

May 6, 2020
Municipal Building
121 Evergreen Road
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Plumsted Township Committee meeting of May 6, 2020 was called to order by Mayor Marinari. Due to the emergent situation with COVID-19 and the municipal building being closed, the meeting was conducted through Zoom.com for the public to participate.

STATEMENT: "This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act." It was presented for publication to the Asbury Park Press and posted on the Bulletin Board.

THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT:

In the Meeting Room:

COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK MAYOR MARINARI
DAVE LEUTWYLER CLERK WITHAM

Calling in through Zoom.com:

COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA BA PRIVETT
ATTORNEY ZABARSKY ATTORNEY STIEBER

Township Engineer Walter Bronson and Chief Earl Meroney also called in through Zoom.

Mayor Marinari asked everyone to rise for the flag salute followed by a moment of silence.

Marinari spoke about the agenda and overtime payments for police officers. He said there is a resolution authorizing the submission of a bulletproof vest partnership grant application for the police department. There is also a resolution authorizing payment for the insurance opt-out program and a resolution authorizing payment for emergency work performed on Meadowbrook Lane.

Marinari spoke about activity on the Arts Council. New members have joined and some previous members have stepped down. He is pleased to see the Arts Council move forward even in these extreme conditions.

Marinari said that Deputy Mayor Sorchik was sworn in as a member at the Land Use Board meeting last night.

Marinari asked that the Governor's list of essential businesses be put on the Township's website.

Marinari said he spoke yesterday with the President of the Recreation Committee regarding the question of allowing activity on the recreation fields. Per the Governor's recommendations regarding the recreation fields there will be no spring sports. Hopefully, there will be some sports in the fall so kids can go out and see their friends again. A question came up about maintenance of the fields. The contractor is cutting the fields.

As far as maintenance of the infields, it is allowed by the Governor's order under "landscaping." Marinari asked the President to have his workers to continue to wear masks. Marinari said that he and his crew wear them when they are working. Also, stay six feet apart and limit the number to nine people when they are working at the site. He understands there was a lot of investment put into those fields and the concerns about the maintenance of the interior parts of the diamonds, etc. He knows that going forward everyone will maintain the guidelines that have been issued.

Marinari asked if there were any comments from the committee members.

Committeeman Bowen said he has a follow up about the Arts Council. The council has been continuing to meet through Zoom. They are currently sponsoring a photography contest for the town on their Facebook page and providing some at-home art projects for the community. They are taking the opportunity during this period to encourage the arts among our youth.

The council will be meeting at the end of May and expect to have a new slate of officers to bring to the June Township Committee meeting. Some officers have been serving on the council for twenty years, so they felt it was time for them to step aside and allow some other people to have the opportunity to serve. We appreciate their service and look forward to a new slate coming on board and moving ahead with the council.

The council is working with a Plumsted Township college student who has completed a ten piece outdoor art display as part of her college course. The pieces will be placed around the community. They are currently looking for host businesses to put a piece of the display on their property. The theme of the project is Covid-19 and expressing appreciation for different parts of the community that are supporting that effort. The council is excited to work with her on that.

The council is also working with the New Egypt Historical Society and the Plumsted branch of the Ocean County Library to host an election-themed exhibit that is scheduled for this coming fall. It is hoped that the library will be reopened by then. The exhibit will be using Historical Society memorabilia from past elections, including an old wooden ballot box and some other artifacts that they have. They are hoping to convert it to an online exhibit either on Facebook or the Township's website.

Bowen said that regarding the Board of Education, the Governor announced Monday that New Jersey schools will be closed for the remainder of the school year. It is noted, with sadness, that so many seniors will not be able to enjoy those rites of passage that they would normally have. The school has reached out to the community looking for ideas about how they can celebrate the various achievements in both scholastics and sports, and in other activities they would normally have in person. We wish them the best and hope the community can come up with an opportunity to express our appreciation for all of the hard work done by the students this year.

Also, this is teacher appreciation week. Bowen would like to personally express his appreciation to all of our teachers who are working extra hard in this format. And also to the parents who have stepped in as the personal presence of the teachers, and are working hard to complete the school year strong.

Bowen would like to send appreciation to our administration and school board. Plumsted was at the forefront of getting computers into the hands of students and starting that form of education. He thinks it has really been a benefit to the students. Some school districts in New Jersey and Pennsylvania had to scramble to get their students online and continue their education. He would like to commend the administration and the school board who had the vision to see the benefit of adapting to that method early on.

Committeeman Grilletto said he spoke to the American Legion today. They told him they are cancelling the Memorial Day Service at the American Legion, but will be putting flags out at the cemeteries. They will probably also have a celebration at a distance at the gravesite on Memorial Day.

Grilletto said he spoke to Peter Ylvisaker about the sewers. He said hopefully they will be back next week working on the sewers. Marinari said that the township is working with the water company on the water lines. Almost all of the construction groups working with the township have been affected by the virus and have not been able to work. Work is progressing better than he expected and more than he hoped it would.

Grilletto said that Ylvisaker was also hoping that they will be able to start working soon to install permanent macadam to replace the roads and streets with temporary pavement.

Marinari asked if Township Engineer Walter Bronson would like to say anything.

Bronson said that there is not a lot going on right now. The Venue at Crosswicks is basically shut down at the moment. They pulled their sales trailer off the site today and moved it to another location that is further advanced in their construction. They plan to utilize one of their model homes as a sales office once they get back to work. The only other thing happening is that the Loveman Road project has gone out to bid. Bids will be accepted until May 27, 2020. Dewberry hopes to have a recommendation for an award of the contract at the June meeting. Other than that, things are on hold during the current situation.

Grilletto asked if Lennar has given any indication when they will complete the model home. Bronson said they have three model homes on Provinceline Road and he is not sure if they are even actively working on them right now. Peter Ylvisaker will try and get an update on their schedule and projected sales from Bob Calabro based on what has happened over the last few months.

Marinari thanked Bronson for the information and for taking part in tonight's meeting.

Attorney Zabarsky read Resolution No. 2020-181, authorizing the convening of an executive session. The following matters will be discussed: personnel; contractual with regard to redevelopment, an energy grant; litigation with regard to Block 58, Lot 13.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2020-181, 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. Mayor Marinari called the Regular Session to order. He said unfortunately they were not able to match up everything electronically for Executive Session and the committee will move forward with those items next month. There was no Executive Session but the committee had to wait until 8 pm since that is the advertised time for the Regular Session.

Marinari called for consideration of the approval of minutes.

MINUTES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE/REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF 2/5/20 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA AND COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN ABSTAINING AND WITH SOME CHANGES DUE TO TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, THE WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE/REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF 2/20/20 SPECIAL MEETING WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE/REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF 3/4/20 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE/REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF 3/12/20 BUDGET WORKSHOP WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE/REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF 4/1/20 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

PRESENTATIONS: none

PROCLAMATIONS: none

ORDINANCE – Second Reading and Public Hearing

Marinari opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2020-05. There was no discussion from the public or the committee.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2020-05 - 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 CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, ORDINANCE NO. 2020-05 - 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 ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Marinari opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2020-06.

Bowen said he does have a comment regarding the per diem fine. He wondered if the committee could accomplish compliance at a lower penalty amount, or if it felt the penalty was even necessary to get compliance.

Committee members discussed the per diem requirement and agreed it should remain as is, at \$100.

There was no comment from the public.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2020-06 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-17 ADOPTING A SANITARY SEWER MANDATORY HOOKUP REQUIREMENT TO BE SET FORTH IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PLUMSTED MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, ORDINANCE NO. 2020-06 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-17 ADOPTING A SANITARY SEWER MANDATORY HOOKUP REQUIREMENT TO BE SET FORTH IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PLUMSTED MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

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. 2020-182 - AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT FOR OFF-DUTY POLICE EMPLOYMENT TO ATLANTIC SITE CONSTRUCTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-183 - AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED AND THE OCEAN COUNTY PROSECUTOR FOR THE FY2020 PROSECUTOR'S PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-184 - AMENDING RESOLUTION 2020-136 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-185 - IN SUPPORT OF THE OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS' COMMITMENT TO CONTINUING SERVICES FOR THE SENIOR COMMUNITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-186 - AUTHORIZING THE OEM TO ISSUE ID BADGES TO OEM DEPUTY COORDINATORS AND VOLUNTEERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-187 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CHECK FOR THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-188 - ACCEPTING THE TAX COLLECTOR'S STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTABLE TAXES FOR THE 2020 TAX YEAR PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:4-91.1

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-189 - AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1994, C. 72

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-190 -AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR THE INSURANCE OPT-OUT PROGRAM FOR 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-191 - 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 2019-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-192 - AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – FY-20 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-193 - AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT FOR MEADOWBROOK LANE EMERGENCY WORK IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED UPON THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE BOND BY MOSLOWSKI EXCAVATING, INC

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS 2020-182 THROUGH RESOLUTIONS 2020-193 ON PAGES 1 AND 2 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE APPROVED, EXCEPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-191 WAS HELD. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

Mayor Marinari asked if there were any questions on the Bill List; there were none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE BILL LIST OF MAY 6, 2020 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW: ENGINEER'S REPORT – May 1, 2020; CONSTRUCTION REPORT – March 2020; TAX COLLECTOR REPORT – March 2020; FINANCIAL REPORTS – Revenue Summary by Month March 2020; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status March 2020; Treasurer's Report February and March 2020; POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – March 2020; PLUMSTED BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – March 2, 2020; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA MINUTES – March 16, 2020

Marinari asked if there were any questions about the reports; there were none.

Marinari asked if there was any old business from the committee.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik said that since this is the third meeting held via Zoom, that he would like to draw the public's attention to the Township website. It has references to the federal website for coronavirus, [coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov) as well as the New Jersey and CDC websites which are the best sites with the most pertinent information.

Sorchik said the township has applied to the federal government for disaster relief/aid under the public assistance portion of the Covid-19 disaster. The township's first work plan will be submitted this week to request compensation and refund of any expenses that have been incurred by the township.

Marinari said the township is blessed to have Sorchik on the committee with the knowledge that he has of working with OEM and the other various entities in the township. He thanked Sorchik for that.

Sorchik said that he has submitted a draft resolution to the committee in support of the Second Amendment. He asked the other committee members to look at the resolution and make any changes so it can be discussed at the June meeting. Fundamentally, it says as a township committee we support an individual's right to own a firearm and that New Jersey residents have to go through an extensive background investigation, mental health investigation and permit process, which is both laborious and expensive. The committee does not think that further restrictions on honest citizens should take place.

Marinari said that if anyone has any questions or comments on the resolution to reach out to Sorchik to review them.

Marinari asked if there was any other old business from the committee. There was none.

Marinari asked if there was any new business from the committee.

Committeeman Trotta said he wanted to remind committee members that there are times when the mayor needs to make decisions and the members have to live with those decisions until they get to a meeting. In some instances, things cannot be changed. For example, if there is a small repair that needs to be made, the mayor needs to make that decision so the repair can be done.

One instance that has come up a few times is when committee members disagree with a policy made by the mayor and then the policy can be changed. Trotta said one of the reasons why he has not come to a meeting in person at this point, even though he tried to, is the policy set by the mayor on the number of committee members who can be at a meeting. Trotta said he responded that he would be at a meeting. Then another committeeman decided he was going to come to the meeting.

If committee members do not agree with the mayor's decision, they need to discuss it as a public body and make a change to it. The mayor made a policy. The committee must live with it until the committee gets together and discusses it. He wants to remind everybody that the mayor has to be able to do things.

Trotta said committee members cannot take it upon themselves to do what they want to do in conflict with what the mayor has said or the committee has said as well. That is all he has to say.

Grilletto said that he believes that Trotta is speaking about him and he spoke to the mayor and got permission to come to the meeting.

Marinari said that he would rather have everyone in the room, but he made a policy to eliminate people having to come in the building. Two committeemen come in and Dave Leutwyler. Clerk Witham does not need to come in, but he is grateful that she is there. He is trying to do his best. He is one person on the committee and all you have to do is tell him is that you think there is a better way of doing it.

Marinari said he also has a few comments. He wants to thank everyone that is involved with the township. Our family has had some real issues. We have had illnesses; we have had losses. We have seen the brunt of this disease in way or another. He cannot thank everyone enough for all they are doing for this community. He hopes the community understands that the committee and employees are here for one reason—for the safety and continuance of the operation of this township. He thanked everyone for all they are doing.

Mayor Marinari opened up the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

Grilletto asked if the township has a program to help rehabilitate homes for low income people. He asked if it could be looked into—possibly get a grant.

Grilletto said that tomorrow is National Day of Prayer. Every year the township has had a meeting for National Day of Prayer. Obviously it cannot be done this year. There will be a virtual meeting for National Day of Prayer on CBN. It was originally started in 1952 by President Truman. He just wanted to remind everyone about it.

Marinari said this week is National Nurses Week and today is National Nurses Day. He is thankful for the professionalism of the medical community in this country and around the world, especially at this time.

Bowen said he is also thankful for National Nurses Week.

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

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE MAY 6, 2020 MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Witham, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk