

September 1, 2022  
121 Evergreen Rd  
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Plumsted Township Committee meeting of September 1, 2022 was called to order by Mayor Bowen.

**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 the Trenton Times and posted on the Bulletin Board.

**THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

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

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-284 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 followed by an invocation by Reverend Phyllis Zoon of the Plumsted Presbyterian Church.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Bowen presented Megan Hilburn with a Certificate of Appreciation for her expertise and direction in beautifying Paradise Park in Plumsted Township. Ms. Hilburn thanked the committee and all of the volunteers for their support.

Bowen congratulated Tootie's on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, All Star Bagel on their 10-year anniversary, and the Rec Softball Girls 10U softball team who went to nationals in Orlando and came in second place in their bracket. Bowen thanked Big Woods, Animals and Gardens Unlimited and the New Egypt Marketplace for sponsoring the fireworks, and Laurita Winery and Donny Miller for their donations, Ocean County for the use of the stage and all of the vendors who were at the event. Bowen announced that staffing in the police administration office is temporarily shorthanded and people should go the Municipal Clerk's office for gun permits and concealed carry. Bowen commented on the increase in marriage licenses this month.

Bowen spoke about the agenda. There are minutes to approve, a resolution approving a payment to Lennar, which is part of the contract with the Lennar project, because they have issued 150 COs. There will be a hearing and resolution for the transfer of ownership of the Colliers Mills Mobile Home Park, which is a requirement under the township ordinances.

Bowen asked for liaison reports or comments from the committee members. He added that there is a new school board member and new principal at the high school. Committeeman Cuzzo congratulated Andrea Molnar who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the school board.

Committeeman Calabrese provided his liaison reports. He congratulated Andrea Molnar as well. He spoke about Resolution 2022-291 in support of the school board. He said he will ask that the resolution be pulled later in the meeting and will read a couple of brief paragraphs and explain why the committee chose to propose the resolution. On behalf of the Recreation Board, Calabrese thanked Sandy Leidtka and her family, Rick and Nicole Martin, and Rob and Danielle Hudaish for getting the fields ready for baseball and football season. He said soccer and football are coming up and Recreation plans to come in for a presentation at the November township committee meeting. The IT committee will be meeting next week and he will have information on that at the next township committee meeting.

Cuozzo said he does not have any liaison reports. He thanked the three businesses that put on the fireworks, Big Woods, Agway and the New Egypt Marketplace. He also thanked Justin for the bounce houses and the water dunk tank. Cuozzo said he thinks he has the record for the most people dunking in one segment. They were able to raise money for the Compassionate Active Military outreach, which is an auxiliary to the chaplaincy reaching out the military on base. He spoke about the young men and teenagers from Bible Baptist Church playing informal games of sand lot football against the police force. He also thanked the vendors.

Committeeman Grilletto thanked the three businesses who had sponsored the fireworks. Grilletto spoke about a meeting that he and the Mayor had with Commissioner Haines about making improvements to the UTT trail. He said there will be an event at the David Southard Plaza on Veterans Day, November 11th, to honor the four major branches of the military, an American Revolutionary War veteran buried in Zion Cemetery, and a member of the Colored Brigade of New Jersey for the Civil War who is buried at Zoar Cemetery.

Deputy Mayor Marinari spoke about the fireworks and the three businesses that sponsored the fireworks. He said he appreciates the people who helped them with the fireworks. He talked about the planning involved in having the fireworks this year and the fact that they were not sure they would even happen due to shipping problems earlier in the year and the increased price of pyrotechnics. He and the other two businesses feel that the money that was put into the fireworks was worth it. He praised the excellence of the fireworks. He announced that with the money left over from the fireworks they will be sponsoring a fishing derby on October 29, 2022. Marinari spoke about past fishing derbies put on by the Business and Merchants Association. Marinari asked for a speed indicator by the school to slow people down. Marinari asked what the Police Department would do if they were needed at the school. Chief Meroney explained the police protocols that are in place.

Bowen said there are a number of ordinances that he would like to introduce in the fall, including affordable housing, commercial property requirements, party ordinance, firearms and invasive plants (bamboo). He said he reached out to the Rutgers Extension office for an expert in invasive plants, and the commercial property ordinance comes out of the new leadership in the Construction Office. He spoke about requiring mercantile licenses for businesses in town in order for the Construction Office and first responders to know the current occupant, what kind of business it is and make sure they are up to code and operating in a safe manner. The ordinance provides them with the authority they need to document that and keep it up to date. There are different code requirements for different businesses. A lot of it is informational for small businesses. It is also for safety purposes.

Grilletto suggested that either one ordinance be deliberated at a meeting or they have a two-person committee review the ordinance prior to the meeting. He prefers to deal with ordinances one at a time so committee members can express their opinions and concerns with it. He does not think the committee should do more than one ordinance at a meeting.

There was a discussion about how ordinances could be distributed in advance and when they could be introduced. An ordinance has to be introduced and presented for adoption within the same calendar year.

Calabrese said that the commercial property ordinance is a very important one. The township has to make sure that everyone is operating within their zoning requirements and allowable uses, and getting COs and inspections yearly or biannually. It is important to get a handle on it, especially in such a condensed downtown. Safety is an absolute priority.

#### **MINUTES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:**

Bowen asked if there were any questions on the minutes. Cuozzo said he requested a number of modifications be made to the minutes. He is not sure they were addressed. He said he would like to read into the record the changes he requested. Attorney Zabarsky said the minutes should be voted on one at a

time, per date. He said Cuozzo can read his changes and modifications and the committee can decide whether to add them or not and then vote on those minutes. It would be appropriate to take them one at a time.

Bowen asked for discussion of the 2/3/22 meeting minutes. Cuozzo read his changes for the minutes. There was a discussion about the requirements for background checks for township organizations and employees and possible revision of the ordinance.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO, THE WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE/REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF 2/3/22 MEETING WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Bowen asked for comments on the 3/3/22 meeting minutes. There were none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN CALABRESE, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE/REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF 3/3/22 MEETING WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Bowen asked if there were any comments on the 4/7/22 meeting minutes. Cuozzo read his suggested changes for the 4/7/22 minutes.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN CALABRESE, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE/REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF 4/7/22 MEETING WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES, EXCEPT DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI ABSTAINED.

Bowen asked for comments on the meeting minutes for the special budget workshop session of 4/25/22. There were none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION MINUTES OF 4/25/22 MEETING WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES, EXCEPT DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI ABSTAINED.

Bowen asked if there were any comments on the 5/5/22 meeting minutes. There were none.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE/REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF 5/5/22 MEETING WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Bowen asked for comments on the 6/2/22 meeting minutes. Cuozzo read his proposed changes for the minutes of the 6/2/22 meeting. Grilletto said it was decided that an advisement would be put at the end of the minutes that they are not verbatim and a verbatim copy of the recording can be obtained from the Township Clerk's office. Grilletto asked if the advisement has been added to all of the minutes. Witham said it has been added to the minutes as of May 2022. Zabarsky said case law is clear that the written minutes can be reduced down to what formal action was taken, how each person voted, and what the substance was in terms of categorizations, opposed to actual verbatim comments. Once you start getting into those types of minutes, you can see the challenges that arise.

Witham noted that at the last meeting, we had asked for a hard deadline of August 8th to receive edits, of which we did not receive any edits until August 18th from Committeeman Cuozzo. Even though it was after the deadline, she did go back and listen to the recording and she felt that the minutes were accurate. We are talking about adding one word here and there, but the minutes were not incorrect as they were typed. She said that she and Nadene are Registered Clerks. We are under oath and she feels that we present the minutes accurately. Cuozzo said he wants it to be included in the minutes that he is in support of or against something.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CALABRESE, THE WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE/REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF 6/2/22 MEETING WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Bowen asked if there were any comments on the special workshop/regular session minutes of the 7/7/22 meeting. There were no comments.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN CALABRESE, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO, THE SPECIAL WORKSHOP/REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF 7/7/22 MEETING WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Cuozzo said that his corrections or requests for clarification should not be taken disparagingly or that he does not appreciate the hard work done by Nadene and Jen. He wants clarity because he believes it is important to have a good record. It is not personal, and he does not want it to be taken personally.

Bowen commented on how difficult it is to do minutes. To try and encapsulate hours of people's comments is an exceptionally difficult job. He thinks that Jen and Nadene do an excellent job and the committee appreciates it.

### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR COLLIERS MILLS MOBILE HOME PARK TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP**

Bowen said there is a resolution on the agenda authorizing the transfer of a mobile home park license from Colliers Mills Mobile Home Park, Inc. to Colliers Mills Community, LLC. The license transfer requires that a public hearing be held.

Bowen opened public comment on the transfer of the mobile home park license.

Thomas Kapp, the new owner of Colliers Mills Community, LLC, spoke about his purchase of the mobile home park. He thanked the township committee and said he is here to answer any questions. Grilletto asked if Kapp has any plans for the park. Kapp said he runs the community in the same way the previous owner, George Lorbeck, did. Most of the residents like it there. He wants to keep them happy and for it to be something that the township is proud of. Grilletto asked him if he has had any experience in owning mobile home parks. Kapp said he does. He is in the mobile home park business and he has a number of them. Cuozzo said there are some mobile home parks in town that have had to pay fines because they have not kept up with regulations. Cuozzo asked if Colliers Mills Mobile Home Park is in compliance with township regulations. Kapp said that it is and he intends to keep it compliant. Witham said that the park was inspected by the mobile home inspector and it did pass. Zabarsky said that he spoke with Kapp's attorney and he indicated that it is a business that Kapp is in, and that he takes good care of his mobile home parks. Grilletto asked if they are in New Jersey. Kapp said they are all in New Jersey. The committee welcomed Kapp and wished him good luck. Kapp said he is happy to be part of the township.

Bowen asked if there were any other comments from the public. There were none.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CALABRESE, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION NO. 2022-301 – MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE FROM COLLIERS MILLS MOBILE HOME PARK, INC. TO COLLIERS MILLS COMMUNITY, LLC WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN CALABRESE, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-301 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

### **ORDINANCE: INTRODUCTION**

None

## **ORDINANCE: SECOND READING**

Bowen opened up the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2022-04. He explained that the ordinance updates how the Drug and Alcohol Alliance Coordinator is appointed. There were no comments.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 40 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED “OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES” WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Bowen asked if there were any questions from the Committee on the Consent Agenda.

Calabrese said he would like to read an excerpt and provide an explanation regarding Resolution 2022-291. The resolution involves the State Health Benefit Plan’s raise in percentages of contributions, which affects all of our teachers and State employees. At the last school board meeting, they voted to oppose the increase and he would like the township to stand in solidarity with them. He read a portion of the school board resolution. He said this is a plea and a call to contact our legislators and have them fight this.

Grilletto asked if a paragraph could be added to Resolution 2022-286 regarding a tax exemption to a totally disabled veteran thanking them for their service. Zabarsky said it could be added to the resolution. Resolution 2022-286 was amended to read that the Township Committee thanks Daniel Genovese for his service to his country in a new paragraph 2 and change the current paragraph 2 to paragraph 3.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-286 – REFUND DUPLICATE PAYMENT FOR PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS FOR DANIEL GENOVESE (BLOCK 66, LOT 13) WAS APPROVED AS AMENDED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Cuozzo made a motion that all future totally disabled veteran resolutions include a note of gratitude from the Township Committee. The motion was seconded by Committeeman Grilletto. Voice Vote. All Ayes.

Cuozzo asked if totally disabled veterans who own property in Lennar and have a tax abatement are treated the same as totally disabled veterans who pay property taxes. Witham said they are not. There is a letter from Attorney Matt Jessup advising that a tax abatement is not considered a tax payment, it is a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT program). Under the law, it does not qualify for a tax exemption. Grilletto said that Lennar should be notifying veterans when they purchase a property that they will not be getting any tax relief. Zabarsky said PILOT information is in the title binder when they buy the property. Witham said that said the Finance Office provides an information sheet about the PILOT program that says it on there too. Bowen said PILOT is a State program.

Bowen said that the copy he has of Resolution 2022-300 had one piece of information missing. Witham said that the Tax Collector had her add the information to the resolution.

Bowen asked if there were any other questions on the Consent Agenda. There were 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. 2022-285** – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER DUPLICATE PAYMENT OF TAXES

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-287** – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES DUE TO TAX APPEAL

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-288** – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVER BILLED TAXES (BLOCK 47, LOT 5.02)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-289** – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF DUPLICATE PAYMENT OF TAXES (BLOCK 10, LOT 53)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-290** – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-291** – OPPOSING THE PROPOSED INCREASES TO THE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-292** – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF SEWER LOANS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-293** – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF UNUSED ESCROWS FOR BLOCK 9, LOT 19.01

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-294** – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF UNUSED ESCROWS FOR BLOCK 54, LOT 7.03

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-295** – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF UNUSED ESCROWS FOR BLOCK 41, LOT 11.06

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-296** – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF STORAGE FEES

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-297** - AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-210 AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY INCREASE IN HOURS FOR DENA KAISER AS TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-298** - AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A FIREWORKS VENDOR REGISTRATION FEE TO JERSEY ROLL LLC

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-299** - AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO LENNAR URBAN RENEWAL, LLC IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3 OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-300** - AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES TO SQUARE MILE CAPITAL FOR BLOCK 12 LOT 15, KNOWN AS 24 MOOREHOUSE ROAD, BLOCK 55 LOT 80 KNOWN AS 157 HOPKINS ROAD, AND BLOCK 55 LOT 175, KNOWN AS HAWKIN ROAD REAR

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN CALABRESE, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION 2022-285 AND RESOLUTIONS 2022-287 THROUGH 2022-300 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

#### **ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution 2022-302 is an add-on resolution for the purchase of a new vehicle for the police department. There was a question about the price of the vehicle. Meroney explained why and how the price changed for the vehicle.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CALABRESE, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-302 – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-266, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-157 AWARDED A CONTRACT TO GENTILINI CHEVROLET, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2022 FORD UTILITY K8A AWD POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLE FOR THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #47-CPCPS WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

## **REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW:**

Bowen commented on the Engineer's Report. He said that the contract for Red Maple Road was awarded to Earle Asphalt and the start date is September 15, 2022. Quotes have been received for the work on Jennifer Way. It is hoped the work will also be done this year. The Engineer has submitted storm drain repair and paving on Lakeview Drive to NJDEP for approval.

Calabrese said he has a comment for the projects underway on the engineer's report. People had concern about mark-outs being done because they had no idea what was going on. He requested that something be put out to the public about what the mark-outs are for.

Grilletto asked Meroney about two items on the Police Department Report. The first item was about juvenile problems. Meroney said it could be about dirt bike issues or bicycles on Main Street. The second question is about vehicle checks. Meroney said that officers check their vehicles before and after each shift to make sure they are operational. Motor vehicle stops are for traffic enforcement.

Bowen asked if there were any other questions about the reports. There were none.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – September 1, 2022; CONSTRUCTION REPORT – Plumsted & New Hanover July 2022; TAX COLLECTOR REPORT – June 2022 and July 2022; FINANCIAL REPORTS –Revenue Summary by Month July 2022; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status July 2022; Treasurer's Report June 2022; POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – July 2022; PLUMSTED BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – 7/11/22; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA MINUTES – none; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MINUTES – none

## **BILL LIST**

Bowen asked if there were any comments on the Bill List of September 1, 2022. There were none. Bowen asked for a motion to approve the bill list.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN CALABRESE, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE BILL LIST OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Bowen asked if there was any old business from the committee. There was none. Bowen asked for any new business; there was none.

Mayor Bowen asked for public comment.

Chief Meroney asked about bringing on the Class II officer full-time or giving him extra hours. Meroney said his overtime is through the roof, with officers being out on disability. Meroney asked if he could bring the officer's hours up to the maximum allowed before he has to receive benefits so Meroney does not lose him. Witham said they would have to check with finance because pensions has a different requirement than insurance. Bowen said they would check with finance.

Carol Reed, 63 Brindletown Road, said she is speaking as a member of the Historical Society. They have a display case in the hallway of the Municipal Building. She does not know if everyone knows about it, but they are proud of it. They hope that more people look at their displays. It is our history.

The second thing is that all of the members of the Historical Society are volunteers. They have no paid staff. Reed asked if the township is requiring a background check for Historical Society members. There are children who come to the museum for tours. Does this require a background check for our members? Cuzzo said he hoped that the society would already have that policy in place, but, yes definitely. Reed asked so we need to have background checks for all of our members? Cuzzo said for the Joint Insurance Fund, anyone that deals with children...it is pretty clear. It is kind of suspicious when someone does not want to have background checks when they deal with children. Reed said it is the cost. It is not free to get a background check. The society has about 19 volunteers...so are we going to ask our volunteers for a

background check...because it is not free. Zabarsky said before we get into that he will do some research to look into it and see what kind of ordinance the township will work on and we can go from there. Any ordinance that is done will have a public hearing and public comment. Rather than speculate, he will contact the risk manager for the Joint Insurance Fund and see what is going on and we will work on it and go from there. Zabarsky said I would not jump to any conclusions at this point.

Grilletto asked if the children come with their parents or by themselves. Reed said they come with teachers, parents, Girl Scout leaders etc. Grilletto said so they come with somebody else. Reed said they do not just have children come by themselves. Bowen asked Reed if the only problem with it is the cost. Reed said she does not have a problem with it, but it is the cost. Most of the volunteers are over 50. Zabarsky said it would not be a cost to the individual. Calabrese said they would all be reimbursed. Bowen said he is an advocate of it because it is easier and less expensive than to let someone fall through the net. There are an awful lot of articles about individuals looking for weaknesses in institutions. A number of years ago, churches were lax about it, so they would look for churches, and so, he was insistent on just spend the money and avoid the disaster that one of them would be. Calabrese said it includes committee members as well. Meroney said the police are allowed to only check our local computer system. They would not be able to do a full criminal history background. It would only be searching our local data. Grilletto said that he thinks the main concern is that if you are dealing with children, you have to be fingerprinted and have a background check. The attorney needs to check that and see if this would really pertain to the Historical Society since children come with a guardian. Meroney said they are not a daycare center and they have guardians and chaperones there, so that would be on whoever the chaperone is. He does not think it would have anything to do with the Historical Society.

Reed said, one more thing, as a resident of Plumsted Township, she is glad that the minutes finally got approved and she hopes it does not happen again with every little minute insignificant change that took up almost a half an hour. She hopes the minutes get approved in a timely fashion from now on.

Bowen asked about the flyer he saw for an event with the Historical Society. Reed said it is a scarecrow fall festival. For \$20, you can make your own scarecrow. Everything is provided, the clothes, the frame, etc. for \$20. They are neat scarecrows. You can make your own wreaths, you can buy wreaths, and there will be photo opportunities. It is going to be a fun fall day. It will be held on October 8, 2022, starting at noon. They are putting their flyers out now. Witham said that if Reed would give her a flyer, she will put it on the website. Reed said thank you for the opportunity.

Arlene Samuelson, 205 Devon Road, Cream Ridge, NJ, asked if the printed agenda is the most current one. It is different than the one that is online. Is there a more complete agenda online? Witham said both agendas are the same. All of the resolutions are online, so you can read them online. Samuelson asked if there is a list that shows what the committee is going to talk about in the future. For example, we are going to talk about this ordinance on a certain day...Witham said it would be on the agenda. It would say if an ordinance is being introduced or if it is up for second reading and public hearing. It would have the title of the ordinance. Witham said she provided a packet of 4 or 5 ordinances for the committee to consider and it is just an opportunity for them to start to have some discussion. It was not the actual ordinance being introduced. Bowen said we always have two meetings for ordinances. The first one is simply introducing it and that is when you will see that it is being discussed. The committee has to wait until the next meeting to act on it and do public comment. Calabrese said the committee does the discussion items in bulk because they can never speak more than 2 members at a time, unless it is in front of the public, so it gives the committee a chance to discuss everything out in the open, whereas not just one on one, and they can make decisions as a group. Samuelson thanked the committee.

Barbara Diblin, 12 Terrace Avenue, New Egypt, NJ, said she appreciates the township committee and she appreciates that the minutes are being detailed and clarified. She thinks that is important.

Pat Ahearn, 8 Lawrence Drive, Cream Ridge, NJ, said that he wants to clarify...according to his notes, the February meeting when you were asking John Neyenhouse about the certification or background checks, you were not asking about Neyenhouse's organization, you were asking if Neyenhouse had verified the



other organizations that were participating. His question is...does each organization that is going to participate have to inquire about the status of every other organization that is going to be there. Is that going to be a requirement going forward? It seems difficult to do, at the very least. Zabarsky said they certainly could not answer that question now. Bowen said he does not know any organization that deals with children that does not have policies in place in our township. For example, when he is invited to a scout event, it is understood that he will comply with all their policies. He has talked to Neyenhouse about their policies, and they have specific policies for public events and it is understood that he will comply with those if he is invited to their event. Ahearn said that Neyenhouse does comply with all of that in his organization, but, his notes from February indicate that you want Neyenhouse to also vet another organization that was participating, and that seems to be the difficult piece. How could Neyenhouse, or anybody, verify or attend or not attend based on another group that shows up, whether invited or not. Is his memory of the February meeting incorrect? Cuzzo said there was particular mention of a particular person who had a particular harassment case that was filed with the town as a complaint. That was from a particular organization that they were working with. It was a very particular thing that we were talking about. You have a good question about how would that play out in general, but we were talking about a very particular situation with a very particular harassment case. Ahearn said alright, thanks.

Bowen asked if there was any other members from the public who would like to hear. There were none. Bowen closed public comment.

Bowen said the committee will go back into executive session. No official action will be taken when we return.

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Bowen said the committee is back from executive session and asked if there was any further business. There is none. Bowen asked for a motion to adjourn.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CALABRESE, THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Witham, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk

***\*Please be advised that these minutes are adopted pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-14. They are not intended to be a verbatim record of the meeting. There is a verbatim recording of the meeting a copy of which may be requested through the Plumsted Township Clerk's Office.***