

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

The Plumsted Township Committee meeting of November 3, 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 WERE:

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

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 said the Executive Session will be moved to the end of this meeting.

Marinari congratulated the two new committeemen who will be sworn in at the first of the year—Committeemen Calabrese and Cuzzo and thanked Committeeman Trotta and Deputy Mayor Sorchik for their service.

Marinari asked if there were any questions or comments from the committee about the agenda.

Committeeman Bowen had questions about Ordinance 2021-06. Witham said it came out of the Environmental Committee meetings. Bowen asked for an explanation of Ordinances 2021-07 and 2021-08. Witham explained the history of the medical marijuana ordinance and why the new ordinance is needed. Chief Meroney and Attorney Zabarsky also provided input regarding the two ordinances. Committeeman Trotta spoke about Resolution 2021-311 regarding the Ocean County Natural Lands Preservation Program. There was a discussion among the committee about the property. Committeeman Grilletto asked for clarification of Ordinance 2021-07 about the growing and cultivation of cannabis. He said he thinks the cultivation of cannabis is detrimental to the township. Zabarsky explained that it is the same exact ordinance that had been adopted previously. There was a discussion about the reasons for the need for the new ordinance. Grilletto asked about Resolution 2021-316 regarding EMS. It was decided to pull the resolution and discuss it in Executive Session. There will be possible action on the resolution after Executive Session. Grilletto asked about the hourly rate for the new part-time clerk/typists. Marinari explained the reasons for the rate.

MINUTES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF 10/6/2021 AS AMENDED WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Marinari read Glenn Riccardi's Letter of Resignation as Construction Official.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, THE RESIGNATION OF GLENN RICCARDI WAS ACCEPTED WITH REGRETS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Marinari read Maureen Francis’s Letter of Resignation as Tax Assessor.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE RESIGNATION OF MAUREEN FRANCIS WAS ACCEPTED WITH REGRETS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

PRESENTATIONS

Deputy Mayor Sorchik presented an award of appreciation to Alex Toth and the pharmacists and employees of Plumsted Pharmacy for providing COVID-19 vaccination clinics at the Municipal Building.

Marinari presented an award of appreciation to Peter Ylvisaker upon his retirement as Executive Director of the Municipal Utilities Authority and his work on Main Street redevelopment.

Leah Olivo and Mylee Johnson of Girl Scout Troop 38 presented their project to build a memorial butterfly garden in front of the Municipal Building.

PROCLAMATION:

Grilletto read the proclamation for the dedication of the Sergeant David Southard Plaza on November 11, 2021.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PROCLAMATION FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE SERGEANT DAVID SOUTHARD PLAZA ON NOVEMBER 11, 2021 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Bowen read the proclamation for National Caregiver Month November 2021.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, THE PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL CAREGIVER MONTH NOVEMBER 2021 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ORDINANCE: Second Reading and Public Hearing

Marinari opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2021-05. There were no public comments.

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

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ORDINANCE: Introduction

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REPEALING CHAPTER 18 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE” AND CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 18 ENTITLED “ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION” WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN ABSTAINING AND COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO VOTING NO.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PERMITTING MEDICAL CANNABIS AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-5.1 AND 15-6.4 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “ZONING” WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN ABSTAINING AND COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO VOTING NO.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DELETING CHAPTER 3B OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED "POSSESSION, CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY PERSON UNDER LEGAL AGE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY", AND AMENDING CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED "PEACE AND GOOD ORDER" WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading of the ordinances is scheduled for December 1, 2021.

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. 2021-307 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CHECK FOR THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-308 – ADOPTING THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED’S INTERNAL CONTROL HANDBOOK

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-309 - APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF A DOOR AND INSTALLATION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM AXT WELDING AND FABRICATION LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-310 - AMENDING RESOLUTIONS 2021-30 AND 2021-216 AND 2021-248 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING EMPLOYEE SALARIES FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-311 - AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL ENDORSEMENT FOR THE OCEAN COUNTY NATURAL LANDS PRESERVATION PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-312 - AMENDING RESOLUTION 2019-183 APPOINTING CYNTHIA MACREYNOLDS AS THE LAND USE BOARD SECRETARY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-313 - AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PLUMSTED POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE 87TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON JOINT BASE MAGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-314 - APPROVING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT LAURITA WINERY FOR OCTOBER 30-31, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-315 - AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT FOR PARTIAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES FOR BLOCK 46, LOT 20.04 (29 HOPKINS ROAD)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-316 – AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR EMS SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-317 – APPOINTING SONIA MARCOS AS A VIOLATIONS CLERK FOR THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-318 – AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-319 – AMENDING RESOLUTION 2021-74 RENEWING A CONTRACT WITH KELLY WINTHROP, LLC FOR ROADSIDE DEER CARCASS REMOVAL

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-320 – AUTHORIZING DEWBERRY ENGINEERING, INC., TOWNSHIP ENGINEER AS PROJECT ENGINEER FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT FY2020 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWER ROAD

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-321 - AUTHORIZING DEWBERRY ENGINEERING, INC., TOWNSHIP ENGINEER AS PROJECT ENGINEER FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT FY2021 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HOPKINS ROAD

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-322 - AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH RST LAWN CARE, LLC TO PROVIDE GROUNDS SERVICE TO PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED FOR THE YEAR 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-323 - AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ASSOCIATED HUMANE SOCIETIES/POPCORN PARK TO PROVIDE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-324 - APPOINTING PAMELA LEE AS A PART-TIME CLERK TYPIST FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-325 - ACCEPTING THE 2022 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. 2021-326 – AWARDING A CONTRACT TO EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - FY2020 MUNICIPAL AID ROAD PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWER ROAD

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-327 – AWARDING A CONTRACT TO EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY2021 MUNICIPAL AID ROAD PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS TO HOPKINS ROAD

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-328 – AUTHORIZING PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH UPPER FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP FOR SUBCONTRACTING WITH UPPER FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-329 – APPOINTING KERRI GOELZ AS A PART-TIME CLERK TYPIST FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-316 WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, RESOLUTIONS 2021-307 THROUGH 2021-329, EXCLUDING RESOLUTION 2021-316, ON PAGES TWO AND THREE OF THE AGENDA, WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN ABSTAINING ON 2021-325 AND COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA VOTING NO ON 2021-311.

MOTION TO CONSIDER:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE FOLLOWING RAFFLES AND BINGO LICENSES WERE APPROVED: BINGO LICENSE NO. 2021-18 BINGO 1/9/22-12/18/22; AMERICAN LEGION MCKAIG-TEST-MULLEN POST 455; BINGO LICENSE NO. 2021-19 BINGO 1/1/22; AMERICAN LEGION MCKAIG-TEST-MULLEN POST 455; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2021-20 ON-PREMISE 50/50; 1/2/22-12/25/22 MCKAIG-TEST-MULLEN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 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 November 3, 2021. There were none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE BILL LIST OF NOVEMBER 3, 2021 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW: TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT – November 3, 2021; CONSTRUCTION REPORT – September 2021 and New Hanover September 2021; TAX COLLECTOR REPORT - September 2021; FINANCIAL REPORTS –Revenue Summary by Month September 2021; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status September 2021; Treasurer's Report September 2021; POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – September 2021; PLUMSTED BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – 8/21/21 & 9/13/21; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA MINUTES – 9/21/21.

Township Engineer Bronson provided the Engineer's Report.

There was a discussion about repairs needed to the Oakford Lake Dam.

Bowen asked about plans for the driveway apron and sidewalk at 6 Evergreen and the reason for purchase of the property.

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

The committee discussed the police department report and Chief Meroney's request to hire two part-time police officers and the need for an agreement with the federal government to allow Plumsted police officers to pursue a suspect who goes onto military property.

Marinari asked if there was any old business. There was none.

Marinari asked for any new business. There was none.

Marinari thanked the committee members and the community for their support during his two years as Mayor, particularly with COVID. He praised BA/Clerk Witham for her professionalism and thanked her for her help. He said she is an asset to the township.

Marinari asked for public comment.

Pat Ahearn, 8 Lawrence Drive, thanked Councilman Trotta and Deputy Mayor Sorchik for their time and effort in the work they have done for the Township. They will be missed.

Ron Tabor, 24 Highbridge Road, said he wanted to thank the Township Committee for doing a great job and to thank Mayor Marinari personally for sponsoring the fishing derby. He expressed how much fun it was for him. Marinari also thanked Agway and Christian Nevers at the Marketplace for their sponsorship of the derby.

Amy Freeman, 79 Jacobstown Road, described an accident that occurred in front of her house on Wednesday, October 27th, around 6:45 pm. when a male, who turned out to be one of her students, was hit by a car while riding a bike. She said she has been struggling since the accident. She is having trouble sleeping. She thinks about how he and his friends and family are feeling as he recovers. She described another accident that occurred last night around 8 pm when a dog was hit in the middle of the street near her house. She is not sure how the pup is doing. She said her heart goes out to the families. She is asking that the speed limit and the lighting on Jacobstown Road be addressed. She witnessed two accidents within one week on her road. She does not want to witness another accident.

It was decided that the township would send a request to the County Engineer to do a study on Jacobstown Road.

Carol Reed, 63 Brindletown Road, spoke about the increase in traffic on 539 due to the new development and not having enough police officers in the township. She asked about the possibility of asking the State Police for their assistance. There was a discussion about how the State Police assisted the township in the past and the reasons why they cannot do so now. The number of officers needed and hours required for certain calls in the township and the affect it has on traffic control is why the Chief is asking to hire part-time officers. Ms. Reed said this should be kept in mind when they want to put warehouses on Route 539 and increase traffic.

Ms. Reed said that the Historical Society has checked their records and can find nothing about the Oakford Lake Dam.

Bowen asked about the Sheriff's Department doing traffic control in the Township, since much of the work that is being done is related to the county and traffic is increased on county roads. Meroney spoke about why the Sheriff's Department is not allowed to patrol and enforce traffic laws within the township. It is the responsibility of the Plumsted police department to handle the roads within the township.

Attorney Zabarsky read Resolution No. 2021-306 for Executive Session. The following matters will be discussed: under personnel: personnel matters—Police Department; under contractual: sewer hookup for Township buildings; potential agreement with MUA for hookup fee and quarterly charges; EMS Services; and under potential litigation – Reed Trailers, Russo and Speedway

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-306 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.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WENT INTO REGULAR SESSION. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-316 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR EMS SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Witham, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk