

November 6, 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 STEIBER	DAVID LEUTWYLER, CDC	MUNICIPAL CLERK WITHAM

Dave Roberts, Planner and Matt Jessup, Bond Counsel were also in attendance.

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

Mayor Trotta reviewed the agenda. Part of best practices is evaluating the MUA and Fire District. The committee agreed that as a township, we still do need the MUA. We are in the middle of a large project and it would not be a good time to disband the MUA. Trotta is a liaison to the group. Marinari said that they have been through a lot of ups and downs but he thanks them for what they do as it is for our residents. Sorchik agreed; we couldn’t progress without their expertise and work. In addition, the community has benefited greatly by energy aggregation and pay significantly less for their electric. In addition, the Waste Management contract for garbage and recycling saves residents money. Trotta said that even the companies that we don’t contract with lowered their rates to be competitive so even if a resident doesn’t use Waste Management, their rates were lowered. All residents benefited. Lotito spoke about several years ago there was discussion about sewers in the town and to see it as a reality now is a great thing. Grilletto agreed.

All committeemen are in agreement that we are grateful to have the Fire District and First Aid; there are no complaints.

Trotta continued with the agenda. Minutes are up for approval, there are proclamations, resolutions and ordinances. Matt Jessup will be here to discuss the resolution and ordinance regarding Block 40 Lots 10 & 18. The soil ordinance is up for second reading.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik talked about the soil ordinance. Sorchik said the DEP just released a new model ordinance. He explained that sometimes residents are in need of dirt and may respond to an ad for clean fill. The problem is that sometimes it is not clean. It may have concrete and building materials in it. The DEP now offers a website to give guidance about this issue with fill. Sorchik spoke about the details of the ordinance. The idea is to prevent folks from being impacted by bringing in material that could later on hurt the environment or make property unusable and be costly to clean up the property. A permit will be required with this ordinance to be sure the material is clean. We are just bringing our ordinance up to the DEP new standards.

Trotta reviewed other resolutions on the agenda. We have ordinances up for introduction – peddling and soliciting, abandoned properties fees, salary ordinance to get ready for next year and the Amendment #5 to the redevelopment plan.

Matt Jessup came forward. He has been working on the redevelopment project with Plumsted for the last year and a half, two years. There are two things on the agenda tonight. The governing body had previously declared the Lennar property as an area in need of redevelopment some time ago. We are now getting ready to finance the infrastructure project with the WWTP and as he was reviewing the records for the bond issue, they were unable to track down all of the proceedings of the designation of the property in an area in need of redevelopment. These include resolutions, notices to property owners, etc. While there is no doubt they were done, we just want to be sure we have all of the paperwork to support it. On the agenda last month and again this month, there is a resolution declaring Block 40, Lot 18 and Lot 10 as an area in need of redevelopment. We will have a confirmed area in need of

redevelopment. The governing body is also introducing Amendment #5 to include Lot 18 because the original redevelopment plan only clearly had Lot 10, which is the large parcel where a majority of homes will be. Lot 18 became an access parcel that will have some model homes but was not clearly delineated in the plan. This amendment #5 is only to include Lot 18 clearly in the plan. This doesn't change the Lennar project, the number of units, or the type of units in an active adult retirement community. Everything the LUB has done to approve the project is not changing. The ordinance is up for introduction, it will then go to the LUB later this month and they will be hearing just the amendment to allow Lot 18. It will then be up for second reading, public hearing and final adoption on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Committeeman Lotito asked if the redevelopment plan already cited Lots 10 and 18. The original plan, many years ago, didn't clearly list Lot 18 but the amendments to that plan did. Dave Roberts, Planner, came forward.

The plan was amended four or five times in the last 15 years. He tries to use track changes to see the changes in the amendments. In 2008 when Lot 10 was first considered, the redevelopment plan was simply the C4 zoning district, the downtown zone. It became clear that in order to facilitate the WWTP, it was necessary to do financial incentives so Lot 10 had to be added. There were also lots that backed up to the lake behind Maple and the properties were so deep that half of those properties were in a residential zone, even though there was no access to Maple except through the C4, we realized that half of the lot was in the redevelopment area and half was out of it so the entirety of these lots were added in 2008. But as discussed, when pulling all of the documents to show these changes, some were missing. The critical issue has to do with Lot 10 and the financing and when you go to do that, the entire property needs to be in the designation.

Lotito said that he has an electronic version and was unsure if it had the track changes. He didn't see the revisions except the date and headers. Roberts said there really were only a few changes on page 2, 14 that lists the lots in the PRRC overlay and then the rest of the additions were the date and header change. The table also includes some unit types with 4 units which will never happen so they are deleting them. Any amendments that were not adopted were not kept in. This document just affirms both Lots 10 and 18 are in the redevelopment area and included in the PRRC overlay; no regulation requirements are changed. This is important for the financing.

Lotito also asked about the resolution and ordinance. Jessup said that the resolution is formally declaring Lot 10 and Lot 18 as an area in need of redevelopment. Basically there is a two-step process: declaring an area (resolution) and adopting a plan (ordinance). Everything is syncing together nicely. Lotito asked if there was any other jeopardy as to what we've done today. Jessup confirmed that everything is fine. It is likely an amendment will be done to financially benefit the township in the future but everything done so far with financing is good.

The last ordinance is one to repeal and replace Chapter 46, the Personnel Policy. The committee has reviewed it and the labor attorney had a few edits so it will be introduced.

There are resolutions, a memorializing resolution for Jensen's public hearing and fireworks that were at Laurita. The request came to us after the previous meeting so we could not approve them in advance. It was for a wedding. We have talked to Laurita to review the process again and letting them know we cannot memorialize these resolutions after the event; we must have them before. The fire marshal was ok with this going forward so we are approving it. There is also a resolution to delegitimize the global movement to boycott, divest from and sanction the people of Israel. There are a couple of people supporting this here tonight.

We have a part-time clerk starting in the construction office. There are some things for disabled vets with their tax credits, there are some other resolutions for insurance opt-out, the MUA as there was a resignation of Alternate #1 so we are moving #2 Alternate to #1. There are some other resolutions as well. We are amending our Schedule C agreement with the county to add some other things they can help us with so we can fix some roads. The CFO asked us for a resolution to go out to bid for a company to do road surface repairs for smaller projects. This will have someone available to do the work for us when we need it. Every other year we do a lease with the American Legion for the building in the back that we use for the municipal alliance. Lotito asked about the Upper Freehold agreement. Trotta explained it's an agreement to use their bucket truck when light bulbs need to be changed. We haven't used it in the last couple of years because the fire department has been helping us. But if they can't help us because they are busy at some point, this is a backup.

There are the usual bill lists to approve along with reports from professionals. Sorchik spoke about the social media policy. One of the things we get evaluated on by the state which affects our funding – best practices. One of the shortfalls we had was a written social media policy. We have one for our employees but this policy deals with our website and any social media sites. It's a disclaimer that says we have the responsibility to maintain the site and we have the authority to take down certain things like profanity, biased nature, cultural sensitivities, etc. Sorchik used one already approved elsewhere and tailored it to Plumsted. The committee already received it emailed previously. It will be introduced by title tonight. It will be 2019-321.

Walt Bronson came forward to discuss his engineer's report. Lepky Ave has no change; temporary repairs were done by the township. Hoping to get some money from the state DOT grant to pay for a more permanent fix. Kuzyk and Police Station Culverts – They were videotaped from the inside and it was found that there was no imminent failure with these culverts; local repairs may be made. They will be about \$50,000 a piece but not hundreds of thousands to replace the entire culvert.

Venue at Crosswicks work continues. They are out to bid to have a contractor install water main work. They won't pave roads until after the water main is constructed. The first couple of building permits have been discussed with the construction department.

Meadowbrook Lane – the township is looking in to doing work under Schedule C. 2019 Loveman Road DOT – going out to bid in the spring. 2020 DOT, waiting to hear on our application for Tower Rd and Lepky Ave.

Bonding for potential projects was discussed and the tax maps that his firm is working on as tax maps have to be filed by January.

Committeeman Grilletto asked a legal question that came up at the meet the candidates' night at the firehouse recently. A resident wants to donate to the police department. Attorney Steiber said he would have to review it. Trotta said that there was legislation that Dancer sponsored but may not have gone anywhere. It is Trotta's belief that it can't be done. Grilletto said that what about a specific project or something like financing a car.

Grilletto also said that in order to develop the downtown area, we should consider giving property owners or landlords a tax abatement for a number of months to encourage business/people coming in to the town. Grilletto said that if we give someone a tax abatement, they will hopefully pass on the savings to a tenant on their lease, it will help improve the downtown area. It is helpful to have buildings occupied and show everyone we are open for business.

Trotta said that has been discussed. We cannot put the cart before the horse. Until we have money from the PILOT program, we can't give away money we don't have. The budget is extremely tight. If we give away money we don't have, it will be even tighter. Trotta agrees we have to do something with the downtown. But perhaps today is the time; the project has to get going to bring in a lot of money to finance many things.

Grilletto said we are not talking a lot of money here and we do find money to do other things. Trotta said we definitely want to promote growth. Lotito asked if we have an idea of what that will cost. Grilletto said no but it is something he wants to discuss. Perhaps \$1200-\$1300 for a few months. Or the first month free. For example, if someone purchases a building and in a few months opens a business, we could offer an abatement for the first few months. Trotta understands this but there are times when we pass a bill list but it can't be paid until the money comes in. We just can't give away money we don't have. Sorchik said we need a dollar amount. Trotta agrees we need to work with landlords to get the downtown going.

Trotta said there is no time to go in to executive session now so we will just wait until 8 pm in 5-10 minutes to start the regular session.

#### **MINUTES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:**

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2019 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO OCTOBER 29, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH DEPUTY MAYOR ABSTAINING

**CORRESPONDENCE:** NONE

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Trotta said there are two proclamations on the agenda tonight but no one is here to accept them. Sorchik read the first, National Family Caregiver Month for November 2019.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Committeeman Grilletto read the proclamation for the American Legion Auxiliary Centennial Anniversary. They are having a dinner and celebration on Sunday at 2 pm at the Legion and the proclamation will be brought on that day.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PROCLAMATION FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA: RESOLUTION**

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-310 – 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 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

**ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing**

Trotta said the next item on the agenda is the second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 2019-11. The ordinance is for soil importation.

Trotta opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2019-11. Pat Ahearn of 8 Lawrence Drive came forward. He asked Sorchik about the requirements of minor and major permits. Sorchik clarified the same. A major permit requires LUB approval. There was a question about escrow money as well. Sorchik said the money isn't spent unless the township has to do something. Ahearn asked about businesses and their licenses. Sorchik referred to the DEP and their website [guardyourbackyard.nj.gov](http://guardyourbackyard.nj.gov). Sorchik also spoke about exemptions.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-11 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 15 – GENERAL REGULATIONS. (SOIL IMPORTATION) WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-11 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

**ORDINANCES: Introduction**

Trotta advised there are five ordinances up for introduction. The first is regarding peddling and soliciting; Trotta advised that Rockin' Fireworks should be added as a township event. Witham will add the same.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-14 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 45 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED "PEDDLING AND SOLICITING AND "NO KNOCK" REGISTRY" WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading and public hearing will be at the next regularly scheduled meeting of December 4, 2019.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-15 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 1A OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED "ABANDONED PROPERTIES AND MORTGAGED FORECLOSED PROPERTIES" WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL

VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading and public hearing will be at the next regularly scheduled meeting of December 4, 2019.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-16 – AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY REGULATING THE MANNER OF PAYMENT OF SAME” WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading and public hearing will be at the next regularly scheduled meeting of December 4, 2019.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-17 - ADOPTING AMENDMENT #5 TO THE NEW EGYPT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TO REFER SAME TO THE LAND USE BOARD FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.* WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading and public hearing will be at the next regularly scheduled meeting of December 4, 2019.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-18 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 46 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED “PERSONNEL POLICY” WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading and public hearing will be at the next regularly scheduled meeting of December 4, 2019.

#### **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. 2019-269** – AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE FROM JENSEN'S INC TO SUN JENSEN LLC

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-299**- APPROVING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT LAURITA WINERY OCTOBER 13, 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-300** - CONDEMNING ALL EFFORTS TO DELEGITIMIZE THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT TO BOYCOTT, DIVEST FROM, AND SANCTION THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-301** - APPOINTING DEBRA VITERITO AS A PART-TIME CLERK TYPIST FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-302** - AMENDING RESOLUTION 2019-285 AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF 2019 HOMESTEAD CREDIT DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-303** -REFUND OF 2019 1<sup>ST</sup> PARTIAL, 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> QTR PROPERTY TAXES AND 2<sup>ND</sup> QTR HOMESTEAD CREDIT DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS EFFECTIVE 1/17/19 FOR LANCE C. MORTON (BLOCK 42, LOT 1)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-304** - AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-276 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR THE INSURANCE OPT-OUT PROGRAM FOR 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-305** - AUTHORIZING A RESERVE ACCOUNT OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES FOR 2018 COURTESY BUSING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-306** - AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-307** - AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVER BILLED TAXES (BLOCK 77, LOT 73 QFARM)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-308** - APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-309** - CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED OCEAN COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT (WQM) PLAN AMENDMENT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-311** - ADOPTING THE 2019 MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR OCEAN COUNTY

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-312** - AUTHORIZING PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH UPPER FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP FOR SUBCONTRACTING WITH UPPER FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-313** – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-314** - AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-315** - AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF VETERANS DEDUCTION OF TAXES

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-316** - AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDATORY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR ROAD OVERLAY SERVICES AND SCHEDULE "C" ROAD MAINTENANCE AND RELATED SERVICES IN 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-317** – AUTHORIZING THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT AND TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR ROAD SURFACE REPAIRS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-318** - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION RADON AWARENESS PROGRAM (RAP) GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE YEAR 2020

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-319** - AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-320** - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 455 FOR THE USE OF THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE BUILDING LOCATED AT 2 MEADOWBROOK LANE (BLOCK 24, LOT 7)

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTIONS NO. 2019-269 and RESOLUTION NO. 2019-299 THROUGH 2019-320 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

**ADD-ON RESOLUTION:**

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK RESOLUTION NO. 2019-321 - ADOPTING THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED'S SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

**MOTION TO CONSIDER:**

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE FOLLOWING RAFFLES LICENSE WAS APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2019-33 for an On-Premise 50/50 for 2020 Friday night dates for McKaig-Test-Mullen American Legion Auxiliary Unit 455. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

**REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:**

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE BILL LIST OF NOVEMBER 6, 2019 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO ABSTAINING AND MAYOR TROTTA VOTING NO ON P.O. #19-00261.

**REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW:** CONSTRUCTION REPORT September 2019; FINANCIAL REPORTS - Revenue Summary by Month– September 2019; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status – September 2019, Treasurer's Report September 2019, Certificate of Determination and Award for BAN; TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – September 2019; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA MEETING MINUTES 9/17/19; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – September 9, 2019; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT STATISTICS – September 2019.

Mayor Trotta asked for any old or new business from the committee. Committeeman Marinari thanked everyone for coming out to vote yesterday, no matter which way they voted. If there are any complaints for any agencies, committee, BOE, you should come out and voice your opinion. The committee will listen to what anyone has to say. He appreciates the votes he received and he will do the best and if he didn't get your vote, he offers anyone to reach out to him to discuss any issues. Marinari continued that if he is unable to answer you at that moment, it's because

he may not have all of the knowledge to make a decision at that time. He wishes all candidates success.

The mayor congratulated all of the winners yesterday. He thanks Herb and Big Woods for decorating the municipal building a few weeks ago and he appreciates it being done each year. September was Hunger Action month and we collected food for Fulfill food bank. We collected 142 lbs of food which provides 118 meals and they are grateful for the donation.

The free rabies clinic is Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am at the firehouse. Flu clinic is Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> in the municipal building 10 am to noon. The next meeting is scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup> and there is a budget workshop meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Committeeman Marinari also said that there is a 6:30 pm meeting tomorrow with all of the businesses on Main Street to review the sewer project. There have been some positive outcomes with discussion with the businesses and to not have work done during the holidays since that is a busy time for the businesses. The early part of January is when the work will continue. At 7:30 there is a PBMA meeting where the association will be dissolved unfortunately. It is open to the public. There is about \$4000 in fund remaining so he is providing various agencies within the town with some financial help to dissolve a majority of the funds with the exception of the accountant's final fee. Chief Meroney has provided some items that he could use for the PD and Clerk Witham has also indicated a couple of items that could be used by the township.

Committeeman Grilletto said that tomorrow night at the meeting, the businesses were the ones that came up with the suggestion to discontinue sewer work for the holidays. Grilletto pointed out that the committee listens to the suggestions so he hopes that everyone will come out with their ideas. It's important that people take part and come to meetings to voice their opinion and be informed because we don't have all of the answers. He also thanked everyone for their support in the election.

The mayor opens the floor to public comment.

Resident Liam Snell of 24 Holly Hill Drive came forward and had a question about the subcontracting with Upper Freehold Twp. He asked if it will affect the budget next year. Will it improve construction efforts going forward? Trotta said that it is basically for the use of personnel and the bucket truck to change light bulbs in the parking lots. We haven't used it in the last few years because the fire company helps us and there is no fee for them. This is just a backup in case the fire department isn't available. So it will not affect the budget because if it is used, there is enough to handle that line item.

Michael Cohen of the Simon Wiesenthal Center from New York spoke. There are 450,000 individuals in the Northeast and about 150,000 in NY/NJ. His purpose in being here is to express his gratitude and thank the governing body for passing the resolution condemns the BDS movement. Plumsted is the 27<sup>th</sup> municipality in NJ to pass this resolution. This originated when half of the states have passed something similar to this. A few years ago, a local municipality passed a resolution for no tolerance. Cohen said that voices need to be heard and education of communities. He was asked to testify at the NYC council and there were people opposed to it yelling down at him and other religious members some things that you couldn't even imagine someone yelling at another person in a public session. Terrible names and this was just a year and a half ago. He very much appreciates this committee passing this resolution. Committeeman Lotito asked about the resolution. Cohen said that more than half of the states have already passed something like this. NY and NJ have already passed similar legislation.

Resident Stacy Reed, 791 Monmouth Rd, came forward to discuss Fall Fest. She said that one of her employees went this year for her. It had low attendance, no one really showed up, not really many food vendors but Mr. Softee. Trotta said it wasn't for a lack of trying. He said there was a late start because we thought Main St was going to be dug up but then they decided they wanted to try and have the event. Trotta knows that we have had better events. Next year will be much better. Reed asked if it was going to be back to Main St. Trotta hopes it will be back. Some businesses don't like the road closed but the purpose of the event is to bring people to the downtown area. Reed agreed it is about exposure. Reed previously asked who is responsible – Peter or Dave. Is there anything that can be done to help with the events? Reed is offering to help with the festival and other business owners may as well. Reed said that no one approached her for help. She is trying to understand who is responsible for what. Reed said if money is going to be spent on the events, it should be worthwhile. Trotta said that no money is really spent on this event. New Egypt Day will be changing to someone new as Peter is retiring soon. Fall Fest will also go to that new employee. Trotta asked Leutwyler to make a note that Reed is

willing to help. The yard signs went out late this year. Reed said businesses would be willing to help. If there are requirements to be on a committee, Reed would be willing to help.

Marinari said that a new coordinator for this will be able to strengthen all of the programs we have and involve the businesses. There is an opportunity here. Trick or Treat happened very last minute as well but there was a concern for danger with equipment from the road work but that was put together in 36 or 48 hours.

Reed said it is easy to sit back and complain but she doesn't believe in that. She wants to help, rather than just complain. A long time ago, Fall Fest started out as a downtown yard sale. She is more than willing to help out. Trotta said there are various ideas for events downtown so once we have a person in the position, we are hoping to implement them.

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

Attorney Steiber read Resolution 2019-298 for Executive session. The following matters will be discussed – personnel matters and potential litigation regarding Block 58, Lot 13 and Block 19, Lot 13.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-298 - 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.

The committee returned from Executive session. There was no public in attendance and nothing further to discuss.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Witham, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk