

May 5, 2022  
121 Evergreen Rd  
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Plumsted Township Committee meeting of May 5, 2022 was called to order by Mayor Bowen.

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**THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

COMMITTEEMAN CALABRESE    COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO  
COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO    DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI    MAYOR BOWEN  
ATTORNEY ZABARSKY    CLERK WITHAM

CFO Madden was also present.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-187 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 Bowen called the Workshop/Regular Session to order. A second roll call vote was taken. Mayor Bowen asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and a moment of silence for the humanitarian crisis of the people of the Ukraine, followed by the invocation led by Reverend James Gutacker.

Mayor Bowen said the township is aware of reports of gunfire in the Jacobstown area and spoke about the steps that have been taken by the township in response to the reports. He spoke about the Memorial Day Parade, the EMS grant, the police contract, preservation of a property on Rt. 539 by Ocean County, the UTT trail, and tax payments.

He also spoke about the paving of township roads and streets, the upgrade of traffic signals, municipal building and leaf and branch closures for Memorial Day, the next township meeting on June 2 and the primary election on June 7.

Committeeman Grilletto spoke about Memorial Day activities, the adopt-a-planter program on Main Street, and a new bench at Paradise Park.

Cuozzo commented on National Day of Prayer, the Parental Bill of Rights, the Memorial Day parade, and permits to hook up to the new sewer service.

Committeeman Calabrese spoke about vandalism occurring at the recreation fields and steps that are being taken in response, and the Memorial Day parade.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-188 AUTHORIZING THE READING OF THE 2022 BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

## **BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Grilletto went through and explained the 2022 budget. The budget overview is posted on the website. There was a discussion among the committee members about the budget.

## **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET**

Bowen opened the public hearing on the budget.

Pat Ahearn, 8 Lawrence Drive, said that at last year's budget meeting there was a discussion about listing the PILOT revenues separately because they are temporary. He does not see that in the budget revenues this year. Madden responded to his question. There was a discussion about the computation and use of revenues from Lennar.

There were no other questions from the public.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CALABRESE, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2022 BUDGET WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-190 ADOPTION OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

There was a dedication of the Flag Retirement Box located at the front of the Municipal Building. The box was constructed by Shawn Abate for his Eagle Scout project. There is a companion box at the American Legion. Shawn Abate said he did it to honor veterans by collecting flags and properly retiring them.

## **PROCLAMATIONS:**

Mayor Bowen read the proclamation for Older Americans Month May 2022.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE PROCLAMATION FOR OLDER AMERICANS MONTH MAY 2022 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Bowen asked Committeeman Calabrese to read the proclamation for Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6, 2022.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE PROCLAMATION FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 2-6, 2022 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Bowen asked Committeeman Cuzzo to read the proclamation for National Nurses Week May 6-12, 2022.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CALABRESE, THE PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL NURSES WEEK MAY 6-12, 2022 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

## **ORDINANCE: INTRODUCTION**

Bowen said the next item on the agenda is the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-02.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CALABRESE, ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION” SO AS TO CREATE A NEW CHAPTER 19, SECTION 6, ENTITLED “FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS” TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS, TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR AND PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading and public hearing on Ordinance 2022-02 will be on June 2, 2022.

Committeemen Calabrese and Grilletto asked that Resolution 2022-199 be removed from the consent agenda. There was a discussion about obtaining a grant to build sidewalks.

## **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. 2022-191 - AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF SEWER LOANS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-192 – AUTHORIZING A LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY FOR KELLY CREIGHTON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-193 – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16 AUTHORIZING THE LIST OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP CHECKS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-194 – GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-195 – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-186 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES/DIVISION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (DMHAS) GRANT APPLICATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-196 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF 2022 HOMESTEAD CREDIT DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-197** - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-198** – AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – FY-22 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT APPLICATION

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-200** – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF UNUSED LEAVE TIME FOR CHRISTOPHER DEDEYN

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-201** – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF UNUSED LEAVE TIME FOR NICHOLAS LUGO

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-202** – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF UNUSED LEAVE TIME FOR MATTHEW MLOTKIEWICZ

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-203** – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF UNUSED LEAVE TIME FOR ANTHONY RINGLE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-204** – AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED TO JOIN THE CRANFORD POLICE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-205** – APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE LAND USE BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-206** – AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL ENDORSEMENT FOR THE OCEAN COUNTY NATURAL LANDS PRESERVATION PROGRAM

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-207** – AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1994, C. 72

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-208** – APPROVING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT LAURITA WINERY FOR MAY 27, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-209** – ACCEPTING THE TAX COLLECTOR'S STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTABLE TAXES FOR THE 2022 TAX YEAR PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:4-91.1

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN CALABRESE, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, RESOLUTIONS 2022-191 THROUGH 2022-209, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RESOLUTION 2022-199, ON PAGES TWO AND THREE OF THE AGENDA, WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN CALABRESE, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-199 – AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP AND THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE COURTESY BUSING FOR HAZARDOUS ROUTES FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022, WAS ADOPTED. ALL AYES, WITH A STIPULATION FROM COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO FOR INVESTIGATION IN FUTURE YEARS, AND NAY FROM COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO.

#### **ADD-ON RESOLUTION**

Cuozzo commented on the reasons for the add-on resolution.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-210 – AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY INCREASE IN

HOURS FOR DENA KAISER AS TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL, WAS ADOPTED. ALL AYES.

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

Mayor Bowen explained why the Bill List of May 5, 2022 was amended. He asked if there were any other questions on the bill list.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO, THE AMENDED BILL LIST OF MAY 5, 2022 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

**REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW:** CONSTRUCTION REPORT – Plumsted & New Hanover March 2022; TAX COLLECTOR REPORT – March 2022; FINANCIAL REPORTS –Revenue Summary by Month March 2022; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status March 2022; Treasurer’s Report March 2022; POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – March 2022; PLUMSTED BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – 3/7/22; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA MINUTES – none

Bowen asked for any old business.

Deputy Mayor Marinari spoke about township cleaning services, the gunfire on Jacobstown Road, a list of chaplains for invocation, reinstating monthly meetings with the mayor, and initiating quarterly meetings between the Board of Education and the Township. He commented about people being able to talk about their issues publicly and the discussion about the Business Administrator at the previous township committee meeting.

Bowen asked if there were any other comments. There were none. Bowen asked for any new business.

Grilletto encouraged people to come out and celebrate Memorial Day. There were no other comments.

Mayor Bowen asked for public comment.

Rob Krohn, President of FMBA Local 89, the firefighters union, thanked the committee for their support in keeping EMS going. He looks forward to working with the committee to continue EMS for the next few years. The Fire Commissioners meetings are the first and third Monday every month at the firehouse. He recommends that there be a crowd at the Fire Commissioners meetings like there is at the township committee meetings. It is your tax dollars. Keep yourself informed. May 15-21 is National EMS Week. The theme this year is “Rising to the Challenge.” Our town had a challenge with EMS the past couple months and we were able to get by it. Keep that in mind when you see the ambulance go by and see an EMT in Wawa. Appreciate them. They are all the same uniform—wearing a polo shirt. Every one of the EMTs is a firefighter. Firefighters are EMTs. He thanked the committee again for its support.

Carol Reed, 63 Brindletown Road, thanked the committee for recognizing older citizens. You were very diplomatic. You had the nurses stand up and you had the teachers stand up. You didn’t ask any of the older citizens to stand up. She wants to publicly thank Kate Tallon for the work she did this past Saturday on clean-up day. Quite a few people showed up. A lot of work



didn't ask any of the older citizens to stand up. She wants to publicly thank Kate Tallon for the work she did this past Saturday on clean-up day. Quite a few people showed up. A lot of work went into that. The person who was going to do it was not able to and Kate took over. She organized it. It was a good day. Her car was packed with gloves, vests, etc. She just wants to publicly thank Kate.

Bill Fox, Archertown Road, commended the committee on the work they did on the budget. He thinks they did a terrific job on it. He also wants to speak to the issue with Jennifer Witham. There has been a lot of talk online that he is somehow interested in her job. He used to be the township clerk in Jackson and in his mind, Jen does a terrific job, not only as clerk, but as business administrator. He does not want her job. He does not know how that got started. Politics is politics and sometimes it turns nasty. He commended Jen for what she is doing. He is a big supporter and not a threat.

Cuozzo said he knows how it started. That person is in this room.

Kerri G, online, asked about the sidewalk on Main Street in front of the questionable school. Bowen said the only sidewalks he knows that are under construction are sewer connections, which includes that property.

John Neyenhouse, Lakeview Drive, online, commented regarding Resolution No. 22-199 regarding walking to school instead of providing courtesy busing. He wrote "wouldn't we need to then hire crossing guards as well?" The committee responded yes.

Stacy Reed, 791 Monmouth Road, said there was a question brought up about the sign in front of the municipal building. Al Hutchins, who has been a business owner in the town for many years, has always donated his time to take care of the sign out front. He has always been the person who took care of that sign. He did get a phone call from the township asking him to change the names, however, he has been in the middle of a huge project and had not been able to get here. He came here last week and all of the panels with the names on them had been removed from the sign. Apparently no one knows where they are. Witham said we know where the panels are. They were removed so we did not have incorrect information up there, and we were waiting for Al to replace them when he had the time. Ms. Reed said that if someone would take the panels to him, he would be more than happy to take care of it. That is something that the taxpayers don't have to pay for because it is someone in this town who owns a business in this town and actually donates his time and materials to do that for the town. She also wants everyone to know that she is presenting a petition to the township tomorrow. She is not allowed to speak about the petition, she is not allowed to mention names, but the petition is from all of the residents who live in this town who support township employees. She thanked residents for taking the time to talk to her and to sign the petition, and she is presenting it to the town tomorrow.

Linda Salcfas, 311 Circle Drive, said she would like to commend Jennifer Witham on the outstanding job that she does for the township and whatever happened, she did not deserve. She would also like to reiterate about the EMS that the township keep them in-house as much we can. Whatever it takes to do it. She would like to make a statement about the proclamation for National Prayer Day and how our proclamation is written for our people here in town she thinks is appalling. There was a discussion between Salcfas and Cuozzo about the proclamation; Ron Dancer wrote the proclamation 30 years ago.

Barbara Diblin, 12 Terrace Avenue, said she has been involved with National Day of Prayer here for 30 years and the proclamation hasn't changed. The only thing that has changed is that National Day of Prayer has a theme and a scripture every year. It's been the same and the truth of it has been the same. She thanked the township committee. In her view, they are doing their best for this town. From her perspective they are focusing in on the things, not people, to better utilize our tax money and employee time. That is what the people elected them for and she thanked Jen for her work in the township. She has worked with her over the years and she is very nice and very helpful. She has found everyone in the township to be cooperative and helpful to her. She knows we don't always agree on things, therefore, they discuss it for the best outcome. She believes each man has their own vote and as has been seen they have taken different perspectives sometimes. One man is not in charge to make decisions without the knowledge and input of the other four and then they vote, as we see here. All are acquainted with the subject matter. This is how our township government is set up. One man, one vote, after they are all informed on the subject matter. She appreciates the township committee for working together and helping the people of our town and their work. She cannot believe how much work they have; reading material, time spent outside and they don't get paid for it. So, she really appreciates it, and Jen and Cyndi, and all the township employees.

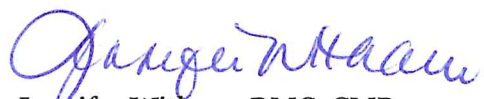
Bowen asked if there was any other public comment. There was none and public comment was closed.

Grilletto spoke about collecting money donations for Paradise Park planting and about the planters on Main Street.

Bowen said there is no need to go into a second executive session.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CALABRESE, THE MAY 5, 2022 MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jennifer Witham, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk

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