

The Plumsted Township Committee meeting of April 7, 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 DEPUTY CLERK CICERO

MUA Chairman Bronson was also in attendance.

Redevelopment and bond counsel Matt Jessup was in attendance via Zoom.

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

Marinari said there are several topics he would like to discuss. He thanked Committeeman and Mrs. Trotta for providing an easement for the UTT to cross their property. He provided updates on the paving on Main Street. There is a presentation tonight from the MUA about the sewer hook-ups. He spoke about two upcoming shredding events, the Municipal Alliance and Ann Funck and the Drug & Alcohol Alliance. He said the Ocean County Board of Social Services has designated May 2021 as Alcohol Awareness Month. Today is Alcohol Awareness Day. He thanked the Plumsted Pharmacy and Deputy Mayor Sorchik for arranging Covid vaccinations for residents. The township budget will be presented tonight. He thanked Committeeman Bowen, Committeeman Grilletto, CFO Madden and all of the department heads for their work on the budget. He said that the school district is now in full session, even though the days are abbreviated. He thanked the school board, the assistant superintendent, teachers and all employees in the district for all they have done in order to provide an education for the children.

Marinari asked for any comments from the committee members on the agenda.

Grilletto asked about opening up the meetings to the public in June or July. Marinari said he would like to open up the meetings and is looking at opening the July meeting to the public.

Attorney Zabarsky read Resolution No. 2021-145, authorizing the convening of an executive session. The following matters will be discussed: personnel; attorney/client matters, and litigation.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-145, 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 are two sets of minutes up for approval tonight.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, THE WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE/REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF 11/17/20 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE/REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF 12/2/20 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Marinari asked Committeeman Bowen to read the proclamation for National Services Recognition Day April 6, 2021 and National Volunteer Week April 18-24, 2021.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICES RECOGNITION DAY APRIL 6, 2021 AND NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 18-24, 2021 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

**RESOLUTION:**

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-146 – AUTHORIZING THE READING OF THE 2021 BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE. ALL AYES.

**BUDGET PRESENTATION:**

Bowen introduced the budget presentation. He said the budget can be seen at [plumsted.org/departments/finance/budgets/2021](http://plumsted.org/departments/finance/budgets/2021) budget. It includes tonight's PowerPoint presentation as well as the full budget introduced on March 3, 2021. Workshops were held on December 2, 2020, and February 17, 2021. The budget was introduced on March 3, 2021. Tonight is the second reading and public hearing on the budget.

Bowen provided an overview of the budget; the amount of the proposed budget, the last five years' budgets for historical reference, the amount of the increase year over year, revenue offsets, salaries for township services and the police department, and total operating expenses. Some of the larger increases for the 2021 budget include the police department, PERS pension, debt service, engineering, legal, and redevelopment costs. He said there will be a homeowner impact of 2.5 cent increase for an additional **\$70.44** for the average homeowner. The municipal tax rate will be 30.9 cents.

Bowen spoke about the average home tax valuation and the net total valuations in Plumsted for 2021 and the changes made to valuations from last year due to splitting off the redevelopment values from Lennar this year. He talked about the total 2021 tax bill. He said some numbers are actual and some are estimates until the total numbers come in. He also talked about the percentage of total taxes for the township and the 2021 estimated homeowner tax bill.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET:**

Marinari opened the public hearing on the budget. BA/Clerk Witham said she did not receive any written questions prior to the meeting regarding the budget.

There were no questions from the public.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2021 BUDGET WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

**RESOLUTIONS:**

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-147 – AUTHORIZING THE SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE BUDGET WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE. ALL AYES, EXCEPT COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO VOTED NAY.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-148– ADOPTION OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE. ALL AYES, EXCEPT COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO VOTED NAY.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing**

Marinari opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2021-02. Chairman Walter Bronson of the Plumsted MUA spoke about the ordinance and the special assessment and available loans for people connecting to the sewer system. Bronson provided a brief history of the establishment of the water and sewer system by the PMUA and an update on the construction of the sanitary sewer system in Plumsted. He also spoke about the funding for the system, who will be required to connect to the system and the time frame to connect, and about plumbing permits to construct new laterals to the street.

Bronson said the ordinance outlines the terms of the loans provided by the township to anyone connected to the sewer system under PMUA rules and regulations. He explained the loan requirements and what work that will be covered by the loan.

Bronson introduced redevelopment and bond counsel Matt Jessup, who will go through the details of the ordinance.

Jessup said that the ordinance codifies the loan assistance incentive program created by the township and the MUA for the benefit of property owners who will be connecting to the sewer system. The program is 100 percent voluntary. It is not automatic. A homeowner must affirmatively request the loan and fill out the paperwork in order to receive a loan. If a homeowner pays for the cost of connection themselves, there will not be a lien or special assessment on the property.

Jessup provided the eligibility criteria set by the MUA for those who apply for the loan. The property owner will need to connect to the sewer system within six months of notice of eligibility. He spoke about the sewer authorization and consent form, which is effectively the loan agreement. It needs to be completed and submitted by the property owner. The form is on file with the Clerk's office for anyone to look at. He said the term of the loan is not to exceed twenty years, but can be paid at any time. The loan bears zero percent interest and is secured by an assessment on the property. That assessment is a first lien on the property.

Jessup spoke about the payment terms of the loan. He said the loan will be forgiven after twenty years, unless 1) there is a sale of the property; 2) refinance of a mortgage or a loan recorded against the property, except for refinancing that provides a savings in interest; 3) receipt of a property casualty insurance payment that is not reinvested into the property; 4) death of the loan recipient; and 5) if the property is condemned. If any of the five events occur, the loan will become due without interest. He recommended that a change be made in the ordinance to a requirement about residing on the property.

Jessup reviewed the eligible costs for the loan. He recommended a modification be made to the ordinance to state that there is no limit to the maximum length of the connection in order to obtain a loan. He encouraged property owners who are interested in obtaining a loan to review the MUA rules and regulations on the township's website, and to continue to look at them as they may be modified.

In summary, Jessup said the ordinance authorizes the loan and it authorizes an assessment on the property when an owner obtains a loan. It does not authorize an assessment on a property whose owner pays on their own and does not get a loan. He asked if the committee members had any questions.

Committeeman Grilletto asked for a clarification about what happens if a homeowner passes away and someone inherits the property. Jessup said he proposes that the ordinance be changed so that the loan remains outstanding if a surviving family member continues to own the property. They do not have to live on the property, but they do need to continue to own it. If the new homeowner is not a surviving family member, then the loan would come due.

Committeeman Bowen asked about making a change in the lineal feet in the ordinance.

Attorney Zabarsky asked for a definition of "family member." There was a discussion about who would qualify as a family member. It was suggested that a family member be defined as "spouse, child, parent or sibling."

Committeeman Trotta asked how many additional properties would be eligible if the distance is increased for the larger loan. Bronson said it should not be a significant number. The MUA was told that legally it must be available to everyone and that is the intent. Jessup said that the list of eligible

properties identified in the ordinance contains every eligible service property, regardless of distance. There was a discussion about how the MUA determined who is eligible for the loan.

Marinari opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2021-02.

Bronson asked Jessup to respond to written questions that were received prior to the meeting.

BA/Clerk Witham read the following written questions into the record:

Frederick R. & Anna M. Vitale, 41-43 & 45-47 Story Street, New Egypt, New Jersey, regarding Section (I)d, regarding the death of the loan recipient, except that the loan may remain outstanding if and for the time period that a surviving family member continues to reside at the property. Suggested change to read reside/own. Witham said that has been addressed by the changes suggested by Jessup and discussed earlier in the meeting.

David R. Smith, 56 Evergreen Road, New Egypt, New Jersey written question:

“I have read Ordinance #2021-02 scheduled for final adoption on April 7, 2021 at the municipal governing body’s meeting. Is my interpretation of the proposed ordinance correct, as follows:

ONLY property owners who elect to receive a Sewer Connection Loan from the Plumsted Municipal Utilities Authority (PMUA), and NOT property owners who choose not to accept the PMUA Sewer Connection Loan, will have a special assessment (ie. tax increase) levied against your property over the next 20 years in the lesser amount of either the assumed increase in the value to your property due to it now having sewer connection OR the amount of the property owner’s Sewer Connection Loan. If my interpretation is right, the loan recipient is getting whacked TWICE. You’re paying an increase in your taxes every year for the next 20 years, AND, when you sale your house, (if before 20 years after the sewer connection) you again have to pay back the amount you borrowed from the PMUA Sewer Connection Loan. Agreeing to accept the PMUA Sewer Connection Loan is like writing an open check to the Township’s Tax Assessors office because the property owner has no way of knowing the discretionary increase in value that each recipients property will be assigned.”

Jessup said that only property owners who elect to receive a sewer connection loan will have a special assessment levied against the property for the next 20 years. It is a voluntary program. If you choose not to take out a sewer connection loan, you will not have a special assessment put onto your property. The first half of the statement is correct. The part that is incorrect is that the amount of the assessment is the lesser of an assumed increase in the value of the property or the amount of the property owner’s sewer connection loan. The amount of the special assessment will be limited to the amount of the loan itself. If a property owner elects to take out a sewer connection loan, the amount of the assessment with either be \$4,000 or \$6,000, depending on the length of the connection. The valuation of your property as a result of having a sewer connection does not have an impact on the amount of the assessment placed on the property.

Dave Menaker, 110 Evergreen Road, New Egypt, New Jersey, written question:

“Will homeowners whose residence is more than 250 lineal feet from the sewer system be eligible to participate in the loan program?”

Witham said that is something that was discussed earlier and the ordinance is being revised to read “in excess of 150 lineal feet,” so he would be eligible for the financial loan.

Leslie & Lora Swensen and Kyle Swensen & Lyndsay Mansuy, 112 Evergreen Rd, New Egypt, New Jersey, written questions:

- “1. Is it mandatory to convert to township sewage?
2. When can we expect this to all actually happen?
3. Is the zero interest loan a one time offer and if we do not take advantage of it now, will we be expected to pay out of pocket down the line?
4. Who is responsible for repairing the landscaping that will be interrupted during a pipe install?
5. Who is responsible for the plumbing work to tie everything in where there are two separate connections to two different septic tanks on one property?”

Jessup said the answer to number 1 is yes, it is mandatory if you are in the first sewer service area and within 200 feet, that you have to connect to the sewer system. In response to question 2, Jessup said the target date to start the connection work is August or September of this year. Prior to that time, each property owner will receive a notice of availability from the MUA. You will know before August or September when you can expect to connect to the township sewer system. You may start the process on June 30th. For question 3, you have 6 months to apply for a loan and begin the process.

You will not be eligible for a loan if you connect after six months and would need to finance it yourself. For question 4, Jessup said the owner is responsible but this is a cost that would be eligible in the \$4000 or \$6000 financial loan. For question 5, the owner would be responsible but again it would be an eligible expense for the financial loan. You would tie the two connections to one and then connect that one line to the township line.

Joann Bach's questions:

- “1. Being that I currently live out of state, how easy will it be to apply for the permit?
2. Will I need to be present?
3. What documents need to be submitted with the application?
4. What is the cost of the permit?
5. Approximately how much is the monthly sewerage charge going to be?
6. Is the township going to recommend or approve contractors to do the house to main line hook up?”

Jessup's answers:

1. This shouldn't be an issue. It can be done by mail or email.
2. No, by mail or email is sufficient.
3. The loan agreement, itemized invoice of the work, construction permit info. There will be additional information coming regarding the loan process by June.
4. The fees are through the Construction Department, I believe it is \$85 for the plumbing permit and \$85 for demolition of the septic/cesspool.
5. It is still to be determined. There will be a rate hearing in the near future to determine the same.
6. We are not going to recommend contractors but it is recommended to talk to others perhaps on the street to see if you can get a group discount with a contractor. I realize you live out of state but you might still be able to do that.

Witham said that was the last written question.

Marinari asked for any comments from the public on Zoom.

James Kimmick, 84 Evergreen Road, New Egypt, New Jersey, asked if the township or the homeowner will be paying the contractor. Bronson said the township pays the property owner and the property owner will pay the contractor. Kimmick asked how the MUA determined the amount of the loans. Bronson said they were ballpark estimates that were put together on an average property by the MUA engineer.

Nick (no last name or address) asked if there was range of what the rates could be. How are the rates determined? Bronson said the rate will be determined on the cost to operate the sewer system and the wastewater treatment plant. The numbers are still being put together by the MUA. An operator was recently hired to operate the system and he is assisting the MUA in estimating the different costs associated with the system. The costs must be paid out of the monthly or quarterly fees. They do not want to give an estimate until the costs have been determined. Not everyone in town has a water meter, some people are on wells, so they cannot use a measured flow. The ESU and the flow are in the MUA regulations. He explained how the flow is established by DEP. The MUA will be holding a hearing to determine the rate. Nick asked if property owners can be exempt from hooking up to the sewer system if their current septic system meets certain guidelines. Bronson said there is no exemption. If the property is in Phase 1, it is mandatory that it be hooked up to the sewer system.

A resident asked what is involved in closing the septic system. It basically involves filling your septic tank and/or cesspool. It should be able to be done by a licensed plumber.

Matthew and Shawna Lamontagne, 1 Alton Street, New Egypt, New Jersey, asked if the work has to be done prior to the loan. What if you are applying for the loan because you cannot afford to pay for the work? Bronson said the work does have to be done prior to the loan. He said he does not have an answer right now to their second question.

Beth Kimmick, 84 Evergreen Road, New Egypt, New Jersey, asked who is regulating the septic or cesspool system once they have been filled in. Bronson said it the township construction department will verify that the work is completed.

Marinari asked if there were any other questions from the public. There were no other comments or questions from the public.

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

Sorchik asked if there are going to be enough plumbers to do the work within 6 months. Bronson said they have been talking about opening the process early so that people can get the piping installed but not connected. There will have to be a discussion with the Construction Department about working it out. There was a discussion about homeowners pooling together to hire a plumber.

Bowen asked if someone with a home equity loan would be eligible for a sewer loan. Jessup said the loan program does not have any requirement with respect to any other loans on the property. Bowen asked what would be the downside of participating in the loan program. Jessup said that the terms of the loan are beneficial to the property owner. The only thing might be the special assessment. A lender may have concerns because it is a first lien on the property.

Sorchik made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2021-02 to indicate under section F that the available loan is \$4,000 up to 150 linear feet, and \$6,000 from 150 linear feet and beyond; to include the terminology “immediate family”; and under section D change it to read that a surviving family member continues to “own” the property, as opposed to “reside” on the property.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02, AS AMENDED, 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. 2020-03.

The committee members asked Attorney Jessup to explain the ordinance. Jessup said the township adopted a \$25,000,000 bond ordinance a couple of years ago. That ordinance was intended to fund the construction of the sewer collection system and the preliminary operating expenses of the MUA. Jessup explained the effect the ordinance had on the township’s debt limit. The debt was modified so the I-Bank loan was through a bond resolution of the redevelopment law that does not count against the maximum debt of the township. The I-Bank loan was closed in March 2021, so the township does not need the amount of debt that was initially authorized by the original bond ordinance. Ordinance 2021-03 cancels \$20,000,000 of the original \$25,000,000 bond, which substantially decreases the township’s net debt percentage. The remaining \$5,000,000 allows for the costs of the wastewater treatment plan that the I-Bank is not eligible to finance and it provides for the loan connection program that was just approved.

Grilletto asked if the \$5,000,000 can be used for the infrastructure payment that Lennar is requesting for Block 40, Lot 1. Jessup said yes, because it is for water infrastructure.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION OF BOND ORDINANCE 2017-21 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, CANCELLING \$20,000,000 OF THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED THEREBY AND FURTHER CANCELLING \$20,000,000 OF BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED THEREBY WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading and public hearing on Ordinance 2021-02 will be on May 5, 2021.

**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.

Bowen asked if Resolution 2021-151 can be done next month so the finance department can explore the option of a shared services agreement. It was determined that any new appointment would have to go through the office of the courts.

Bowen said the contractor in Resolution 2021-156 is a regional business. He asked if the township has done its due diligence about the company that is actually going to provide the service. Marinari said that he and Witham had a meeting to discuss the matter and were in phone contact with the contractor and by the time the service starts, the township should have the identity of the people who will be providing the services.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-149** – AUTHORIZING PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP FOR THE USE OF THEIR FIREARMS RANGE FACILITY AND PROPERTY

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-150** – AMENDING RESOLUTION 2020-249 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR THE OCEAN COUNTY CARES GRANT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-151** – RE-APPOINTING DAMIAN G. MURRAY AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-152** – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION ACCESS AND RIGHT OF WAY BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED AND THE JACK AND KATHERINE TROTTA, OWNER OF BLOCK 42, LOT 1.02 FOR THE UNION TRANSPORTATION TRAIL (UTT) PROJECT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-153** – AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE OCEAN COUNTY CDBG GRANT PROJECT FY2020 – CT-1524-20 NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES - HANDICAP IMPROVEMENTS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-154** – APPROVING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CONCERNING COSTS INCURRED FOR CLEAN UP OF BLOCK 27, LOT 6 AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTY FOR COSTS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-155** – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A POLICY CHANGE TO THE 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FROM LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-156** – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DBS BUILDING SOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE CLEANING SERVICES FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-157** – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF UNUSED ESCROWS FOR BLOCK 24, LOT 7

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-158** – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A ZONING PERMIT FEE TO OWOLABI TIJANI

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-159** – AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION, SFY21 BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT APPLICATION

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-160** – CANCELLING 2021 PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS EFFECTIVE 3/08/21 FOREDUARDO A. MONTES (BLOCK 43, LOT 59.03)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-161** – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF 2021 HOMESTEAD CREDIT DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-162** – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CHECK FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-163** – AMENDING RESOLUTION 2021-16 AUTHORIZING THE LIST OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP CHECKS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-164** – REJECTING ALL BIDS AND AUTHORIZING RE-BID FOR THE LEASE OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF PUBLIC PROPERTY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:12-14

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-165** – SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3231 (SPONSORED BY ASSEMBLYMAN RONALD S. DANCER DISTRICT 12; ASSEMBLYMAN ERIC HOUGHTALING DISTRICT 11 AND ASSEMBLYWOMAN LISA SWAIN DISTRICT 38)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-166** – SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 207 (SPONSORED BY ASSEMBLYMAN RONALD S. DANCER DISTRICT 12)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-167** – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-328 EFFECTUATING A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE 2020-2021 SNOWPLOWING/SALTING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED TO VERNON E. DANCER

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-168 – AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO DISPOSE OF OR RECYCLE OBSOLETE ITEMS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-169 - AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES FOR GENERATOR BYPASS INSTALLATION**

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS 2021-149 THROUGH 2021-169 ON PAGES 2 AND 3 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES, EXCEPT COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN ABSTAINED FROM RESOLUTIONS 2021-153 AND 2021-156 AND COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA ABSTAINED FROM RESOLUTION 2021-152, VOTED NAY ON RESOLUTION 2021-167.

**ADD ON RESOLUTION:**

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-170 – AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL ENDORSEMENT FOR THE OCEAN COUNTY NATURAL LANDS PRESERVATION PROGRAM WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

**MOTION TO CONSIDER:**

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE FOLLOWING RAFFLES LICENSES WERE APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE 2021-03; NE BPO ELKS #2457 OFF-PREMISE 50/50 ON 6/19/21; RAFFLES LICENSE 2021-04; NE BPO ELKS #2457 OFF-PREMISE MERCHANDISE RAFFLE ON 10/29/21; AND RAFFLES LICENSE 2021-05; NE BPO ELKS #2457 INSTANT RAFFLES FOR 7/1/21-6/30/22. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

**REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:**

Mayor Marinari asked if there were any comments on the April 7, 2021, Bill List; there were none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE BILL LIST OF APRIL 7, 2021 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

**REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW:** TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT – April 7, 2021; CONSTRUCTION REPORT – February 2021; TAX COLLECTOR REPORT – February 2021; FINANCIAL REPORTS – Revenue Summary by Month February 2021; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status February 2021; POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – February 2021; COURT REPORTS – February 2021; PLUMSTED BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – 1/4/21, 2/1/21 & 2/15/21; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA MINUTES – 1/16/21 and MUA Engineer Report

Marinari asked if there were any questions for the Township Engineer. There were none. Marinari asked if there were any 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.

Sorchik spoke about the number of inoculations given last Saturday and the number scheduled for this Saturday. He thanked the police department, the Chief and the Lieutenant, the EMS, OEM and the maintenance department who set everything up. Witham is working to get another immunization clinic to come to the township. Trotta also thanked Sorchik for all of the work he did on the immunizations.

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.

Patrick Ahearn, 8 Lawrence Drive, New Egypt, New Jersey, asked how the Pilot program affects the budget. Trotta explained how the Pilot program operates and the percentage of taxes received by the township under the program. Grilletto said the Pilot money is being kept in a separate bank account. Trotta said the money needs to be spent first on debt and then on special projects.

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



ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE APRIL 7, 2021 MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Witham, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk