

October 6, 2021  
Municipal Building  
121 Evergreen Road  
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Plumsted Township Committee meeting of October 6, 2021 was called to order by Mayor Marinari.

**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 Trenton Times and posted on the Bulletin Board.

Clerk Witham read the following statement regarding remote meetings:

Please be advised that this meeting is being held in person and 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 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 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  
MAYOR MARINARI ATTORNEY ZABARSKY CLERK WITHAM

Deputy Mayor Sorchik was attending by Zoom. Deputy Clerk Cicero and Engineer Bronson were also in attendance.

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

Marinari spoke about some exterior repairs that are needed at the municipal building. There was discussion about the police message board. Chief Meroney spoke about the estimates he received and what he is looking for. The board is used for traffic issues, back to school time, events, etc. The PD uses the board weekly. The one he is looking for is available, it is just over \$15,000 and he knows of other towns that use the same one.

Marinari then asked Committeeman Grilletto about the dedication to the CMOH Southard. The dedication is planned for 11/11 along with honoring veterans that have served in the military. Grilletto spoke about two different plaques – one that is 10x16 made of aluminum. Other is an historical type plaque with raised letters, 18x24. The smaller sign is about \$500 and would be donated to the town. The other one, the township would have to pay. It is about \$1300.

The wording needs to be reviewed as well. Grilletto had two different versions of the wording. He is looking for feedback from the committee. Bowen asked if it would be next to the flagpole in the clock parking lot. Grilletto explained the location to the left of the entrance to the lot. Bowen has no preference as to which sign. Sorchik hadn't been able to review as he is attending remotely.

The committee selected the one indicating where Southard is buried. Marinari said if anyone had any opinion otherwise, he will let Grilletto make the decision as to what and where. Witham read both of Grilletto's versions of the wording. It was decided to use the one that stated where is buried. Grilletto discussed the program for the November 11<sup>th</sup> ceremony.

Marinari spoke about the 9/11 commemoration. He complimented Kari Muller, high school student that sang the National Anthem. She was invited to attend tonight but was unable to attend. Marinari also thanked the Scouts for participating, Reverend Zoon who is here tonight and also Pastor Cuzzo.

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have the trick-or treating event on Main Street from 3-5 pm. Marinari also advised on upcoming holiday closures and Election Day.

Committeeman Bowen said that the committee received information from the planner on 100 Evergreen Road and asked if anyone had any feedback. We will be meeting again later this month.

Committeeman Bowen spoke about the Best Practices worksheet that all committeeman received prior. It was reviewed by the Finance Committee with the CFO and Deputy CFO. It is a self-assessment of our operations and it is to help staff and committees enhance their essential operations. It is self-explanatory

as we do this every year. It will be filed the beginning of next month. Did the committee have any feedback? Grilletto brought up #16 on the worksheet regarding a nepotism policy; he read the question. Witham advised that the JIF has a model policy that she will be happy to share with the committee. Once reviewed, the committee can determine if they would like to implement the policy. In addition, Grilletto spoke about #22 and the fire commissioners. Whether or not they report to the municipality their compensation and does the municipality adopt a resolution for the same? Grilletto did not know if this is done. Sorchik spoke about the same. Witham said that their budget is submitted to the township and it is indicated in their budget; that is why it was answered yes. Trotta feels we should answer no for that question since no one had ever told us we have to formally have it submitted and then vote on it. It is assumed that since the governing body doesn't have any objection, that they accept the info with the budget. Trotta said that even if we say no to #22, we still have plenty of points so it won't affect us. Witham will speak with the CFO. With this change, the score will be 20.00; no aid will be withheld.

Bowen also spoke about meeting with a Main Street Committee. A substantial assessment was done years ago and now that the sewer system will be operating soon, we wanted to meet to talk about the downtown area.

Marinari asked Walt Bronson to come forward to review the engineer's report at this time, prior to the executive session. Bronson will be joining the closed session for a portion of it.

Bronson came forward and touched on some of the projects based on the action taken last meeting. iBank funding has been approved so they are moving forward. The Kuzyk Culvert and police station culvert are being worked on with surveying and the design plan.

There was discussion about the fencing at Venue. The fencing height is in discussion. Trotta thought that the homeowner on the other side may have agreed upon a change in the fencing height. Bronson will look into the height. Things are moving quickly in the Lennar development although they are having difficulty getting manpower and material so they can only sell them so fast.

The Tower and Hopkins Road projects are out to bid finally. Hopefully the committee may be able to award the project at the next meeting. Not sure if the paving will begin due to it getting closer to the winter months. The asphalt plants generally close before Christmas, depending on the weather. We may have to pave it by the spring.

Bronson, Witham and Leutwyler are all working together to determine who and what needs to be done to the sluice gates. Two of the three are not working properly. It is a crank system, not wheel. We don't know if it's the mechanism or debris jamming up the gates. We have been contacting contractors for the work and also manufacturers of sluice gates but there is no stamp on the mechanism to determine who the manufacturer is. Perhaps the mechanisms could be removed and see if they operable. One contractor was concerned about putting a diver in there to operate the gate and they could get trapped. It would require a cofferdam to keep the water from going through the gates. Perhaps putting a diver in to just see if there is debris but not do any work. We will continue to explore the options. Repairs are supposed to be done by the end of the year but that might be hard. We are working diligently but has been difficult.

The street assessment was done within the past couple of weeks. The vehicle has sensors on it and can record all potholes, cracks and the condition of the road. He expects the report to rate our roads to be complete in November.

We are awaiting iBank to consider the Brynmore pipe repair as well. Bowen suggested asking the historical society if they had any info on the dam.

Sorchik commented on the fencing at Lennar. Sounds like they may have 6 and 8 foot requirements, most likely due to the terrain.

Marinari said that there are a few resolutions to discuss. He said that there is one to hang the holiday lights up on Main Street just after Thanksgiving until after the new year. We are awarding a snowplow contract tonight. He wanted to personally thank the Dancer family for providing snowplowing for many years of service. He is grateful for their late nights and providing us with safe roads. Thank you very much.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTТА, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-292 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:**

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 8/4/2021 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA ABSTAINING.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 9/1/2021 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO AND TROTTA ABSTAINING.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 9/30/2021 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO ABSTAINING.

**PRESENTATION:** Kari Muller for the 9/11 Commemoration. Witham will mail her a certificate.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Grilletto read the proclamation for National Friends of the Library Week October 17-October 23, 2021. Lexi Majeski was unable to attend and receive the proclamation.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

**ORDINANCE: Second Reading and Public Hearing - none**

**ORDINANCE: Introduction**

Mayor Marinari asked if there was any comment on the amending ordinance for employee salaries; there was none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05 - 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 INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading of the ordinance is scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**RESOLUTION 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. 2021-293** - AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-82 REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS) PROGRAM

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-294** - AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR THE RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-295** - APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH JCP&L FOR THE USE OF UTILITY POLES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPLAYING HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-296** – EFFECTUATING A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE 2021-2022 SNOWPLOWING/SALTING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED TO FREIBERGER EXCAVATING LLC

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-297** – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CHARLES RIVER ASSOCIATES FOR DATA INCIDENT RESPONSE SERVICES FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-298** - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH EPIQ CORPORATE SERVICES, INC. FOR NOTIFICATION SERVICES FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-299** - AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT FOR OFF-DUTY POLICE EMPLOYMENT TO TOMAR CONSTRUCTION GROUP

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-300** - AUTHORIZING A LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY FOR KEVIN SCHMALZ

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-301** - CANCELLING 2021 AND REFUNDING PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS EFFECTIVE 09/02/21 FOR CHARLES S. CANTERMEN (BLOCK 47.02, LOT 1)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-302** - AUTHORIZING THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT AND TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR ROAD SURFACE REPAIRS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-303** - AWARDED A FIVE-YEAR LEASE, WITH OPTIONS, TO WIRELESS EDGE WESTCHESTER GROUP FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY ON A PORTION OF TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 947 MONMOUTH ROAD (SEWER PUMP STATION PREMISES) DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 40, LOT 4.02, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-304** - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-305** - TO CANCEL 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2022 DUE TO EXEMPT STATUS

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, RESOLUTIONS 2021-293 THROUGH 2021-305 ON PAGES ONE AND TWO OF THE AGENDA, WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK ABSTAINING ON RESOLUTION 21-303.

MOTION TO CONSIDER:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, **Raffles License No. 2021-13** On-Premise 50/50; 10/23/21-11/20/21; Freehold Elks Lodge BPOE # 1454; **Raffles License No. 2021-14** On Premise 50/50; October 2021 dates; New Egypt Football Dance & Cheer, Pop Warner Little Scholars (New Egypt Youth Football League); **Raffles License No. 2021-15** Off-Premise 50/50; 3/5/22; New Egypt BPO Elks #2457; **Raffles License No. 2021-16** On-premise 50/50; 11/11-11/13/21; McKaig-Test-Mullen American Legion Post 455; **Raffles License No. 2021-17** Off-premise 50/50; 12/17/21; McKaig-Test-Mullen American Legion Post 455 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

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

Mayor Marinari asked if there were any comments on the Bill List of October 6, 2021. Mayor Marinari mentioned items on the bill list for the flags on Main Street and stocking the lake with fish were all paid for by donations; no taxpayer money is being used.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE BILL LIST OF OCTOBER 6, 2021 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

**REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW:** TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT –October 6, 2021; CONSTRUCTION REPORT – August 2021 and New Hanover August 2021; TAX COLLECTOR REPORT – July and August 2021; FINANCIAL REPORTS –Revenue Summary by Month August 2021; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status August 2021; Treasurer’s Report August 2021; POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – August 2021; PLUMSTED BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – none; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA MINUTES – 8/17/21.

Marinari asked for any old business; there was none. He asked for any new business. Grilletto mentioned that the American Legion is putting on a play in the evening on November 11<sup>th</sup> for he believes \$22 (veterans are free) regarding suicide of those in the military that participated in battle. It’s an important factor. Marinari agreed it is a powerful and meaningful play.

Grilletto also said that this Saturday, they are looking for volunteers to clean up Paradise Park, Phase 1. If there is a rain date, they will be notified as it will be October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Trotta stated that resolution 21-303 is for the construction of a cell tower at the wastewater treatment plant and will be for the first five years, we will get \$39,000 per year in revenue and if there are additional carriers put on that tower, the amount will go up.

Sorchik wanted to comment on the LUB meeting of last night. He stated that the vice chairman, Bill Fox, made many comments regarding the township committee not providing information and insinuating that the committee didn’t handle it properly. That is false; Fox is incorrect. Sorchik wanted to let everyone know that the committee properly handled the agreements regarding the Lennar development.

Mayor Marinari asked for any public comment. Deputy Clerk Cicero stated that James Hagelstein was participating through Zoom and wanted to thank the committee for their work and dedication to the township. Ron Tabor of 24 Highbridge Road came forward. He was very happy to hear about the fishing derby being brought back to our community. He had concerns for the snakeheads (fish) in the lake and worries they will eat the trout. They are an invasive species. Marinari said we would look into that and contact fish and game if necessary. He also thanked the committee for all of their work. Marinari asked that the community support all businesses in this town.

There is no need to go into a second executive session. ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE OCTOBER 6, 2021 MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Witham, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk