

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

The Plumsted Township Committee meeting of December 2, 2020 was called to order by Deputy Mayor Sorchik. 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 BOWEN DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK
COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA DAVE LEUTWYLER BA/CLERK WITHAM

Mayor Marinari was excused.

Attorney Zabarsky and Township Engineer Walter Bronson were in attendance via Zoom.

Chief Meroney and Lieutenant Reilly were also in attendance.

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

Sorchik reviewed the agenda. He said there are minutes to be approved from September 2, 2020 Workshop, Regular and Executive Session and from September 22, 2020 Executive and Regular Session. There is a letter of resignation from the electrical inspector. There will be a public hearing and second reading for Ordinance 2020-11 and Ordinance 2020-12. There will be an introduction of Ordinance 2020-13, which deals with the acquisition of fee simple interest in real property.

There are several resolutions. Resolution 2020-331 accepts the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Grant. Resolution 2020-339 authorizes a shared services agreement between the Township of Plumsted and the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office for the Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program. Resolution 2020-340 authorizes the repair of Lepky Avenue by Earle Asphalt. Resolution 2020-341 authorizes the renewal of an agreement with Monmouth Wire & Recycling for recycling of electronics. Resolution 2020-342 authorizes a shared services agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office for the Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program.

There are two add-on resolutions. Resolution 2020-345 appoints Ron Gafgen as Alternate Subcode, Building and Fire Inspector in the Absence of Glenn Riccardi. Resolution 2020-346 cancels 4th quarter property taxes for 2020 and 2021 due to exempt status for Block 80, Lot 9.04. That is for the property that is coming to the township.

Sorchik spoke about the budget meeting that was held just prior to this meeting. He said there is still some work that has to be done on the budget. A special meeting will be held on Monday, December 28, 2020 to wrap things up for the year.

Sorchik asked the Police Chief for information about current legislation concerning police body cameras. Meroney said he has submitted quotes to the committee for body cameras for the police department.

Meroney said that last month legislation was introduced mandating that all police officers wear body cameras. Legislators are working on providing funding to reimburse municipalities for the purchase of body cameras, including a process to reimburse a municipality that purchases body cameras before they are mandated. He does not know where the process is at right now.

Meroney said he received a quote of \$17,000 for six body cameras. It would be \$27,000 if all officers were to have his or her own camera. There would also be a server fee. He recommends taking money out of the off-duty trust account to pay for them. He spoke about the benefits of body cameras.

Sorchik said he looked at both quotes. He is in favor of everyone having his or her own camera. That a camera should be issued to them just as their firearm is issued to them. There was a discussion about server fees for the cameras.

Grilletto asked about the need for extra cameras in case one breaks down. Meroney said yes, that would be something to do in the future.

Bowen asked about a group price for the purchase of body cameras. Sorchik said that will probably come up with some vendors, but not until legislators come up with the money. Meroney said that there are only two vendors. They did not provide a group price for radios, so he does not see them doing it for body cameras.

Sorchik said he would like to see funding details in writing before purchasing body cameras. Grilletto said he agreed with him. Meroney said he would continue to investigate the purchase of body cameras.

Sorchik asked for any other comments.

Bowen said the Christmas event is this Saturday from 2 pm to 4 pm. It is being held outdoors and is low risk. He said the weather is uncertain for Saturday. The rain date would be Sunday from 2 pm to 4 pm. Information should be sent out either Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. We hope people will come out to get their picture taken with Santa. He will be on top of a fire truck, so families can safely distance. It will be done in a row of cars, so people will only be out of their cars for a few minutes.

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

Attorney Zabarsky read Resolution No. 2020-329, authorizing the convening of an executive session. The following matters will be discussed: personnel; contractual with regard to professional services, animal control, and emergency road repair; litigation with regard to Block 58, Lot 13.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2020-329, 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. Deputy Mayor Sorchik called the Regular Session to order.

MINUTES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES, WITH COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO ABSTAINING.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE EXECUTIVE/REGULAR SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

CORRESPONDENCE: Deputy Mayor Sorchik read Mark Butera's Letter of Resignation as Electrical Inspector in the Construction Department

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE RESIGNATION OF MARK BUTERA WAS ACCEPTED WITH REGRETS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

PRESENTATIONS: None

PROCLAMATIONS: None

ORDINANCE – Second Reading and Public Hearing:

Sorchik said the next item on the agenda is the second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 2020-11. It creates the position of Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

Sorchik opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2020-11. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2020-11 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 40 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED "OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES" WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTТА, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, ORDINANCE NO. 2020-11 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Sorchik said the next item on the agenda is the second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 2020-12. This ordinance deals with the salary schedule. It sets a minimum and maximum salary for the Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

Sorchik opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2020-12. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTТА, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY 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 CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTТА, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ORDINANCE – Introduction:

Sorchik said Ordinance 2020-13 is being introduced tonight. It authorizes the acquisition of property located at Block 8, Lot 9.04. It is ten acres that is being turned over to the township.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTТА, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO ORDINANCE NO. 2020-13 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF THE FEE SIMPLE INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN BLOCK 80, LOT 9.04 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Sorchik said the public hearing and second reading of the ordinance will be on December 28, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

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. 2020-330 –AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CHECK FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-331 – ACCEPTING THE 2021 STATE OF NEW JERSEY SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-332 – AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LAND USE BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT A 2021 SOIL REMOVAL EXCAVATION AND MINING LICENSE TO EXCAVATING MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-333 - AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ELECTION DAY FLEX TIME FOR THE MUNICIPAL CLERK’S OFFICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-334 – CANCELLING PARTIAL 2020 4th QTR AND 2021 PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS EFFECTIVE 11/16/2020 FOR PAUL L. HALAYCIO (BLOCK 47, LOT 8.04)

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-335 – AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO DISPOSE OF OR RECYCLE OBSOLETE ITEMS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-336 – AMENDING RESOLUTION 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. 2020-337 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT FOR OFF-DUTY POLICE EMPLOYMENT TO NEW EGYPT FLEA MARKET

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-338 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF UNUSED ESCROWS FOR REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDMENTS AND ENGINEERING WORK TO LENNAR

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-339 – AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED AND THE OCEAN COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE FOR THE DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT CALLOUT PROGRAM (“D.R.E.C.P.”) GRANT FOR FY 2020/21

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-340 – AUTHORIZING THE REPAIR OF LEPKY AVENUE BY EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-341 - AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MONMOUTH WIRE & COMPUTER RECYCLING, INC. TO PROVIDE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SERVICES TO PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP FOR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-342 - AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED AND THE OCEAN COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE FOR THE DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (“D.W.I.E.P.”) GRANT FOR FY 2020/21

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-343 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SCHEDULE “C” AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-344 - AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FY2021 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE AGREEMENT AGAINST ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE GRANT

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS 2020-330 THROUGH 2020-344 ON PAGE 2 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Sorchik said there is an add-on resolution that appoints Ron Gafgen as Alternate Subcode, Building and Fire Inspector in the absence of Glenn Riccardi.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, RESOLUTION NO. 2020-345 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING RON GAFGEN AS ALTERNATE SUBCODE, BUILDING AND FIRE INSPECTOR IN THE ABSENCE OF GLENN RICCARDI WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Sorchik said there is a second add-on resolution. It cancels 4th quarter property taxes for 2020 and 2021 on Block 80, Lot 9.04 because it will become township property.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, RESOLUTION NO. 2020-346 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CANCELLING 4TH QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2020 AND 2021 DUE TO EXEMPT STATUS FOR BLOCK 80, LOT 9.04 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION TO CONSIDER: None

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

Deputy Mayor Sorchik asked if there were any comments on the Amended Bill List; there were none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE BILL LIST OF DECEMBER 2, 2020 AS AMENDED WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW: TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT – December 2, 2020; CONSTRUCTION REPORT – October 2020; TAX COLLECTOR REPORT – none; FINANCIAL REPORTS –Revenue Summary by Month October 2020; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status October 2020; Treasurer’s Report October 2020; POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – October 2020; COURT REPORTS – October 2020; PLUMSTED BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – 10/5/20; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA MINUTES –10/20/20

Sorchik asked Bronson to review the Township Engineer Report. Bronson spoke about repairs to be made by Earle Asphalt to Lepky Avenue. It is expected that repairs will last three to five years, which gives the township enough time to investigate a design for a full reconstruction of the road.

Bronson provided an update on the construction at Greenbriar and the paving of Loveman Road. He said that the township was notified that it received a grant in the amount of \$292,700 from State NJDOT 2021 Municipal Aid Program to pave Hopkins Road. It will complete the paving that was done under the 2018 program. He spoke about the work that is being done to address the drainage issue on Lakeview Drive.

Bronson said Provinceline Road is deteriorating due to all of the construction work being done by Lennar. They have widened the road at the entrance to the development, and that is in good

condition. The road from Route 527 to Jacobstown Road is in poor condition. Bronson suggested that the township apply next year for NJDOT funds to repair Provinceline Road.

Bronson asked if there were any questions.

Grilletto asked about I-Bank funding. Bronson said that now that the township knows what it has been awarded from NJDOT for next year, it can apply for funds from I-Bank for other projects.

Bowen asked what the chances are that the township would receive State money to repair Lepky Avenue. Bronson said the township has applied to the State for the past two years for funds to repair Lepky Avenue. Lepky is a dead-end street and the likelihood of receiving funding is remote.

Sorchik asked if there were any other questions. There were none.

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Sorchik reminded everyone that covid tests and flu shots are being done on December 16, 2020 from 9 am to 4 pm in front of the municipal building. Reservations are not required. People do not have to be residents of Plumsted Township.

Sorchik said that the New Jersey Economic Development Authority has a 70% off sale on personal protective equipment for small businesses and not-for-profit organizations. The information is on the township's website. He encouraged everyone to check out the website.

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

Deputy Mayor Sorchik opened up the meeting for public comment.

Barbara Diblin, 112 Terrace Avenue, New Egypt, New Jersey, spoke about her feelings concerning this time of year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Sorchik asked if there were any other public comments. There were none. Public comments were closed.

Sorchik wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy holiday.

Sorchik asked for a motion to adjourn.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE DECEMBER 2, 2020 MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Witham, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk