation, the Township Committee designated Lot 10 as an area in need of redevelopment. The Redevelopment Plan for the Lennar project contemplates the use of Lots 10 and 18 by Lennar to build the retirement community project. The Land Use Board has already granted Preliminary and partial Final Site Plan Approval to Lennar based on a site plan that uses Lots 10 and 18.

So, given that history, why are we asking the Land Use Board and Township Committee to consider Lots 10 and 18 as an area in need of redevelopment in 2019? First, with respect to Lot 10, we cannot build a complete record of all of the redevelopment proceedings required under the Redevelopment Law to designate an area as an area in need of redevelopment and approve a redevelopment plan. We have most of the records, and it is highly likely that the Township and Land Use Board took all of the steps necessary, but without the records to match, there is an uncertainty that needs to be remedied. We are asking the Land Use Board and Township Committee to effectively re-designate Lot 10 as an area in need of redevelopment so that we have a complete, clean record of proceedings for the designation and redevelopment plan adoption.

With respect to Lot 18, while the Township intended for that lot to be part of the Lennar Project, the Lennar Redevelopment Plan contemplates Lot 18 for the Project and Lennar's site plan application included the use of Lot 18, it was inadvertently never designated as an area in need of redevelopment.

Dave Roberts has prepared a Redevelopment Area Investigation Report which presents his conclusions that Lot 10 still qualifies today as an area in need of redevelopment and that Lot 18 qualifies anew.

There are the usual bingo/raffles to approve and a bill list along with reports from professionals.

Committeeman Lotito asked about resolution 219-284; Trotta said that had been pulled so he didn't get a copy.

Trotta reviewed the engineer's report. The issue at the police station appears to be contained and not a huge length of pipe that would require replacement so that's a good thing.

Trotta discussed Jensen's merger. We have been told that they sold to Sun Communities and close before the end of the year. The mobile home license is not transferable so we need a public hearing for approval. There will be a special meeting soon.

Attorney Margaret Carmeli was asked to come forward regarding the matter. She represents Jensen's. She acknowledges receipt of the township's letter. They are going to present further information regarding the matter; it is not a sale.

BA Privett was asked to discuss Best Practices. She met with June; there were a few that were in question so those are being worked on. Grilletto provided comments to the CFO on non-scoring issues. This has to be submitted by October 30th and three signatures are required.

Trotta questioned Lotito on the website. The CFO said that she was getting feedback from the banks for the BAN sale that when they were looking for Plumsted, they came up with the old website address. Lotito said he received an email from the clerk asking about that. He said Main Streets should be down. Clerk Witham advised that when you search for Plumsted, Main Streets website is the choice which is the old website. Lotito will look at it; it may be a caching issue with search engines like Google.

Trotta asked about the Water Quality Mgmt issue. Grilletto contacted Ocean County Dept of Health and also Ocean County Dept of Planning. When dealing with septic systems, the website refers to the administrative code. Grilletto spoke with Mr. Brown there and he said that guidelines they follow are the EPA. He said tanks should be professionally inspected every 3-5 years. Grilletto advised Dancer's office has a book from the EPA regarding regulations for inspection. Trotta said that we will have to adopt this in the future. When Grilletto finishes all of the answers, then a resolution will be voted upon.

Trotta said there were three add-on resolutions for tonight. Two have to do with the DDEF grant (Drunk Driving Enforcement). The final one is a resolution accepting the donation of the repair work by Reed Electric to the flagpole light on Main Street. Trotta advised Grilletto that all of the necessary paperwork and permits must be completed before the work is done. Grilletto spoke about the flag raising ceremony.

Trotta asked if there were any other comments. There were none.

Attorney Zabarsky read Resolution 2019-270 for Executive session. The following matters will be discussed – personnel matters and potential litigation regarding Block 58, Lot 13.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-270 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, 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 at 8:15 PM.

MINUTES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI ABSTAINING.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO ABSTAINING

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Trotta read Linda Salcfas' Letter of Retirement as the Emergency Management Coordinator effective October 1, 2019. Salcfas actually wanted January 1st to be her retirement date but she made a mistake with her paperwork so it is October 1st. Marinari said that she deserves recognition from this community. Trotta said that we will be doing that at a later date which she requested.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE RESIGNATION OF LINDA SALCFAS WAS ACCEPTED WITH REGRETS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

PRESENTATIONS:

Trotta said there is a proclamation on the agenda tonight for National Friends of the Library Week. Carla Hendrickson came forward to accept.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mrs. Hendrickson wanted to recognize our friends group, a small but mighty group. The annual book sale fundraiser is their largest. They provide summer reading prizes for adults, teens and children. Local businesses also supported that reading program. She encouraged everyone to get a library card. It is free and they have a lot of resources. The Ocean County library system as a whole is having a large fundraiser in Toms River; it is an author event on November 16th at 2 pm.

PRESENTATION:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-292 - APPOINTING KELLY CREIGHTON AS A FULL-TIME CERTIFIED TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Creighton was asked to come forward. She was presented with a Certificate of Appointment. The Mayor said that she has been working so hard for this and we are all proud of her. Creighton looks forward to her new role.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing –

Trotta said the next item on the agenda is the second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 2019-10. The ordinance is for the sewer project.

Trotta opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2019-10. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-10 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY OF THE TOWNSHIP’S REVENUE BONDS (NEW EGYPT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT) AND, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE THEREOF, A CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM NOTE, EACH IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,000,000 WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-10 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Trotta said the next item on the agenda is the second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 2019-11 but as discussed early in the workshop session, it is being held until the November 6th meeting.

ORDINANCE: Introduction

Mayor Trotta said Ordinance 2019-13 was going to be introduced tonight. Trotta said this is going to be pulled from the agenda.

Trotta read a statement explaining the process:

I want to explain the process of amending the New Egypt Redevelopment Plan. A few years ago it was suggested that perhaps the Diocese lot on Evergreen Road would be purchased by a developer and the developer was interested in building some townhomes on the lot. No specifics were available as it was just a very unrefined plan. As a member of the Township Committee, I have no authority to approve any such plan on my own. The plan needed to be approved by the Land Use Board and then the Township Committee.

The Township Committee had our planner review our redevelopment plan to propose a possible change to the plan to allow for possible development of the lot. The plan was revised and forwarded to the Land Use Board for their review and recommendation. This occurred at their April 2, 2019 meeting. During that meeting I did not express my approval or disapproval of this potential project. I did not vote on the plan either.

At the Township Committee meeting on September 4th this amendment was on the agenda for introduction. A yes vote would have allowed a public hearing tonight so that the 5 of us could hear comments on the plan and then a vote tonight on whether to adopt it or not. We should take matters like this up with an open mind. Unfortunately because of an absence last month the vote ended in a tie, two to introduce and two not to introduce.

I had emailed legal counsel that night advising that I thought that we had done our due diligence. Later after speaking with the Deputy Mayor, he advised that he thought that it was best to try introducing this again so that we could go through the whole process of a public hearing and a vote by this committee. So this was placed on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

During the past month I did exactly what I said the Committee should do, I took time to review the amendment further and get answers to any questions I had.

I have never publicly discussed merits of this possible amendment or the proposal of townhouses on the diocese lot on Evergreen. I have however given it much thought and consideration. When townhouses were first suggested, I admit that I thought that it was something to consider. After reading the proposed amendment months ago and learning of the requested building height change, I began having serious doubts that this project was something that I could support.

I do have an obligation to the process and that is what I was trying to accomplish by having a public hearing and vote. After further discussion with legal counsel and Deputy Mayor, we have decided to pull this amendment from tonight's agenda. There will be no vote on introduction. If this had been introduced last month and we had our public hearing and vote tonight, I believe that we would have had a unanimous vote regarding adoption. I don't mean to speak for the rest of the Committee, but I believe that all of us would have voted NO.

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. 2019-260 - CANCELLING 2019 PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS EFFECTIVE 7/17/19 FOR DAVID E. CLANTON (BLOCK 47.03, LOT 7)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-271 - 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 2018-2019

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-272 – AUTHORIZING A PAYMENT TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION TOWARD PREVIOUS COURTESY BUSING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-273 - AMENDING RESOLUTION 2019-256 AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF 2019 3rd QUARTER OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-274- AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR THE RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-275 - APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH JCP&L FOR THE USE OF UTILITY POLES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPLAYING HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-276 – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-210 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR THE INSURANCE OPT-OUT PROGRAM FOR 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-277 - TO EFFECTUATE THE RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE 2019-2020 SNOWPLOWING/SALTING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED TO VERNON E. DANCER

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-278 - AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF VETERANS DEDUCTION OF TAXES

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-279 -AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-280 - AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF 2019 3rd QUARTER DUPLICATE PAYMENT OF TAXES

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-281 - REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 (U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE FY-19 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$776.85

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-282 - AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF UNUSED VACATION AND HOLIDAYS FOR JAMES TILLET

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-283 - AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES, GRANT RECEIVABLES AND APPROPRIATED GRANT RESERVE BALANCES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-285 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF 2019 HOMESTEAD CREDIT DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-286 – AUTHORIZING KELLY CREIGHTON TO UTILIZE UNUSED VACATION DAYS FROM 2018 DURING THE LAST SIX (6) MONTHS OF THE YEAR

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-287 – AUTHORIZING MEMBERS OF THE PLUMSTED POLICE DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE UNUSED LEAVE TIME DURING THE LAST SIX (6) MONTHS OF THE YEAR

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-288 – AUTHORIZING DAVID LEUTWYLER TO UTILIZE UNUSED VACATION DAYS FROM 2018 DURING THE LAST SIX (6) MONTHS OF THE YEAR

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-289 - AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR THE

TOWNSHIP'S PORTION OF THE NATURAL LANDS PRESERVATION PROGRAM ACQUISITION OF BLOCK 43, LOT 64, AND BLOCK 79, LOT 14.04, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-290 - DESIGNATING BLOCK 40, LOT 18 AS A NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AND RE-CONFIRMING THE DESIGNATION OF BLOCK 40, LOT 10 AS A NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT UNDER THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-291 - AUTHORIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF AN APPRAISAL BY MAHER APPRAISALS

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTIONS NO. 2019-260 and RESOLUTION NO. 2019-271 THROUGH 2019-291 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH MAYOR TROTTA VOTING NO ON RESOLUTION NO. 2019-260.

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO RESOLUTION NO. 2019-293 - RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY 2019 DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND APPLICATION WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-294 - REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 (DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND GRANT FY2019 SPECIAL FUNDING-\$3,500.00)

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-295 APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF THE FLAGPOLE LIGHT REPAIR IN THE MAIN STREET PARKING LOT FROM REED ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEMS LLC

MOTION TO CONSIDER:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE FOLLOWING RAFFLES LICENSE WERE APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2019-27 for an On-Premise 50/50 various dates 10/18/19-11/24/19 for New Egypt Pop Warner Football, Dance and Cheer; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2019-28 for an On-Premise 50/50 11/9 and 11/10/19 for BPOE #1454 Freehold Lodge; BINGO LICENSE NO. 2019-29 for Senior Bingo Jensen's Deep Run Community Club; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2019-30 for and Off-Premise 50/50 for the New Egypt Middle School PTO 1/13/20; BINGO LICENSE NO. 2019-31 for Bingo for all 2020 dates for the American Legion; BINGO LICENSE NO. 2019-32 for a Bingo on 1/1/20 for the American Legion. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE BILL LIST OF OCTOBER 2, 2019 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH MAYOR TROTTA VOTING NO ON P.O. #19-00261.

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW: CONSTRUCTION REPORT August 2019; FINANCIAL REPORTS - Revenue Summary by Month- August 2019; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status - August 2019, Treasurer's Report August 2019, BAN September 10, 2019; TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT - July 2019 and August 2019; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA MEETING MINUTES 5/21/19, 6/18/19, 7/16/18 & 8/20/19; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES - August 5, 2019; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT STATISTICS - August 2019.

Mayor Trotta asked for any old or new business from the committee.

Committeeman Marinari spoke about the BOE meeting from last month. Two attempts for the referendum that failed. The school is looking to go out for a select group of items to be voted upon. They will be waiting until 2020 to do that. The meetings were being held at the primary school in the auditorium although you couldn't hear them speak in that room. They moved back to the high school. The other item is that Superintendent North will be leaving the school district in June and they are in the process of searching for a new superintendent.

Mayor Trotta said that he and Eric met with the fire district the other day. It was a good meeting. They had a changeover in commissioners and the new chairman is Bob Brady. There will be another meeting shortly to discuss additional things that came up that night and they didn't have time to discuss.

Marinari asked about the number of cars in the impound lot. Chief Meroney said that they stopped taking crash cars. The ones in there are from a criminal case. They sent letters to the owners and waiting to hear back so that they can proceed with a public auction. A lot of it needs to be scrapped.

The flag dedication will be this Saturday at 9:30 am and thank you to the Reeds for all of their hard work with that. The municipal building will be closed on Monday for Columbus Day. Last day to register to vote is October 15th Fall Fest is scheduled for October 26th from 11-4 across the street from the elementary school. Trunk or Treat or Trick or Treat will be October 31st; waiting on Chief of Police. Election Day is November 5th and the next regularly scheduled meeting is November 6th.

One last comment is to dispel a rumor that is out there a second time this year. His employer is not getting anything from the sewer project. He works for Sigma as their inventory control manager. He has saved them hundreds of thousands of dollars because they have an inventory imbalance. There are 10 main warehouses between the US and Canada and things end up in the wrong places because it was ordered for particular job and it didn't come through. We constantly make changes here to save as well.

Sigma imports their pipe restraints and their fittings from China, India and Mexico. The sewer project in Plumsted requires American made product. Therefore, they cannot get one cent from this project. They do have a manufacturing arm in this country but they do not make anything that is used for the project we are working on - no pipe restraints or fittings. There is an individual who has a beef with the previous mayor originally and she has beef with the town and she is attacking the mayor personally that he is padding his pockets and promising and giving his employer work. Impossible as it is public bid and has to be American made so they cannot get one cent from it, even if they wanted to. He is sick of social media; it is a piece of garbage. It is the National Enquirer of our times and he is just done with it.

The mayor opens the floor to public comment.

Resident Pat Ahearn of 8 Lawrence Drive came forward. He saw the comments and he doesn't think anyone here is corrupt but our visions of the township are diverse. They may be different from his vision. He wants to let everyone know what he thinks. For the 2019-2020 resolution, he asked if it was the development already in progress. That was confirmed.

He then asked about Block 40, Lot 1 where they were considering the townhouse development. Is it still just connecting the sewer line? He said that social media is ok for him, it's a way to get things out there. It is unfortunate some take it in the wrong direction.

Committeeman Marinari said that the issue there is, as he's stated a number of times, there is not one person up here that if anyone has a question, just ask any of them by phone call, email or direct comment. Before you go out there and decide what that individual thinks and what that individual is going to vote on, simply ask them. There were some comments about him in there. 20 years he has been an elected official. He thinks his name is fairly good. He doesn't believe anyone has ever come to him and asked him a question that he didn't answer directly. And if he didn't answer it, that means he had not yet decided one way or another. Everyone else up there is the same way. He knows it is a lot easier to put it out there on social media and do it that way; just simply ask the person. In doing so, you will find that individual will be straight forward and answer the question. He understands Facebook has great potential in disasters, and that is an asset and really just communicating with people. But when you delve in to personalities, you have to be careful. An individual could be destroyed by here say. They may not be the person that is going back on Facebook; I don't answer Facebook. His feeling is come and talk to him. There are people in the audience that he speaks to on a regular basis. That goes for the school board, firemen, the police, everyone is out there to make a betterment in this community and do the best they can. That is always what he has tried to do. He wishes people would take a second and look at it and do it that way.

Ahearn said he understands that but when you get the agenda 48 hours beforehand and he sent an email to the mayor but didn't get a response because of the short time frame. Marinari said then you are doing the right thing by asking here at the meeting.

Resident Chris Neuert of 71 bumpy Evergreen Rd. He said that he appreciates all of the committee and knows it is a thankless job. He asked the mayor about him saying the mayor thought it would be a no vote for all of them and if that meant on the height restriction or development all together. Trotta confirmed the amendment is dead as it is. At this point in time, there is plan for a townhouse development. In the future someone else could come forward with an amendment but this one is dead.

Neuert had another question. The sewer line was supposed to hug Snuff Mill Rd. But when he spoke to the engineer the other day, he said that he was just told recently to put a sewer line up on the north end and it is going to the property. Trotta asked what engineer he was talking about. Neuert said the ones that drive around in the little white trucks. Trotta didn't know who he was talking about. Neuert said the one that works for P&A and is out there constantly. Trotta said the MUA engineer with T&M. Neuert asked why you would run a sewer line to the property if it is not approved yet. The engineer said that it wasn't on the plan originally but he was told to do it recently. Trotta said he knew nothing about that. Trotta suggested he talk to Peter and the MUA. Neuert said the engineer said it was approved and he was told to run a sewer line to the property. Trotta said he doesn't recall seeing that in the drawings and deferred to Peter and the MUA. The plan is dead. It is a buildable lot so it may have something in the future.

Neuert said he has intimate knowledge because he has a buildable lot on his pasture and he said that he would build it eventually. He asked to not dig up the road but put the line there now for future. The engineer said that he couldn't until it was approved. Neuert said it wasn't approved then why did he do it on the north end. Neuert claims the engineer said he was told to. Trotta doesn't know anything about that.

Neuert said he was at the April 2nd Land Use Board meeting. It was disheartening that the one individual was the deciding vote and he pushed and pushed and then decided to resign at the end of the night. He thought that was terrible and he hopes that nobody has those incentives to push things and then step aside to see what happens. It was disheartening. He thanked them again for their positions.

Mayor Trotta asked for any other business from the public. There was none.

Committeeman Grilletto again asked for everyone to come out for the flag raising ceremony on Saturday at 9:30 am on Main St where the clock is.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Witham, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk