

June 2, 2021
Municipal Building
121 Evergreen Road
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Plumsted Township Committee meeting of June 2, 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.

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THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT:

COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA
DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK MAYOR MARINARI ATTORNEY ZABARSKY BA/CLERK WITHAM

Chief Meroney and Lt Reilly were also in attendance, as well as Deputy Clerk Cicero. Township Engineer Bronson was in attendance through Zoom.

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

Mayor Marinari said he would limit his comments due the amount of discussion items and the fact that there will most likely be a second executive session tonight. He wanted to thank Committeeman Grilletto for arranging the Memorial Day visits to the cemeteries. Grilletto said it was a pleasure to honor veterans. Marinari said it was one of the most important celebration days to him of the year. It is extremely important to memorialize all those lives that have been lost from the past up to Afghanistan. We truly need to honor those that lost lives and their grieving families. He asked for a second moment of silence just for those people at this time.

Marinari hopes everyone goes out to vote on the 8th. Info should have been received regarding where to vote. He will have comments about what has taken place during the last couple of months in the future. At this point, he was going to turn it over to Deputy Mayor Sorchik who has protected this community throughout the pandemic.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik referred to the Executive Order of the Governor, #242, which was issued last week, May 24th. Basically for our operations here, they have removed the spacing requirement. And for larger events, that will happen on June 4th. Sorchik recommends we operate, if you have your vaccine, if we open our building, you would come in and if you have the vaccine, there is no need to wear a mask. We are not going to ask about vaccines. If you chose and elected to not take a vaccine, we would ask that you cooperate by wearing a mask when you come in to the building. Naturally the health requirements still stand. If you are not feeling well, please stay home. We will be able to now open up for business, meetings, SOS, etc. Of course, anyone is still entitled to wear a mask. The public should be advised that if you don't feel well, don't come in. If you choose to wear a mask, that is your choice. Sorchik would like to conduct business as usual. We will post on the doors. For the interest of employees, we would like to designate the back door as employees only.

Committeeman Bowen agreed and said he hopes the vaccine rate continues to increase and we continue to have a safe summer. Committeeman Grilletto is in full agreement with opening up. Committeeman Trotta said that removing of the masks is long overdue and he is going to start by taking it off right now.

Marinari asked if anyone remembers the Scarlet Letter. If people want to continue wearing masks, they are free to do that. It is a personal choice. Marinari again thanked Eric for his guidance. Marinari asked that June 14th would be the start date to open up to allow time to make signs and put notice out there.

Marinari asked for any discussion. Committeeman Trotta had a few comments on resolutions. 21-205 and 21-206 are to extend 2020 leave time to the end of the year. Although he will vote yes on the resolutions, he wanted to remind everyone that you don't always have to go away for vacation, you can take a day off to just stay home. And for 21-204 regarding the cleaning. He will be voting no, nothing against the provider, but he is against the cleaning schedule; it is not sufficient.

Marinari is voting no as well. The Chief has asked for twice a week. Chief said they are in their building 7 days a week, 24 hours per day so it needs the two days per week. And as far as the municipal building, twice a month is not sufficient. All Marinari has wanted to do is protect the individuals in this building during COVID. He doesn't think cleaning this building twice a month is providing the necessary service. He knows there is a cost to this but we are dealing with employees and now people visiting the building. We have to be careful.

Sorchik recommended pulling the resolution from the agenda. Bowen said that the police department would be getting twice a week. There was some discussion as there seems to be a discrepancy in the wording from the CFO which may just be a typo. Marinari said that the police department may be listed as twice a week but the municipal building is not indicated as every week. The resolution was pulled from the agenda tonight. A special meeting will be considered so we don't have to wait until the July meeting to resolve it.

Witham advised that Resolution 2021-202 is also being pulled from the agenda.

Committeeman Grilletto introduced resident Megan Hillburn. She is on the Environmental Committee and also working with Ocean County Master Gardeners. Hillburn is here to do a presentation about Paradise Park. Hillburn had a power point presentation that was also shown on Zoom. She had many ideas for the beds at the park, signage, etc. The committee thanked Hillburn for her presentation.

Committeeman Grilletto spoke about the Department of Veterans Affairs where towns can get a certification for being veteran friendly. Grilletto and Witham worked together on the list. We do fall short with the list to get the certification this year but there are some items that we can work toward. Perhaps naming a park after a veteran, the clock parking lot or something. We have a Medal of Honor winner buried at the Zion Cemetery from the Civil War at the Battle of Sailor's Creek April 6, 1865. Marinari asked him to continue to research it and bring thoughts back to the committee. Committeeman Bowen said it sounded doable. Committeeman Trotta agreed and immediately thought of the Congressional Medal of Honor recipient and thought that would be appropriate. Marinari asked him to bring it back to the committee in July.

Grilletto also said that he was speaking with Bowen about having flags put up on Main Street. Passing through Allentown, they have the brackets with the American Flag on the lamp posts. Marinari has looked at this for years and said they could be used as changeable for different times of the year. Grilletto spoke with June Madden and she said that it was less than \$2,000 for those flags in Allentown. Marinari said that with the renewal of our downtown, that would be a nice thought.

Grilletto also asked about National Night Out, are we going ahead with that? Marinari said that we are in the process of discussing it. There are other things that have to be resolved in front of that but it is being discussed.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-194 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 DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF 2/3/2021 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN AND COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA ABSTAINING.

ORDINANCE: Second Reading and Public Hearing - none

ORDINANCE: Introduction - none

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. 2021-195 – DESIGNATING TOWNSHIP ENGINEER DEWBERRY ENGINEERING, INC. AS PROJECT ENGINEER FOR THE 2021 ROADWAY ASSESSMENT PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-196 - TO CANCEL PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2021 DUE TO EXEMPT STATUS AS PER THE LENNAR PILOT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-197 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CHECK FOR THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-198 – AWARDING A CONTRACT TO WINNER FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 FORD F150 4X4 CREW CAB FOR THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-199 – AWARDING A CONTRACT TO WINNER FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 FORD ESCAPE SE AWD FOR THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-200 – CANCELLING 2021 PARTIAL 2ND QTR, and 3rd and 4th QTR PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS EFFECTIVE 5/06/2021 FOR MICHAEL LA BRIE (BLOCK 79, LOT 10)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-201 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF UNUSED ESCROWS FOR BLOCK 40, LOT 2.02

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-202 – COMMENDING FULFILL FOOD BANK OF MONMOUTH AND OCEAN COUNTIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-203 – APPROVING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT LAURITA WINERY FOR DATES IN JUNE THROUGH DECEMBER 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-204 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ALWAYS IMMACULATE CLEANING TO PROVIDE CLEANING SERVICES FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-205 – AUTHORIZING MEMBERS OF THE PLUMSTED POLICE DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE UNUSED LEAVE TIME DURING THE LAST SIX (6) MONTHS OF THE YEAR

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-206 – AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES TO UTILIZE UNUSED VACATION DAYS FROM 2020 DURING THE LAST SIX (6) MONTHS OF THE YEAR

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-207 – APPOINTING TARA OLIVER AS A FULL-TIME CLERK TYPIST FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-208 – APPOINTING EDDIE ROMAN AS PART-TIME GENERAL MAINTENANCE LABORER

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-209 – AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF CERTAIN CLUB LICENSES, PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION, PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES AND POCKET LICENSES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-210 – AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – FY-21 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-211 – REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE LAKEVIEW DRIVE ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, RESOLUTIONS 2021-195 THROUGH 2021-211 ON PAGES ONE AND TWO OF THE AGENDA, EXCLUDING 2021-202 AND 2021-204 AS THEY WERE PULLED FROM THE AGENDA, WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-212 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MULLEN COUGHLIN AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-213 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH

ACCENTURE FOR INCIDENT RESPONSE SERVICES FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Clerk Witham reviewed the two raffles licenses that are on the agenda. All of the paperwork is in order. Witham explained that there is a gap in the numbering because 21-07 and 21-08 were previously approved but due to the pandemic, the events were canceled. They were amended for their new date.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, Raffles License No. 2021-06 Off-Premise 50/50; 9/18/21 for McKaig-Test-Mullen American Legion Auxiliary Unit 455; Raffles License No. 2021-09 Off-Premise 50/50; 11/23/21 for Ladies Auxiliary of the New Egypt Fire Company WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

Mayor Marinari asked if there were any comments on the Amended Bill List of June 2, 2021. Marinari said that he is going to abstain from 19-00150 and 20-00181. Grilletto is also going to abstain from 19-00150 until we get a credit on the roads from P&A.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE AMENDED BILL LIST OF JUNE 2, 2021 WAS APPROVED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 19-00150. ROLL CALL VOTE: DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK AYE, COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, AND MAYOR MARINARI AYES BUT ABSTAINING ON PO 19-00150. MAYOR MARINARI ALSO ABSTAINED FROM 20-00181. COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA ABSTAINED FROM VOTING ON THE BILL LIST.

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW: TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT –June 2, 2021; CONSTRUCTION REPORT – April 2021; TAX COLLECTOR REPORT –April 2021; FINANCIAL REPORTS –Revenue Summary by Month April 2021; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status April 2021; Treasurer’s Report April 2021; POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – none; COURT REPORTS – none; PLUMSTED BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – 4/5/21; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA MINUTES – none

Township Engineer Walt Bronson was on the meeting through Zoom. He didn’t have a lot of new items to report. Many of the projects are on hold waiting for the iBank application. Two things that have an update are the NJDOT Local Aid application is due July 1st that the governing body is voting upon tonight. It will be submitted for Lakeview Drive resurfacing and drainage improvements. The other item is the roadway assessment that has been discussed for a while now which will allow a survey of all of the streets and basically analyze those in disrepair so we can make decisions on future road work. The storm water management plan update will need some action next month on the agenda. The final thing was the physical inspection of the dam and that report will be made; it is required every four years. Bowen asked about the likelihood of getting funding for Lakeview. There was discussion about local roads and the criteria for DOT applications.

OLD BUSINESS: Deputy Mayor Sorchik spoke about CARES phase 4 reimbursement. He was informed by Ocean County that they haven’t started processing that yet. They are still processing October-December of last year which we were approved.

As far as filing for public assistance for Category B for the snow removal reimbursement. The state did get a disaster declaration for snow emergency. He filed but then was told that Ocean County was not eligible for the snow removal, only for Category A which is debris removal due to storm surge. He received an official document that said we are not eligible.

Finally, as far as funding, the state and local fiscal recovery funds, Plumsted is considered a non-entitlement unit. Funding is going directly to the states and the District of Columbia. Plumsted will get our funds through state government. We have yet to hear anything from the state. The state cannot limit anything; whatever the feds say is legitimate, is legitimate. But until there is guidance on how they will distribute funds, we have to wait. The last information regarding that was May 25th.

Committeeman Grilletto asked about the old cars in the impound lot. How are we progressing? Chief said we are waiting for the junk titles. We still have to do it through the mail with MVC so Chief will check with the police secretary. We will notify the scrap yards once we have the junk titles. Witham said that we were still waiting for a couple of them. Once all received, we will get rid of them all at once.

Marinari asked about the cell tower. Sorchik said they would be going out to bid again. He has a meeting Monday to discuss the same. It should be moving forward in the next few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS: Committeeman Trotta said last year two of our downtown businesses presented an idea to the Chief. Now that we are getting out of COVID, we are going to proceed this year. The idea was

to issue safety citations to children up to 16 years of age who are wearing a safety helmet when riding their bicycles. The citation is actually a coupon for a free ice cream cone from Tootie's. This is an idea from Tilghman's Funeral Home and Tootie's Ice Cream. This will be starting any day now and throughout the summer of 2021. Chief said that tomorrow he will be putting it on social media sites for the police department. Lugo and Paris will reach out to Tilghman about the program since they are the juvenile liaisons.

Committeeman Grilletto brought up again July 3rd about having a celebration at Volunteer Park at 10 am. The raising of the flags, national, state and POW. Hoping to have scouts, the fire department, OEM, Assemblyman Dancer and Mayor Marinari there.

Sorchik said that at the LUB meeting, they reviewed the cannabis ordinance. The LUB reviewed and said it was in compliance with the Master Plan. The LUB will be providing a written approval in time for the next meeting for the second reading, public hearing and adoption. However, today we did get a question from Mr. Ahearn who asked for a copy of the ordinance and how it affects entities that have hemp. Hemp and cannabis are the same crop. His concern was if this affects the agricultural process in that regard if we ban all cannabis. Sorchik asked Zabarsky to look into that question so we can have an answer next month for Mr. Ahearn.

Grilletto asked if we received any escrow money from the Diocese for the Evergreen Road property. We received a letter from them but not the escrow monies yet. Witham said that our redevelopment counsel has been in discussion with them but she hasn't heard back yet.

Marinari said that he wanted to congratulate all of the graduates from the high school in the next few days. Many of these students have dealt with a year they will never forget. He personally has part of his heart in that building over there and his heart goes out to all of them and he wishes them the very best. We will be proud of whatever they do.

Mayor Marinari asked for any public comment; there was none. No comments received to the clerk prior the meeting either.

Chief wanted to bring up to the committee that the body cameras were received and he is working with IT to have everything set up by the end of the week. There will be some information provided to the clerk to put on the website with a description about them. There is also a body camera policy for the committee to review.

Marinari said there was an incident at the recreation fields and we were planning on putting up cameras at the fields. Chief said that he still needs to work with Priest on that. The cameras are ready, they just need to be hooked up. We need to resolve the issues at that field; children need to be protected there. Marinari asked that Witham put notice out on the website that cameras are there and it is under surveillance. Chief will let Witham know once the plan is in place. Witham said that signage was ordered that indicate 24-hour surveillance so they will be put up once they come in.

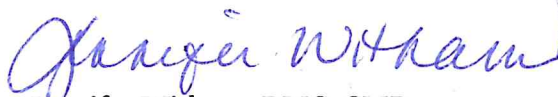
ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE COMMITTEE RETURNED TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

It is anticipated that there will be official business to tend to after this Executive Session. The committee returned. There was one additional resolution to be voted upon.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-214 APPOINTING DENA KAISER AS A FULL-TIME TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE JUNE 2, 2021 MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Witham, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk