

December 1, 2021  
Municipal Building  
121 Evergreen Road  
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Plumsted Township Committee meeting of December 1, 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 MAYOR MARINARI ATTORNEY  
ZABARSKY BA/CLERK WITHAM

Committeeman Trotta attended via Zoom.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik was excused.

Deputy Clerk Cicero, Chief Meroney, Lieutenant Reilly and Engineer Bronson were also in attendance.

Mayor Marinari asked everyone to rise for the flag salute followed by a moment of silence and to recognize the children who were lost at a school in Michigan and a student lost at the high school in New Egypt.

Marinari said the committee would now be going into Executive Session.

Attorney Zabarsky read Resolution No. 2021-330 authorizing the convening of an executive session. The following matters will be discussed: under personnel: Police Department, Construction Department, Maintenance Department; under contractual: fee waiver for non-profit buildings for sewer permit fees, EMS Services; under attorney-client privilege: 31 Main Street; and under potential litigation – Reed Trailers and Speedway

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-330, AUTHORIZING THE CONVENING OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Marinari said this is his last Township Committee regular meeting as Mayor. He said he published a statement about it in the New Egypt News and would like to thank everyone...every individual resident over the past two years. He has done his best. He could not have done anything without the support of the other committee members. He praised the work of BA/Clerk Witham and all the township employees. He thanked Attorney Zabarsky for all of his help.

Marinari addressed the idea that he has not acknowledged the new future committeemen. He said that on the day after the election, he congratulated both Mr. Calabrese and Pastor Cuzzo for winning. He also thanked Committeeman Trotta and Deputy Mayor Sorchik for all they have done for the community. He does not know what more he can say, other than to repeat what he has said before. Congratulations to Mr. Calabrese and Pastor Cuzzo. The community has spoken and he believes there will be a good township committee to carry on in the future.

Marinari said another claim has been made that he never commented about potential damage that took place to vehicles or to buildings, etc. before the first election. He said that when it occurred, he told Chief Meroney to go out and research to find out what damage took place to the candidates. He clearly responded to it. Anyone who damaged cars, threw stones, etc. should have been incarcerated. They were a threat to public safety. He reacted to it the first time he heard about it and he reacted to it positively. Meroney confirmed that Marinari asked him to look into the matter. Marinari said he does not know where the claim came from, but it is totally not true.

Marinari said he has one year left on the committee. The people who voted for him put faith in him to do his best in keeping this community safe and to keep it running. He will continue to do his best in the next years' time. If he finds at some point that he is not serving the community, he will step down. At this point, his plans are to continue on the committee in January. If there are issues about him continuing, he would ask that person or persons to state it and he will resolve the question within a very short time. He just wanted to make those things clear.

Marinari asked if any of the committee members had questions or comments about the agenda.

Committeeman Bowen thanked Randy Priest and Eddie Roman for the work they did on the playground on Brynmore Road. Also for the work on the gazebo and for the fishing derby. As far as the resolution renewing the recycling contract with EME, he thinks EME does a fabulous job for the community and thanked them for their public service.

Committeeman Grilletto announced that the plaque for the Sergeant David Southard plaza was installed today. He spoke about EMS no longer being associated with the Fire Department as of March 31, 2022 and the RFP for EMS services.

## **PRESENTATION:**

Marinari presented a Certificate of Recognition from the Mayor and Township Committee to Aniela Adamski and Miley Ferriolo of Girl Scout Troop 50402 for their Girl Scout project. Adamski and Ferriolo said their goal was to help the environment by collecting plastic from around Plumsted Township and submitting it to Trex™ to be made into sustainable benches. Enough plastic was collected to make three benches. Two have been installed at the school and one is being given to the township.

Bowen said that the township is continuing with the program to recycle plastic. Containers have been placed at the municipal building and around town to collect plastic that cannot be recycled in regular recycling.

## **ORDINANCE: Second Reading and Public Hearing**

Marinari read Ordinance 2021-06, Ordinance 2021-07 and Ordinance 2021-08 by title.

Committeeman Grilletto said he would like to make a motion that all three ordinances be tabled for the reason that there has not been enough time to review the ordinances and secondly, the committee is in a lame duck session and the ordinances may be overturned in the next month. It would be inefficient and unwise to vote on these ordinances now. It will cause redundancy of work. Witham said that the vote on the tabling of the ordinances must be made individually for each ordinance.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO AND SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN  
ORDINANCE 2021-06 WAS NOT TABLED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES, EXCEPT  
COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA AND MAYOR MARINARI VOTED NAY.

Marinari opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2021-06.

Margaret Neuman, 324 Lakewood Road, spoke about serving on the Environmental Committee.

Carol Reed, 63 Brindletown Road, asked what the difference is between a "commission" and a "committee," and why does it need to be changed by ordinance. Marinari said this was requested by John Neyenhouse, who is the Chairman of the Environmental Committee. Previously, it was a commission and then it was changed to a committee. He asked to have it changed back to a commission, which is more formal.

Witham said that members would be appointed for a term of a certain number of years, rather than being appointed each year at the reorganization meeting. They would also have more authority. There are a lot of new members with a lot of experience. It is becoming a bigger committee and members are more involved. They would like to be able to do more. Grilletto provided the definitions of a committee and a commission.

Bill Fox, 347 Lakewood Road, commented on the Environmental Committee. There was a discussion about whether or not a commission is allowed to hire an attorney and/or employees.

Marinari said if he had known there were questions about this, he would not have moved forward with it. Grilletto said there should be workshops before introducing an ordinance. Bowen asked about the Environmental Committee making a presentation before the Township Committee.

There were no other public comments.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON 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 CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY MAYOR MARINARI, ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06 WAS NOT ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES, EXCEPT COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN ABSTAINED AND MAYOR MARINARI AND COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO VOTED NAY.

Marinari opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2021-07. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 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 CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Committeeman Bowen made a motion to amend Ordinance 2021-07 by striking Section 1B, which is the cultivation and dispensing sites section. Committeeman Trotta asked that the ordinance be read aloud. Witham read the ordinance into the record. Witham said the ordinance was reviewed by the Land Use Board at their last meeting and it was determined that it is consistent with the Master Plan with some revisions. The committee members discussed possible deletion of the section. Trotta and Marinari spoke about the benefits of medical marijuana for certain illnesses.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, ORDINANCE 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 NOT AMENDED TO DELETE SECTION 1B. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES, EXCEPT MAYOR MARINARI AND COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA VOTED NAY.

Grilletto said he is in favor of medical marijuana, however he is against the cultivation of marijuana in the township.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY MAYOR MARINARI, ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07 WAS NOT ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES, EXCEPT COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN AND COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO VOTED NAY.

Marinari opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2021-08.

Bill Fox, 347 Lakewood Road, asked about minors drinking on private property. Zabarsky responded to his question. Meroney explained why he asked for the ordinance to be changed.

There were no other public comments.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON 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 CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETO, ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

**ORDINANCE: Introduction** - none

**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. 2021-331 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CHECK FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-332 – AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES, GRANT RECEIVABLES AND APPROPRIATED GRANT RESERVE BALANCES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-333 – THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER WITHAM AS THE MUNICIPAL CLERK AND ESTABLISHMENT OF TENURE

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-334 – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ELECTION DAY FLEX TIME FOR THE MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-335 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE RENEWAL OF THE CENTRAL JERSEY HEALTH INSURANCE FUND INDEMNITY AND TRUST AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-336 – APPOINTING BRANDI ROBBINS AS A PART-TIME CLERK TYPIST FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-337 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES FOR BLOCK 14, LOT 8 (38 NORTH MAIN ST)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-338 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES FOR 35 KELLER AVE, COOKSTOWN, NJ

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-339 – REQUESTING THE CONTINUATION OF THE MUNICIPAL EXEMPTION FROM REQUIREMENTS TO APPOINT A PRINCIPAL PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-340 – ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MAUREEN FRANCIS AND AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF HEALTH BENEFITS

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-341 – AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP ENGINEER DEWBERRY ENGINEERS INC., AS PROJECT ENGINEER FOR THE CRANBERRY CANNERS ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-342 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 455 FOR THE USE OF THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE BUILDING LOCATED AT 2 MEADOWBROOK LANE (BLOCK 24, LOT 7)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-343 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SCHEDULE “C” AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-344 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH EME, INC. FOR THE USE OPERATION OF A LEAF AND BRANCH RECYCLING SITE, LOCATED AT BLOCK 80, LOT 4 (EME, INC.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-345 – AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO DISPOSE OF OR RECYCLE OBSOLETE ITEMS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-346 – AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR THE USE OF OCEAN COUNTY TRUCK WASH FACILITIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-347 – AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS FOR TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-348 – SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1121 (Sponsored by Assemblywoman Carol A. Murphy District 7 and Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer District 12)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-349 – SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1410 (Sponsored by Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez, District 19, Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer District 12, and Assemblyman Wayne P. Deangelo, District 14)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-350 - SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 5694 (Sponsored by Assemblyman Eric Houghtaling and Assemblywoman Joann Downey District 11 and Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer District 12)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-351 – AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED AND THE OCEAN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FOR THE DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT CALLOUT PROGRAM ("D.R.E.C.P.") GRANT FOR FY 2021/22

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-352 – AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR THE FY 2021/22 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (D.W.I.E.P.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-353– THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED BY BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEW EGYPT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CHURCH LOCATED AT 98 LAKEWOOD ROAD ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 74, LOT 13.04, ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-354 – THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED BY DC CREAM RIDGE HOLDINGS, LLC FOR 562 ROUTE 539 ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 46, LOT 17, ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-355 – ACCEPTING THE SURETY/PERFORMANCE BOND POSTED BY CREAM RIDGE DG, LLC, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DOLLAR GENERAL STORE AT 308 EAST MILLSTREAM ROAD/539 PINEHURST ROAD ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 58, LOT 2, ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-356 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FRESH CLEANING SERVICES, LLC TO PROVIDE CLEANING SERVICES FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP

Grilletto asked for clarification on Resolution 2021-345 and Resolution 2021-346.

Marinari said that Resolution 2021-233 clarifies his comments on BA/Clerk Witham. He commented on Resolution 2021-340 regarding the retirement of Maureen Francis. He thanked her for all the years she has served the township. He also commented on Resolution 2021-356 for Fresh Cleaning Services to provide cleaning services to the township.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, RESOLUTIONS 2021-331 THROUGH 2021-356, ON PAGES TWO AND THREE OF THE AGENDA, WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA ABSTAINING ON 2021-337 AND 2021-350.

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

Township Engineer Bronson provided the engineering report for December 2021. There was a discussion about sewers being operational in January 2022 and the inspection of the Oakford Lake Dam. Grilletto asked Bronson to explain about I-Bank funding and how it benefits the township by paying for the sewer project without raising taxes. I-Bank funding can also now be used for road construction projects. Witham said that the gate mechanisms were installed at the Oakford Lake Dam in 1930.

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

Marinari asked if there were any comments on the Bill List of December 1, 2021.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE BILL LIST OF DECEMBER 1, 2021 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

**REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW:** TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT – December 1, 2021; CONSTRUCTION REPORT – October 2021 and New Hanover October 2021; TAX COLLECTOR REPORT - October 2021; FINANCIAL REPORTS –Revenue Summary by Month October

2021; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status October 2021; Treasurer's Report October 2021; POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – October 2021; PLUMSTED BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – 10/4/21 PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA MINUTES – 10/19/21.

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

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

Marinari asked for public comment.

(?)Margaret Neuman, 324 Lakewood Road, said she has known Mayor Marinari for many years. He is a man of character. If he says he is going to do something, he does it. The township has been very lucky to have a man of his caliber as Mayor.

James Hagelstein, 12 Ivins Drive, asked about **(recording inaudible at 1:16:38)** Marinari said it was discussed in Executive Session, but no action is being taken at this time. **(inaudible)**

Robert Krohn read a comment on Zoom regarding EMS services in the township. Bowen said that he is committed to finding a solution. The committee is looking at all of the options to come up with a solution that will meet the needs of the community. The public has made it very clear that EMS services are a top priority in the community.

Bill Fox, 347 Lakewood Road, thanked Jack Trotta and Eric Sorchik for their service to the township.

Carol Reed, 63 Brindletown Road, asked about the location that was approved for the cultivation and dispensary of medical marijuana. Trotta said the approved site is the old tree farm at 537 and Loveman Road. She also asked about having a referendum for **(the rest is inaudible)**

**(?) Ted Kucowski**, 195 East Colliers Mill Road, spoke about the Land Use Board and the vote on the medical marijuana ordinance. There was a discussion about the changes that were required to be made to township ordinances due to the new cannabis law. Kucowski thanked Jack Trotta and Eric Sorchik for their service on the township committee and Marinari for his service as Mayor.

Stacy Reed, 791 Monmouth Road, commented about the police department and EMS services.

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

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE DECEMBER 1, 2021 MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Witham, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk