

March 3, 2021  
Municipal Building  
121 Evergreen Road  
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Plumsted Township Committee meeting of March 3, 2021 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.

Clerk Witham read the following statement regarding remote meetings:

Please be advised that this meeting is being held remotely according to DLGS guidelines as presented in Resolution No. 2020-351 that was adopted at the December 28, 2020 Township Committee meeting. Participants’ audio will be muted until the public comment portion of the meeting. We ask that each participant mute themselves as well to avoid any interference in the recorded meeting.

There will be an opportunity for public comment during the regular session of the meeting which shall be limited to 5 minutes per person. At the time you wish to make public comment, you may unmute yourself accordingly.

Should there be any disruption from the public during the remote meeting, they will be warned and should the conduct continue, they will be muted or removed from the public meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

In the Meeting Room:

COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA  
DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK MAYOR MARINARI ATTORNEY ZABARSKY BA/CLERK WITHAM  
CFO MADDEN CHIEF MERONEY LT REILLY

Township Engineer Bronson was in attendance through Zoom.

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

Marinari spoke about a second market proposal for the property at 31 Main Street and a virtual meeting he attended with other mayors and the Joint Base MDL Commander about Joint Base’s response to COVID for people who fly into the base. He said recently there was a meeting about establishing a community garden at the Presbyterian Church. Marinari said he also met with the landscaping company to go over changes for the upcoming year.

Marinari reviewed the agenda. Resolution 2021-134 introduces the municipal budget for 2021. The township will be advertising shortly for the 2021/2022 snow plowing/salting bids. There is a resolution authorizing an agreement with the high school for a banner on Main Street. There are two resolutions for shared services; one for the Prosecutor’s Program and another one for the Move Over Program.

Marinari asked for any comments from the committee members on the agenda. There were none.

Marinari asked for any department reports. Committeeman Bowen spoke about the Council for the Arts Valentine’s Day art project on Zoom on February 11, 2021. He also spoke about the upcoming fish fry at the New Egypt Volunteer Fire Company. He said the fire company is warning residents about spam from an organization called the Firefighters Support Association that is calling local residents to raise funds on behalf of our local fire company, but they are actually not affiliated with our fire company.

Committeeman Grilletto spoke about the hoagie sale by the American Legion on the third Saturday of the month and the possibility of a fight night to raise funds for the Legion. Grilletto also spoke about a proposed requirement by Pinelands that master plans for municipalities in the Pinelands have a vulnerability assessment for climate change. He provided an update on Pinelands 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a commission and tax credits for electric charge stations in the Pinelands. He spoke about volunteers at Paradise Park and the Girl Scouts presenting a class and providing bird seed at the park.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik made a motion that future committee meetings begin at 7:00 pm with a moment of reflection after the flag salute.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, THE MOTION BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK THAT FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 PM WITH A MOMENT OF REFLECTION AFTER THE FLAG SALUTE WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN VOTING NAY AND COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO ABSTAINING.

Attorney Zabarsky read Resolution No. 2021-133, authorizing the convening of an executive session. The following matters will be discussed: personnel; litigation with regard to Block 58, Lot 13, and OPRA; and contract negotiations.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-133, 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.

**MINUTES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:**

There is one set of minutes up for approval tonight.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE/REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF 11/4/20 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA ABSTAINING.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Marinari asked Committeeman Grilletto to read the proclamation for National Friends of the Library Week April 4-10, 2021.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO SECONDED BY MAYOR MARINARI, THE PROCLAMATION FOR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 4-10, 2021 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing**

Marinari opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2021-01. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

**ORDINANCE - Introduction:**

Marinari said the next item on the agenda is the first reading of Ordinance No. 2020-02.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE COST RELATING TO SANITARY SEWER INSTALLATIONS WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading and public hearing on Ordinance 2021-02 will be on April 7, 2021.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

BA/Clerk Witham said there is an add-on Resolution 2021-143 for the governing body to certify its compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s enforcement guidance on the consideration of arrest and conviction records in employment decisions under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-143 – GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S “ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964” WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE. ALL AYES.

There is one resolution on the non-consent agenda to be voted upon separately. Marinari asked if there were any comments from the committee; there were none.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-134 – TO INTRODUCE THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO VOTING NAY.

**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. 2021-135** - AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR SNOWPLOWING AND SALTING SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-136** - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-137** - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR THE 2021 NEW EGYPT HIGH SCHOOL BANNER

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-138** - AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF UNUSED ESCROWS FOR BLOCK 58, LOT 5.01

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-139** – AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT WITH AETNA FOR EMPLOYEE DENTAL COVERAGE IN 2021 FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-140** – AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED AND THE OCEAN COUNTY PROSECUTOR FOR THE FY2021 PROSECUTOR'S PROGRAM

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-141** – AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR THE FY2020/21 MOVE OVER LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (M.O.L.E.P.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-142** – AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH RST LAWN CARE, LLC TO PROVIDE GROUNDS SERVICES TO PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED FOR THE YEAR 2021

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS 2021-135 THROUGH 2021-142 ON PAGE 2 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Attorney Zabarsky said there is an add-on Resolution 2021-144 from Deputy Mayor Sorchik to authorize the governing body to coordinate with Ocean Health Initiatives to provide a Covid-19 vaccine clinic for the residents of Plumsted.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-144 – AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY TO COORDINATE A COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC WITH OCEAN HEALTH INITIATIVES WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE. ALL AYES.

**MOTION TO CONSIDER:** None

**REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:**

Mayor Marinari asked if there were any comments on the March 3, 2021, Bill List; there were none.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, THE BILL LIST OF MARCH 3, 2021 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

**REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW:** TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT – March 3, 2021; CONSTRUCTION REPORT – January 2021; TAX COLLECTOR REPORT – December 2020; Annual Tax Year 2020 Report; January 2021; FINANCIAL REPORTS – 2020 Annual Financial Statement; Revenue Summary by Month January 2021; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status January 2021; POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – January 2021; COURT REPORTS – January 2021; PLUMSTED BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – none; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA MINUTES – 1/19/21 and MUA Engineer Report

Township Engineer Walter Bronson reviewed his report. He spoke about an upcoming meeting with property owners at the end of Lepky Road about conducting surveys of their property in order to investigate solutions to storm drainage issues. He provided updates on the police station culvert, the

Venue at Crosswicks, Meadowbrook Lane, the Loveman Road project, the Tower Road project, the Hopkins Road project, drainage on Lakeview Drive, projects to be submitted to I-Bank for funding, the Municipal Stormwater Program, and a potential new parking lot on Main Street.

Grilletto asked about the effect of the flooding on Lakeview on the sewer project. Bronson described the various drainage issues in that area.

Marinari asked if there were any other questions for Bronson. There were none.

There was a discussion about property checks listed on the Police Department's report.

Marinari asked if there were any other questions about the reports; there were none. Marinari asked if there was any old business from the committee. There was none. Marinari asked if there was any new business from the committee. There was none.

Mayor Marinari opened the meeting for public comment. Clerk Witham read the remote meetings statement once again as it is the regular portion of the meeting. The Clerk did not receive any questions or comments from the public prior to the meeting.

Barbara Diblin, 12 Terrace Avenue, New Egypt, New Jersey, asked about the status of Committeeman Bowen's report about prayer. Mayor Marinari explained that Bowen had moved forward with the report. She asked about the moment of reflection. Deputy Mayor Sorchik said he made a motion and the motion was carried. A moment of reflection will replace prayer at the beginning of the meeting. Diblin asked if the motion was legal. Attorney Zabarsky said yes it is legal. She said she was thankful for the committee members who have given their time to the township.

The committee thanked her for her comments.

James Hagelstein, 12 Ivins Drive, New Egypt, New Jersey, said about six months ago he brought his concerns to the committee about the speed limit on Ivins Drive. The committee said they would reach out to the county about doing a study to potentially lower the speed limit. He said speeding on the road is ongoing and is dangerous. There are a lot of children on the road and he was almost hit twice. He asked if the committee has heard back from the county about conducting a traffic study and about having additional patrols on Ivins Drive. Sorchik said he would follow up with the county about the traffic study.

Damian Desjardins, 6 Maple Avenue, New Egypt, New Jersey, asked if all religions will be represented in the invocations and if the Satanic Temple could participate in the invocations at the beginning of the meeting.

Sorchik said currently the committee is not offering invocations. Committee meetings will begin with a short moment of reflection so individuals can do whatever they desire. Invocation is not part of the committee's agenda at this time. The committee thanked Mr. Desjardins for his comments.

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

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE MARCH 3, 2021 MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Witham, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk