

September 2, 2020  
Municipal Building  
121 Evergreen Road  
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Plumsted Township Committee meeting of September 2, 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 COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK  
MAYOR MARINARI CDC LEUTWYLER BA ELLEN REILLY-PRIVETT CLERK WITHAM  
ATTORNEY ZABARSKY ATTORNEY STIEBER

Calling in through Zoom.com: COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN

Chief Meroney, Lieutenant Reilly and Township Engineer Walt Bronson were also in attendance.

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

Marinari said there will be a presentation tonight by the Diocese of Trenton. He spoke about the purchasing manual and reopening the playground. School begins on Tuesday, October 8, 2020, remotely for the first month. There will be alternating A&B classes starting on October 5, 2020. The next regular meeting for the Township Committee is October 7, 2020. The last day to register to vote is October 13, 2020 for the November 3rd election. Two local girl scouts are having a drive to collect plastic through the Trex Company. They have already collected over 50 pounds of plastic. Bins are available at The Marketplace, the Municipal Building, the Post Office, Big Woods and the Plumsted Pharmacy. He asked that people make a contribution to them for the future of the environment.

Marinari reviewed the agenda. There are two ordinances up for second reading and public hearing tonight and one for introduction. We have the remaining liquor licenses up for 2020-2021 renewal today, the usual tax resolutions and there are resolutions regarding the board of public utilities and asking for representation in this county. There is a resolution urging the governor to allow in-person voting for the general election of November 3rd. There are resolutions to renew our website agreement and authorize an elevator maintenance agreement. There is a resolution demanding JCP&L reimburse residents for losses due to the recent tropical storm. There are resolutions regarding the municipal drug alliance grant. There is also a resolution authorizing the purchase of new computers for the emergency management operations center and to replace outdated computers, and authorizing many other computers to be upgraded in order to be in compliance with our insurance requirements to reduce our deductible for cybersecurity claims. There is also a resolution to consider a shared service agreement with New Hanover to provide them with construction code services.

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

Committeeman Grilletto spoke about Pride in Plumsted and having an event celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization of Plumsted Township. He suggested that a banner be put up, a commemorative plaque be provided to the Historical Society, and that signs be placed on lampposts in town. Grilletto also suggested that a box be put at the front door of the municipal building for the disposal of flags. It could be built by the Boy Scouts and combined with the celebration of the town's anniversary.

The committee members agreed that it was a good idea.

Grilletto asked about the Republican Club using the courtroom for their meetings. Bowen said if you allow one, you have to allow all. Trotta spoke about the added expense of cleaning the room after each meeting. Grilletto said the club could clean the room. Sorchik said that the township is responsible for the building and it does not know what it is getting when the room is cleaned by an outside group. It was decided by the committee that an outside group would not be allowed to use the courtroom for a meeting.

Committeeman Trotta said he has a comment about Resolution 2020-270, concerning the JCP&L reimbursement proposal for loss. He said it is a good idea, if the company decides to do it. They are not legally obligated to cover those types of losses. It has been done by other electric companies, but homeowners are usually covered by insurance for a loss like this. Rates do not change because a homeowner puts a claim in for something small like that. He said he will vote yes on the resolution, but he wants to remind people that they should check with their insurance company because they will probably be reimbursed for it.

Trotta said he also has a comment about Resolution 2020-279, which is the shared services agreement with New Hanover Township. He will vote for the resolution, but he is against the way it went down and how it played out. Department heads should not be negotiating with another town for an agreement for the town without permission from the governing body, or talking to the mayor about having it done. It has to be done by the governing body, not by the department heads. He thinks it is a good agreement that is why he will vote yes, but in the future things should be done properly.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik said he also has concerns about Resolution 2020-270. He agrees with Trotta that insurance will cover this type of loss. He spoke about the letter from Freeholder Vicari in which the utility subsidized losses and then asked for a rate increase to improve the infrastructure. Vicari said they should not get a rate increase for that. The trees that fell on the lines belong to individuals. His concern is that the loss is being caused by a neighbor's tree, not by the power company. Sorchik said he understands that the residents are dependent on electricity and that the infrastructure is very old and needs improvement within the State. He will support the idea of sitting down with the utility company to discuss ways to improve the infrastructure. He thinks that is the most important part of the resolution.

Committeeman Bowen said as far as Resolution 2020-270, he agrees with Trotta and Sorchik in principle. He checked with his insurance company and it covers up to \$500 worth of loss per power outage for refrigerated items. He does not have a sense of what the loss would be for medication. He does not know how else a resident could recoup the loss of medication. He has mixed feelings because any loss paid by the utility company is passed on to its customers.

Bowen said that the finance committee met yesterday about Resolution 2020-279. He said, as presented, there was no allowance in the agreement for pension obligations or payroll taxes. It was found to be deficient based on those two items. The purpose of the agreement is not clear to him. It appears that Plumsted is getting the short end of a fixed fee contract. It does not make sense for Plumsted to be seconding our staff to another town when the township is in the process of ramping up personnel for an additional work load.

CDC Leutwyler said he spoke to Glenn Riccardi about the pension issue and Riccardi said the payment is a stipend. BA Reilly-Privett said that Riccardi has revised the numbers. Grilletto said the concept is good, but he has problem with Resolution 2020-279 because there is no benefit to the township.

Marinari spoke about Resolution 2020-271 encouraging in-person machine voting in November. He said it is going to be an extremely important election. He knows there are a lot of restrictions, but if people are allowed to vote in person, they should do so. He spoke about the resolution updating employee computers. It is something that has to be done due to outdated computers. He commented on Resolution 2020-277 supporting Assemblyman Dancer's bill to establish a rural and small business lease-emergency assistance grant program. He said that anything to help small businesses right now is really needed and appreciated. Grilletto said he agreed with Marinari and that he thinks it is a great bill and he hopes it passes.

Sorchik said the State has provided health requirements for amusement parks, and indoor, and high-touch recreation areas, effective September 1, 2020. The township has kept playgrounds locked down because there is no staff to clean them. He spoke about signage, the maximum attendance allowed, protocol and cleaning. There would have to be a hand washing station if the playground were to be opened.

Sorchik asked Leutwyler if the township could accommodate the new guidelines. Leutwyler said that at this point, he does not see how it could. There is no water on the playgrounds. There would be a limit on the number of people allowed on a playground at one time.

There was a discussion about when and how playgrounds should be opened. Trotta said he does not think the standards can be maintained and that the township would be setting itself up for failure. Bowen said he thinks an estimate should be made of the manpower necessary to clean and maintain the playgrounds. Marinari asked Sorchik to follow through on it.

Marinari asked Walter Bronson for the engineer's report. Bronson spoke about the work that Lennar is doing, the work that needs to be done on Lepky Road, the Kuzyk culvert and police culvert work,

Meadowbrook Lane, and the resurfacing of Loveman Road. Leutwyler asked about the communication that was received from Ocean County Soil Conservation. Bronson said he will get in touch with them and let them know that Earle put topsoil and seed out there last week.

Bronson talked about the 2020 Municipal Aid grant—Tower Road project, the 2021 Municipal Aid Road project, including Hopkins Road as the primary application and Lepky as the secondary application. The township should hear sometime in the next month or two about those projects. He spoke about the estimate from Moslowski for the drainage work at Lakeview Drive. The next item he spoke about is the research that is being done to determine who is responsible to fix the sinkhole on Magnolia. He talked about a drainage pipe and an easement over the driveway on Magnolia.

Bronson spoke about the I-Bank bonding program for infrastructure and transportation related projects. He said he is trying to set up a meeting with them to see what they may be able to do for the township.

Grilletto and Bronson spoke about EME's mining permit approvals by the township's Land Use Board and the Pinelands Commission.

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

Marinari introduced a presentation from the Diocese of Trenton regarding potential development in the township. The presenters are David Roskos, attorney for the Diocese of Trenton and Richard DiFolco, engineer for the project. Roskos said the site is located on Evergreen Road at Block 40, Lot 1. It was acquired by the Diocese with the idea of building a church, however, the site does not really lend itself to a church.

The site backs up to the Lennar redevelopment project. Lennar had originally agreed to purchase the property but the contract has been cancelled. It is in the township's area in need of rehabilitation and/or redevelopment. Public sewers are being brought to the area. The Diocese granted a sewer easement over the property at no cost to the township.

The Diocese believes that the 20 acre tract is appropriate for a townhouse development. Lennar had proposed 80 units at a significant height. The Diocese feels that 40 units is more reasonable, which is 2 units to an acre. It ties back into the township's C-4 zone. Roskos spoke about the location of wetlands on the site and that sewers will be available on the property.

The Diocese understands that the township frowns upon excessive height. They looked at the height of the surrounding houses in the neighborhood and have checked the zoning ordinance. All of the zones surrounding the property, except the Lennar piece which backs up to the property, allow for a height of 35 feet. That is all that the Diocese is seeking.

They have also tried to buffer themselves from the neighbors. The sewer easement traverses the site and already provides an ample buffer. No development is going to take place on the sewer easement.

The Diocese feels this is a good plan, but they are open to suggestions from the township. They want it to dovetail with what is already in the neighborhood. The townhouse architecture is almost identical to the house across the road. The property drops off from the road, which reduces the scale of any development.

What they are doing tonight is following up on the discussions they had with the township when the sewer easement was granted. They believe that 40 sewer connections would be appropriate for this site. They are trying to come up with a scheme that works. The township would not have to adopt a separate zone for them. The township could restrict the density from the C-4 zone, i.e. C-4A, and they could live with that reduced density. Public sewer is where density should be located.

The site lends itself to the proposed development. If there was no sewer, one acre zoning would be appropriate. Roskos handed out photographs of the surrounding houses. He said they measured the height of the surrounding houses. He thinks their proposal is a reasonable one. He is going to let Engineer DiFolco describe it in more detail.

DiFolco spoke about the character of the street. He said the Diocese particularly likes a white house with a porch and double chimney. The layout easily fits on the property. There is room to move buildings. There is room to move driveways. He spoke about the different ways garages could be laid out and about the buffers on both sides. He said there will be adequate parking and utilities. They are only looking for the height that is permitted on the property and the height that is permitted all around them. Grilletto and DiFolco discussed the setback of the houses on Evergreen Road.



Trotta said he has two comments on the proposal. First, there is a very large tree on Evergreen Road and he thinks that it is important that it be preserved. The second is the problem of townhomes having two front yards. He suggested that a change be made to the roads to prevent the issue. There was a discussion as to why the entrance was put in the middle of the property, rather than at the sides.

Roskos said what they are looking for is a dialogue; to sit down with the township planner and the township engineer. They are open to any good suggestions. They are not Lennar. They are not coming in and saying that have to have certain things. The committee said they appreciate that.

There was a discussion about the number of garages in the development, the layout of the property, and the size of the units. Marinari explained that this is just a concept. Roskos said that what they are looking for is some guidance from the township committee and to spend some time with the township planner. They want to work with the township.

Committeeman Bowen said that he is pleased and impressed by the approach they took. He thought it was very respectful of the rest of the neighborhood. None of the houses are backing up to any of the other neighbors. He likes the fact that the front of the property is actually front yards and not parking lots. He is delighted that they are staying within the height of the rest of the community and the garages do not push the height up. He wondered about their price point, target audience and parking capacity. He is thinking about a unit having more than two drivers when teenagers are old enough to get their own car and what the parking would look like when overnight parking is allowed in the street, etc. He thinks it is a great starting point.

Marinari thanked them for coming and said the committee will review their plan and get back to them.

Marinari said it is already 8:00 pm and he and the committee agreed that they would go into regular session.

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

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE/REGULAR SESSION OF 7/1/20 MEETING WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

There are no correspondence or proclamations at this time.

#### **ORDINANCE – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION:**

Marinari said there are two ordinances up for second reading and public hearing tonight.

Marinari asked for any public comment on Ordinance 2020-08. Not hearing any comment, he asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-08 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 14 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT," SECTION 14-7.4.1, ENTITLED "STORM DRAINAGE" WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Marinari asked if there was any discussion among the committee. There was none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, ORDINANCE NO. 2020-08 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 14 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT," SECTION 14-7.4.1, ENTITLED "STORM DRAINAGE" WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Marinari asked if there were any public comments on Ordinance 2020-09.

Pat Ahearn, 8 Lawrence Drive, Plumsted, NJ, asked if the township is borrowing \$34 million to do improvements for the Lennar project. Sorchik said this is the bonding for the sewer project. Ahearn said he thought it was \$15 million for the sewer project. It is now \$34 million? Trotta said it was \$20 million and now it is \$34 million. Ahearn asked where the other \$14 million came in. He does not understand why the increase was not planned for. Marinari thanked him for his comments.

Marinari asked for any other public comments. Not hearing any comments, he asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-09 – ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE NEW EGYPT REDEVELOPMENT AREA WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Marinari asked if there was any discussion among the committee. There was none.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, ORDINANCE NO. 2020-09 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE NEW EGYPT REDEVELOPMENT AREA WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

#### **ORDINANCE - INTRODUCTION:**

Marinari said there is one ordinance up for introduction tonight. Grilletto asked if the ordinance would apply only to the businesses that are physically in town. Marinari said he believes that the ordinance should include anyone inside our area or outside our area that is doing business in Plumsted. He said he needs more discussion from the committee as to what this mercantile license will entail. Grilletto said he has several other questions about the ordinance. Sorchik said there have been complaints about unlicensed businesses coming into town and doing work. This is an attempt to put some sort of structure in place for businesses working in town. Grilletto spoke about the “survey” he conducted of businesses downtown. There was a discussion among the committee about the ordinance. Marinari suggested that a meeting be held with businesses to get their feedback about the ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-10** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 27 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “LICENSING,” SO AS TO CREATE NEW SECTION 27.1 ENTITLED “MERCANTILE LICENSE”

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, ORDINANCE NO. 2020-10 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 27 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “LICENSING,” SO AS TO CREATE NEW SECTION 27.1 ENTITLED “MERCANTILE LICENSE” WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES, EXCEPT COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO VOTED NAY.

Marinari advised the second reading of this ordinance will be on October 7, 2020.

#### **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.**

#### **RESOLUTIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-264-** AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF CERTAIN CLUB LICENSES, PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION AND PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-265** - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CHECK FOR THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-266** – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-267** – ADOPTING THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED’S PURCHASING MANUAL

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-268** – RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS AGREEMENTS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-269** – URGING THE STATE TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION FROM MONMOUTH AND OCEAN COUNTIES ON THE STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-270** – DEMANDING THAT JCP&L REIMBURSE RATEPAYERS FOR LOSSES EXPERIENCED FROM A LONG-TERM POWER OUTAGE CAUSED BY TROPICAL STORM ISAIAS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A RESILIENCY PLAN TO STRENGTHEN ITS INFRASTRUCTURE TO PREVENT FUTURE LONG-TERM OUTAGES

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-271** – STRONGLY ENCOURAGING THE RIGHT OF IN-PERSON MACHINE VOTING FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-272** – AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CIVICPLUS TO PROVIDE WEBSITE HOSTING SERVICES TO PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-273** – AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH JERSEY ELEVATOR TO PROVIDE ELEVATOR SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE TO PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-274** – AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION AND RE-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS  
AND ADDING A FIFTH QUARTER TO THE FY2020 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AGREEMENT AGAINST ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE GRANT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-275** – AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE FY2021 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AGREEMENT AGAINST ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE GRANT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-276** – AWARDED A CONTRACT TO CONVEXSERV TO PROVIDE COMPUTERS FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-277** – SUPPORTING AND ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4571 (Sponsored by Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer and Assemblyman Robert D. Clifton, District 12)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-278** – AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT NO. 1612 (MAINTENANCE) ISSUED BY AMBOY NATIONAL BANK AND POSTED BY MVN HOMES, INC. FOR BLOCK 43, LOT 59.01, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, UPON THE PAYMENT OF THE SUM \$12,500 UNDER THE LETTER OF CREDIT

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS 2020-264 THROUGH 2020-278 ON PAGES 1 AND 2 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Marinari said there is an add-on resolution to appoint Tara Oliver as a part-time Clerk/Typist.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2020-280 – APPOINTING TARA OLIVER AS A PART-TIME CLERK/TYPIST FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Resolution 2020-279 was pulled from the agenda so it can be discussed in Executive Session.

#### **REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:**

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

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE BILL LIST OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. EXCEPT SORCHIK ABSTAINED FROM 20-00508.

Marinari asked if there were any questions or comments about the committee reports. There were none.



**REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW:** TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT – September 2, 2020; CONSTRUCTION REPORT – July 2020; TAX COLLECTOR REPORT – July 2020; FINANCIAL REPORTS –Revenue Summary by Month July 2020; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status July 2020; Treasurer’s Report July 2020; POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – July 2020; PLUMSTED BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – July 6, 2020; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA MINUTES –June 16, 2020

Marinari asked if there was any old business.

Sorchik said the township has filed through the State for reimbursement of Covid-19 disaster funds from FEMA. The township has requested approximately \$13,000. This includes overtime and equipment purchases. The state did not allow for computers and Plexiglas. FEMA advised that the computers would be allowed because they are for the EOC. The Plexiglas is questionable. Sorchik said he will appeal in either case if the township is denied payment based on the fact that the sole purpose for spending the money was for immediate protective action so the township could continue business. It serves no other purpose than that. The day the emergency declaration is over, the Plexiglas comes down. It was an expense that was directly incurred for protective action.

Sorchik said the township is also in the process of applying for reimbursement under the Cares Act for expenditures for which FEMA will not reimburse the township. He is waiting for the county to get back to him. They have been very helpful. They are currently deciding the format in which the proposals are to be submitted. He has gathered information from both the fire district and township personnel as to what would be compensated under the Cares Act. No final resolution has been made at this point.

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

Marinari asked if there was any new business.

Sorchik said he met with the fire department—2 fire commissioners, the fire chief and their attorney--to discuss pending issues. He said it was a very positive meeting. Their biggest concern at this point is the transition from the current radio system to the new 700 system. The police chief talked about it at last month’s committee meeting. The fire department is looking at an expense of over \$300,000. It goes beyond their capacity to finance it, with the 2 percent CAP on budgets. They are looking for various alternatives to assist them in that purchase. Sorchik said he has been assisting them in finding alternate funding.

Sorchik said the 700 system is required by the federal government. Ocean County has been forced to go to a 700 system. Plumsted not only has to communicate with Ocean County, it has to communicate with Burlington County and Monmouth County due to the mutual aid agreement with them. The fire department talked about going to the voters to see if they could exceed the 2 percent CAP. No final decision has been made by them.

Marinari spoke about the problems that occurred with the current radio system during the last storm. He said it needs to be done.

Marinari asked if there was any other new business. There was none.

Marinari asked for comments from the public.

Chief Meroney asked the status of the proposal for radios he provided to the committee last month. Witham said it has been given to Marinari for his review. Marinari asked her to send it to the rest of the committee for their review. He said they will have a response for Meroney very shortly.

Marinari asked if there were any other comments from the public. There were none. Public comment was closed.

Marinari said that the committee would now go into executive session. It will be at least 10:00 pm before they are back in regular session. Official action will be taken when they return.

Attorney Stieber read Resolution No. 2020-263, authorizing the convening of an executive session. The following matters will be discussed: personnel; contractual with regard to professional services, shared services, PRRC, litigation with regard to Block 58, Lot 13 and Block 19, Lot 13.

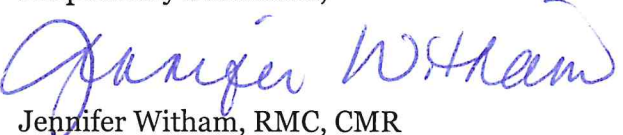
ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, RESOLUTION NO. 2020-263, AUTHORIZING THE CONVENING OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The committee returned from Executive Session. Mayor Marinari called the Regular Session to order.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2020-279 – AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW HANOVER FOR CONSTRUCTION CODE SERVICES WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES, EXCEPT COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN AND COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO VOTED NAY.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Witham, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk