

April 3, 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 JONES	COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI
DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK	MAYOR TROTTA	DAVID LEUTWYLER, CDC
BA ELLEN REILLY-PRIVETT	ATTORNEY KELLY	MUNICIPAL CLERK WITHAM

Deputy Mayor Sorchik called in to the meeting.

Mayor Trotta asked everyone to rise for the flag salute. Pastor Murray came forward for the invocation.

Mayor Trotta reviewed the agenda; there are minutes to approve tonight. There are some presentations including a couple of proclamations. There are ordinances for second reading, a budget presentation and an ordinance for introduction to get in line with state regulations for fixed assets.

Resolutions are routine, including two to purchase/lease police vehicles. It was necessary to call the salt trucks for some icy days so we had to put additional funds in that line item. There is an add-on resolution for sanctuary state.

Mayor Trotta mentioned the 2019 Public Grounds Maintenance memo from Finance. All committeemen were in agreement regarding the Public Grounds Maintenance contract. Trotta said that Ron Tabor has done the work before so there should be no surprises this time. Committeeman Marinari spoke that they had a good meeting regarding public grounds guidelines and he thinks things will work well. There have never been concerns with his work.

Township Engineer Walt Bronson came forward to give his synopsis of work throughout Plumsted. Kenyon Drive is in progress as of this week. The retaining wall has been replaced on the North side. The hope is that the culvert pipe will be installed this week; it is a corrugated aluminum pipe to replace the galvanized steel pipe that is there. Would have liked to use a concrete pipe or plastic pipe which would last longer but the DEP regulations require a pipe with the same capacity. This pipe will last a very long time. The sidewalk and curbing and repaving of the road will then have to be done, in about two weeks after that.

The second item is Lepky Ave off of E Millstream Road. Lepky has terrible potholes, it is a very wet area; sub pumps are pumping out to the street and there is no drainage in the street. Plumsted is unable to afford to install a drainage system and do the whole road at this time so in the short-term, the same contractor Moslowski will fill the potholes and do a small overlay in the worst areas so it is more accessible to the residents as it will be drivable.

There is a culvert on Kuzyk Rd that is partially collapsed, off of the pavement. The bottom is flipping up and blocking part of the stream. This is similar to the Kenyon Drive culvert issues.

In the police station parking lot, there is a 2-3 foot diameter hole that is about 6 feet deep. The galvanized steel pipe in there is completely deteriorated. The inlet on Cedar appears ok so not sure how far the damage is. They put together an estimate to replace 20 feet of pipe and do a patch job for a reasonable amount of money. Across Cedar there already has been a patch from the past. Could be \$125,000 to \$150,000 to replace that. They would recommend a repair and then take a look and see how much damage there is. Dewberry submitted their report yesterday regarding that.

The quarterly inspection was just done at EME. Dewberry toured the facility with Keith Prince. There is no dredge on site anymore. The pit was in good shape, road was clean, water level was low which they test periodically. Report will be put together in the next week or two.

Green Briar Crosswicks is the planned residential retirement community across Crosswicks creek from here. There was a preconstruction meeting last week with Lennar and their contractor. They anticipate demolition on the house they purchased around April 8th. They will also start clearing at that point. They intend to have a groundbreaking ceremony on April 17th. They have posted their bonds and inspection escrow. That project is ready to get going.

Earlier this week, the township received a letter regarding 2018 Municipal Aid project regarding Loveman Road and the grant for resurfacing portions of Loveman. Bronson is in the SAGE system now to determine what portions of Loveman are included. Dewberry will come back with a proposal for the engineering services in time for the next meeting.

Last item Bronson reviewed is on Maria Drive. Monday, there appears to be a settled trench in that development; it is not a storm drain. It looks like poor compaction in that area, kind of like a reverse speed bump. It may not be the highest priority at this point but they will get a price from the contractor to see. While out there, they looked at 4 Maria Drive, in the backyard. There are two large sinkholes that have opened up that people have fallen into and their yard equipment has. They appear to be a couple of feet deep. Most likely poor compaction here as well. It is a hazard for that property.

Committeeman Lotito mentioned the SAGE system. That is the system used for funding of state projects. The project is managed in that system. Committeeman Lotito asked about the grant for Loveman. Is that a portion of Loveman or the entire road? Bronson has to review it in the system to see exactly what it includes.

Leutwyler said that Ivins Drive will be started end of April to the beginning of May. It may require one lane travel. Trotta advised that project is being done by our former engineer as he was the one that worked on it.

Attorney Kelly read Resolution 2019-148 for Executive session. The following matters will be discussed - personnel.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-148 - 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.

MINUTES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION OF DECEMBER 5, 2018 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION OF DECEMBER 26, 2018 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO ABSTAINING.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR SESSION OF JANUARY 1, 2019 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR SESSION OF JANUARY 22, 2019 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION OF FEBRUARY 6, 2019 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. WITH DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK ABSTAINING.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION OF MARCH 6, 2019 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Lexi Majeski came forward to accept the proclamation for National Library Week 2019. Mayor Trotta read the proclamation.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2019 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Lexi Majeski appreciated the proclamation. There are several programs planned April 7 through the 13th for all ages at the Plumsted branch and throughout Ocean County.

Linda Leutwyler was called to accept the Alcohol Awareness Month proclamation.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE PROCLAMATION FOR ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mrs. Leutwyler thanked the committee for all of their support over the years. The alliance does a lot within the schools and they are always looking for volunteers to attend their meetings the first Monday of each month at the municipal building. Leutwyler said that each school has programs that are worked on that vary by age.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing

Trotta discussed the ordinances that were up for second reading and public hearing. Trotta explained that this ordinance had to do with recreational marijuana only.

Trotta opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2019-02. There was no public comment.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02 - PROHIBITING APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED THAT REQUIRE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL WHICH ARE VIOLATIVE OF FEDERAL LAW AND AMENDING CHAPTER 15 SO AS TO PROHIBIT SALE OR DISPENSING OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA OR ANY CANNABIS-BASED PRODUCTS WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02 - PROHIBITING APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED THAT REQUIRE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL WHICH ARE VIOLATIVE OF FEDERAL LAW AND AMENDING CHAPTER 15 SO AS TO PROHIBIT SALE OR DISPENSING OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA OR ANY CANNABIS-BASED PRODUCTS WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Trotta explained this ordinance has to do with towing through the police department. He opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2019-06. There was no public comment.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06 – AMENDING CHAPTER 58 TOWING AND STORAGE REGULATIONS WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06 – AMENDING CHAPTER 58 TOWING AND STORAGE REGULATIONS WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-155 - AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A THREE-YEAR AVERAGE COLLECTION RATE FOR THE 2019 BUDGET'S RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-156 – AUTHORIZING THE READING OF THE 2019 BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Mayor Trotta presented the 2019 budget with a slide presentation. Trotta stated budget information may be found on the website. He explained that at the time of the budget, we didn't have confirmation of grants received but we have since received that information. Trotta spoke about salaries as well. Trotta said we are within the 2% CAP law. The tax increase is 7/10 of a cent or \$21.01 for the average homeowner; .267 is the new tax rate for 2019 per hundred dollars. The average home is worth \$281,500 this year, up from \$281,000 last year. Last year, the tax rate was 26 cents per hundred dollars. The overall picture shows school tax is 64 percent of taxes, county is 17.38 percent, township is just over 10 percent and fire district is just under 8 percent and open space is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent. Overall, the taxes changed 1.87 percent over last year.

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Trotta read the budget by title.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-157 – ADOPTION OF THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ORDINANCE: Introduction

Mayor Trotta explained that this ordinance is being introduced to be in line with state rules.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN JONES, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-07 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 12 TO INCREASE THE THRESHOLD FOR NONEXPENDABLE TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY – FIXED ASSETS, WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for May 1, 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. 2019-149 – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-139 APPOINTING BENJAMIN SILKOWITZ AS ALTERNATE PLUMBING INSPECTOR IN THE ABSENCE OF KEVIN SCHMALZ

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-150 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT BETWEEN ESTEEM ENTERTAINMENT AND PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP'S MAIN STREET NEW EGYPT

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-151 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A NEW EGYPT DAY VENDOR FEE TO PUPPETS "N" STRINGS & THINGS, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-152 – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR THE INSURANCE OPT-OUT PROGRAM FOR 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-153 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR THE 2019 ROCKIN' FIREWORKS BANNER

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-154 - CANCELLING 2019 PARTIAL 1ST, TOTAL 2ND, 3RD, and 4TH QTR PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS EFFECTIVE 1/17/19 FOR LANCE C. MORTON (BLOCK 42, LOT 1)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-158 – AUTHORIZING EQUAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #1

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-159 - AMENDING RESOLUTION 2018-272 AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO JOAN GRUCA FOR LAND USE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-160 - APPOINTING OFFICERS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS FOR THE YEAR 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-161 – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-79 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ANIMAL CONTROL, LLC FOR A CHANGE IN BUSINESS NAME

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-162 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-163 – AWARDING THE LEASE/PURCHASE OF 2019 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLE THROUGH NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #88728

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-164 - AWARDING THE PURCHASE OF A 2019 FORD F150 4X4 CREW CAB TO WINNER FORD THROUGH NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #88728

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-165 - AMENDING THE CERTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2018-297 (2018/2019 SNOWPLOWS/SALTING SERVICES)

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS (RESOLUTION NO. 2019-149 THROUGH 2019-165) OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ADD ON RESOLUTION:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, DEPUTY MAYOR RESOLUTION NO. 2019-166-OPPOSING NEW JERSEY BECOMING A SANCTUARY STATE WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

MOTION TO CONSIDER:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN JONES, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE FOLLOWING RAFFLES LICENSES WERE APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2019-19 On-Premise 50/50, 5/10/19 for Advancing Opportunities Inc; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2019-20 Off-Premise 50/50, 5/10/19 for Advancing Opportunities Inc.; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2019-21 Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle 6/22/19 for New Egypt BPO Elks #2457. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE BILL LIST OF APRIL 3, 2019 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW: CONSTRUCTION REPORT – March 2019; FINANCIAL REPORTS - Revenue Summary by Month– February, 2019; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status –February, 2019; TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – January 2019, February 2019; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA MEETING MINUTES –February, 2019; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – February 4, 2019; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT STATISTICS – February, 2019

Mayor Trotta asked for any old business from the committee. Deputy Mayor Sorchik thanks Attorney Kelly who forwarded some ordinances and information from other towns regarding memorial benches. This was discussed at the last committee meeting. Sorchik would like to codify this process in some way. Sorchik questioned Attorney Kelly on the best process to do this. Kelly said that if it is going to be codified, it would be an ordinance. Kelly could draft a proposed ordinance regarding this. Sorchik then asked the committee if they had an opportunity to review the information. In these programs, an application is made and then they would have an opportunity to choose a type of memorial bench. It would be a five or ten year application and if they choose not to reapply, it would become township property. Sorchik would like to sit down with the bench committee on this. Marinari and Trotta said that the bench committee should come back to the township committee with a recommendation. Marinari asked if the individual would select a sight. Sorchik said that a couple of the examples

had in the application a listing of the various areas that would be available to have the bench placed. And it would be a durable bench, not one that would have to be maintained. Marinari felt the bench was the best option.

Sorchik further said that as far as the donation is concerned, the CFO said that we have the mechanism to accept donations. The finance office would have to have a separate line item where the money would stay in the bench program, not in a general fund. Sorchik will proceed with a bench committee meeting.

Committeeman Marinari followed up on the invocation. He said there was a meeting and clergy will be selected for each month throughout the rest of the year. Half of the names have been received. Marinari was in a meeting with the new lawn contractor and he will attend the Recreation Committee meeting tomorrow night. Marinari also attended a couple of BOE meetings. Marinari explained the school is losing over \$800,000 in state aid for this year alone. This is based on the number of students at this time. Superintendent North is working with the BOE to come up with the best solution for the children's education. He advised to visit the school website for information on whom to contact in the state regarding this loss of aid.

Committeeman Lotito asked if this had to do with the formula for figuring out aid. Marinari said that the idea is to have everyone as equal as possible by using a formula. Marinari felt it had to do a lot with politics, unfortunately.

Mayor Trotta reminded the committee that they should complete the Elected Officials training by the next township meeting in order to get insurance credit. Trotta again mentioned the state aid received for Loveman Road partial resurfacing. He also spoke about the County doing West Millstream milling and paving between 539 and 537 this coming week. There is a shredding event on April 13th from 9-1 in the municipal lot. Residents may attend any shredding event in the county. PYNE will be distributing free tree seedlings on April 19th and April 20th.

The municipal building will be closed on Friday, April 19th due to the holiday. And PYNE will be having their Lose the Litter event on April 27th from 9-1. The next township meeting is May 1st and New Egypt Day is Saturday, May 18th.

Committeeman Jones advised that he will be stepping down as committeeman effective immediately. Due to personal health reasons, he has decided to step down and spend as much time with his family as possible. He thanked the committee and community for their support and all the work they do.

Mayor Trotta said it has been a pleasure working with him and that he will be missed. Committeeman Marinari appreciated all of his dedication and he has a family with the committee always.

Mayor Trotta opened up the meeting for public comment. Resident Pat Ahearn of 8 Lawrence Drive came forward. Ahearn asked what the New Egypt newspaper is. Trotta advised the Asbury Park Press and the Trenton Times. Ahearn then asked about a development on Maple Ave and that it was a done deal. Trotta said there is no proposed development on Maple Ave. At the LUB last night, when the plan was developed in 2004, they predesignated some areas on Maple Ave to have future growth. No one has come forward to do anything in those areas at this point in time. Sewers would be needed for that. Trotta's understanding on Maple Ave is that it is on the Pasquale's Pizza side. He said that the sewers are going out as far as Red Barn Antiques. Finally, Ahearn stated that the LUB approved the movement of this to rezone that lot is consistent with the master plan. Ahearn doesn't feel the proposed amendment is consistent with New Egypt being rural. He is urging the committee to deny this change. Trotta said that the committee hasn't yet set a date to discuss this but it will be advertised when they are.

Resident Craig Shperkin of 135 Bobbi's Terrace, moved in two years ago, came forward about the landfill or Russo Farm where nothing is being done with the place. Shperkin would like to know what the town is doing about the continuous odor of garbage. Trotta advised this is a DEP issue. The township has been in touch with the DEP numerous times and they have told us that they cannot give us comment on ongoing investigation. They can give comment on the previous investigations and that they told the Russo family what has to be done. Shperkin understands the situation but he said that in other towns, the mayor has stepped up and did something about it. Mr. Shperkin feels he should take care of the citizens in our town and it isn't being done. The Russo farm has been here since 1998 with continuous issues. It's gotten worse over the past few years and the DEP has imposed fines on them but nothing is getting done. Shperkin is concerned with the quality of life for his family. He is paying taxes, good money and he doesn't

feel he has to live where it smells like garbage every single day and there are flocks of birds hovering due to the farm. Shperkin feels it is the township's job to do something. Whether it is posting on social media or something more than just contacting the DEP since that is not going anywhere.

Shperkin is asking the committee to do something. Leutwyler had a list of all of the different agencies that have investigated the Russos along with a stack of documents showing the same. Trotta explained it is a DEP issue and the township cannot do more because of that. The DEP and the township cannot comment on ongoing investigations. Trotta said that nothing more can be done. Shperkin understands. Trotta cannot personally go after the farm. Attorney Kelly advised that it is a jurisdictional matter and the mayor cannot interfere/comment on the ongoing investigation. The DEP is investigating and we cannot interfere with it. Shperkin is asking the mayor to step up and present something to the media on behalf of the residents. Trotta said that we are constantly calling the agencies involved for updates. Shperkin is dissatisfied that his backyard smells like garbage every day.

Rebecca Stepniewski of 314 East Millstream Road came forward. Stepniewski has lived at 318 E Millstream since 1983 but now lives at 314 E Millstream since 2009. Russo bought the farm in 1998. This has been an ongoing issue since 1998. It has gotten progressively worse in the past two years. She knows there was a road study which she got the results from DOT but is awaiting results from the township about the amount of dumping at Russo Farm. Stepniewski also brought up the oil slick at Jensen's and is asking about the outcome of that. Mayor Trotta said that is one of the ongoing investigations. Stepniewski asked if there was a department she can contact about that. Trotta said the DEP and they will most likely not discuss it since it is ongoing. Stepniewski said that Wildlife and Game was also involved since it involved wildlife in the lake and this was in 2018. She asked about those results. Trotta asked Leutwyler to follow up on those results. Trotta said that the police department has stepped up on that road. Trotta also had Leutwyler and the BA ask the County to not allow left turns on to East Millstream from 537. The reason is for the safety of others since there is a speed issue and keep the oversized vehicles at a minimum. The fact is that trucks are allowed on that road to make local deliveries. Stepniewski asked what qualifies as a local delivery. Chief Meroney said that if furniture is being delivered and there are no other violations, the trucks cannot be stopped. So if these trucks are not violating any laws, they are allowed to make local deliveries to the farm.

Stepniewski said that the trucks are running all night long from 10 pm to 6 am constantly. Chief Meroney said that they don't have the capability to see if the trucks are overweight. Stepniewski said that they jake brake all down that road and asked about a noise ordinance. Trotta explained that we have a noise ordinance but the noise has to last for a certain period of time and the county has to come out to confirm the noise. Obviously by the time they come out, the noise has stopped. Trotta said that we had introduced an ordinance against jake braking but then it had to be repealed because we were advised that if a truck is traveling and they don't jake brake because of the ordinance and they run in to an issue like an accident, the town would be liable. So that ordinance had to be repealed. Stepniewski asked if we could do an ordinance similar to Allentown. There is a sign near Allentown Caging in reference to jake braking and only in being able to do that in emergency situations. Mayor Trotta will reach out to Allentown's mayor to see that and see what Plumsted could do.

Diane Ahearn of 8 Lawrence Drive came forward. She asked about the township meeting minutes. Trotta said they were just approved this evening and will be posted in the next couple of days. Ahearn asked about developments that may be put in. If something happens with the developer and they can't finish the work, is there a bond requirement? Trotta said that bonds are required to be sure the work is fulfilled. It may even be that the bond would be used to take out what a developer has started, depending on the situation. Ahearn said that she lives on Lawrence Drive, the Melrose development and the developer went bankrupt and supposedly there was a bond put up there for sidewalks and street lights and maybe something else. The only thing done was trees were planted so what happened to that bond money. How does she find out about that? The homes have been there a long time. Trotta asked Leutwyler to find out what happened with the bond money and that development. Ahearn said she may have some paperwork and will email as well.

Christian Nevers of 5 Country Woods asked about the detail regarding sewers becoming available, including road closures and the effect on the community and businesses on Main Street. The Marketplace runs things tight and needs to know these things. Trotta understands and has been talking with the engineers and Peter Ylvisaker that full closure of the downtown area is not happening. There would be no downtown if there is no access. It would have to be worked out with traffic being detoured on side streets and only a portion of the road closed at a

time. Trotta has also asked for night construction so businesses aren't affected during normal business hours. If night construction is not possible, then it would have to be done in portions at a time to maintain access of the downtown. Similar to having detours on special event days.

Nevers asked if the plans will be made public to the businesses so they may plan accordingly. Trotta confirmed that there will be a meeting of the businesses downtown. Marinari said that pit boring are being done on Evergreen. Those borings discover the depth of where they have to secure pipes. After that, there will be a better understanding of when and where the work will be done. A meeting was going to be planned but Marinari feels he and Ylvisaker should personally visit businesses and explain what will be happening. Marinari understands the effect this will have on the businesses. The committee understands this. Trotta said that the municipal lot behind the salon ended up being closed. This was an emergency situation; it was not planned. Trotta said it would have been better on a Monday since the salon is closed on Mondays but this was a safety issue so had to be closed. Trotta said that the township is watching to the best of their ability. Nevers said that Marinari knows firsthand how it can affect his business from the experience with the pipeline and road closures. Trotta said that he wants to be sure the township takes care of things better than the work with the pipeline. He wants to be sure our town and businesses are taken care of.

Nevers said that he just heard about the development on Evergreen a couple of days ago. Trotta said there is no development at this point in time. Trotta said that there is the possibility of a development. The redevelopment plan is possibly going to be amended to include the property of the diocese on Evergreen. Nevers asked if plans are publicly available, the ones about townhomes with garages underneath, etc. Trotta said there are no plans; they have not yet been presented to the LUB. Once any plans are submitted to the LUB, they would then be available.

Trotta said that there is a teacher in the room. This is a family development that would not have a PILOT program; taxes would be paid to help support the schools, if it should be built. Nevers saw what happened in Hamilton and he doesn't think we want that here.

Lynn Pryzbylowski of 7 Rachel Drive has a few questions. First off, she said she appreciated Larry Jones' kindness. Pryzbylowski asked about the property with possible development. She asked if it was in the works. Trotta said that there is a proposed amendment to the redevelopment plan to possibly allow the developer who would like to buy the property to do what they are allowed to do in other areas of the downtown like on Maple. There are no plans to show anyone because it is just discussion that may come to fruition or may not. The church decided not to build on that property because of wetlands. Trotta said that there are wetlands but the developer, Lennar, is interested in the property and they feel they can build townhomes. The senior development has a PILOT program; no school taxes for that. This development, should it go forward, has no PILOT program. There are no age restrictions on the proposed development. The school would get their normal percentage of taxes. Pryzbylowski said that this would be a different aesthetic than rural New Egypt. Pryzbylowski asked about the age restriction. She heard that if you cannot sell the homes to over 55, they will remove the age restriction. Mayor Trotta said that will not happen; the state would have to allow that statewide. It was done years ago. Attorney Kelly said that in 2009, there was something converting age restricted to non-age restricted but that lapsed. It is not current. Pryzbylowski said that the community seems to be confused about what is going on. Trotta hasn't seen any plans, only the proposed amendment for that property. Pryzbylowski asked if we could stop that discussion of townhomes. Trotta said we already have it allowed in our town, as on Maple Ave. It is a future growth area. Nothing is being done at this point.

Pryzbylowski asked about the budget for the police department because she didn't see a breakdown of what they might be upgrading, info about their supplies. Pryzbylowski attended a meeting about that some time ago. Trotta said that when Chief Petrecca was here at that meeting, the information was false. It was not as bad as he said. Trotta said that we have always provided for the police the best they can every year. We did purchase two new radios and all of the guns have been switched out. Pryzbylowski's main concern is safety. Trotta said that two new vehicles have been approved tonight. Pryzbylowski is concerned about our first responders. Trotta looked at the budget and said that we were able to work out to get two vehicles; it was originally going to be one. Last year we got a message board and with grant money we were able to get traffic cones. Every year, the police are taken care of first. Chief Meroney said that the radio system is being switched by the county so we are not replacing many as they won't be compatible.

Finally, Pryzbylowski asked when the pipeline would be ending. Trotta didn't know the answer to that. Is it true they give the town money for leaving trucks here? Trotta said the police are

there and the gas company pays the township an off-duty rate for the police and vehicle and then the township pays the police out of that money. The town gets no money from the gas company. Przybylowski asked about where the pipeline is going. As a resident, she hasn't been told. She did not know it was going past her development on 528. It will be going from Fisher Road to Wawa at 539. Trotta said that the original line was switched because Nova Tile has the most restricted Pinelands in the state. So Pinelands wouldn't let them go past Nova Tile. It was rerouted to down Lakewood to Fisher to West Collier's Mills. The township had no control over the changes. Przybylowski asked if it was true they have no permits. Trotta advised they have county permits. And the gas company is having state issues but they are working at their own risk with that.

Pat Ahearn of 8 Lawrence Drive had one more comment. He said that the development Lynn Przybylowski was referring to has to do with the zoning amendment being proposed and that the township committee has the ability to deny the amendment. Trotta said that the committee hasn't yet discussed the proposed amendment.

Trotta asked for an adjournment as there was no other public comment.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Municipal Clerk