

August 7, 2019
Municipal Building
121 Evergreen Road
New Egypt, NJ 08533

**The power went out in the building ten minutes prior to the meeting. There was limited lighting, sound system had no power so meeting was not recorded.*

The Workshop Session of the meeting of the Plumsted Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Trotta.

STATEMENT: "This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. It was advertised for publication in the Asbury Park Press and posted on the bulletin board."

THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT WERE:

COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK
COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI MAYOR TROTTA BA ELLEN REILLY-PRIVETT
ATTORNEY KELLY MUNICIPAL CLERK WITHAM CDC LEUTWYLER

Deputy Mayor Sorchik called in to the meeting as he was out of state. Mayor Trotta asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and a moment of silence. Barbara Diblin questioned the moment of silence as Reverend James Gutacker was here to give the invocation. Trotta said that a couple of months ago it was decided to have a moment of silence as there were issues with scheduling the invocation. Diblin asked if Gutacker could still come forward as he was prepared to do so. Committeeman Lotito said that he would like to have him do it. Trotta advised it was ok this time but from here on out, it will be a moment of silence unless Committeeman Marinari tells him it has been resolved. Gutacker gave the invocation.

Mayor Trotta reviewed the agenda. There are presentations, minutes to approve, three ordinances are up for introduction. One is regarding the financing for redevelopment, the second to introduce a soil importation ordinance which may have to be revised in the future pending DEP instruction, and the final one is for the police department positions. That is just to change the order of positions so lieutenant is moved to the proper place in the chain of command. Trotta also reviewed the resolutions on the agenda tonight.

Committeeman Grilletto wanted to thank Hammer Electric for the Fire in the Pines event and bringing it to the community. Mayor Trotta could not support the same as he stated it was a political event for Hammerstone.

Committeeman Grilletto brought up a new program he would like to introduce called Pride in Plumsted. In this program, he would like to give an opportunity for the community to give back to Plumsted. For example, the lighting at the flagpole at Volunteer Park hasn't been working. He said that Reed Electric is willing to volunteer their time to repair that. The American Legion is willing to rededicate that park after it is repaired. Other ideas would be the Main Street clock and possibly painting signs. Grilletto feels that the community would like to give back and get involved. We could recognize them for their efforts.

Trotta said that we have a Report an Issue feature on the website that perhaps could be used in conjunction with that. Perhaps it could be renamed or modified slightly to market in that way. There was discussion about needing a resolution to have Reed Electric do the work. Attorney Kelly said that it would still be necessary to obtain permits and be sure they are licensed, etc. Grilletto will meet with the business administrator and Leutwyler on Thursday at 9 am to discuss.

Trotta mentioned that we do recognize those that volunteer their time and services such as the replacement of the construction department countertop and the recent toner cartridges that were donated to the clerk's office.

Grilletto then proposed a second workshop meeting mid-month. He feels that there is so much for the committee to discuss and having only one meeting a month makes it difficult to

accomplish things. It would be better to keep informed about what is going on in the town, rather than have to wait an entire month.

Committeeman Lotito agrees and has been asking for a second public meeting. They need time to review ordinances and other things; this would allow them to do that.

Grilletto asked if there was an audit exit conference. Trotta said that he and June Madden attended that conference.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik was asked about the memorial bench application. He will get the revised application to Witham who will distribute to the committee by end of the week.

Trotta asked the committee to review the peddler's application information from Witham. They will do so and it will be discussed later.

Trotta asked the committee to revisit a fairgrounds ordinance. It would require the Land Use Board to first review a zoning overlay. Laurita is asking about this. Witham will forward the one that was drafted some time ago. The committee will review the draft and advise if they would like to move forward with it before sending it the LUB.

Walt Bronson, Township Engineer, came forward with his report. He reviewed current projects and scheduled projects. As far as the police station culvert, they are trying to schedule the project with Video Pipe Services to determine the extent of repair necessary. There will be two applications for 2020 NJ DOT municipal aid. Tower Road serves as an access road to 200 residential properties and although Lepky only services about a dozen homes, it is in dire need of reconstruction.

Committeeman Grilletto brought up P&A Construction's violation. He was advised there was a sewer committee meeting on Monday. T&M said it's been corrected and a company will be coming in to test to be sure it is correct. Grilletto also asked about the paving of Cedar Street. It is being worked on.

Attorney Kelly read Resolution No. 2019-225 for Executive Session. The following matters will be discussed: under personnel: personnel matters; under contractual – Professional Services – Township Attorney; Redevelopment Letter – Lennar; and under potential litigation – Block 58, Lot 13 – Code Enforcement.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-225, AUTHORIZING THE CONVENING OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Trotta called the regular session of the meeting to order at 8:10 PM. Trotta advised that the agenda would be changed to vote on Resolution 2019-234 first as connection with Deputy Mayor Sorchik has been difficult. With the power out, including the phones, he was calling in with a cellphone speaker and couldn't hear all comments. 19-234 has to do with acknowledging the audit.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, RESOLUTION 2019-234 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

MINUTES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION OF JUNE 5, 2019 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE REGULAR SESSION OF JUNE 19, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO ABSTAINING.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION OF JULY 3, 2019 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

CORRESPONDENCE: none

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Trotta mentioned that Luke Fennimore became an Eagle Scout. There will be a court of honor on August 10th where Deputy Mayor Sorchik will present a certificate. It was also mentioned that Plumsted Township has had several boys become Eagle Scouts. It is a difficult thing to do and there is a very low percentage of Boy Scouts that go on to become Eagle Scouts. We should be proud that we have such a high rate of Eagle Scouts.

Residents Sue Cook and Patrick Riordan were asked to come forward. Mayor Trotta presented them both with certificates for their generous donation to a women's shelter. They walked in to Payless Shoes in Hamilton. The signs said all shoes were \$3. They were looking for shoes for themselves and in talking to the manager, he said that they were hoping it was their last day. The shoes were actually \$2 a pair. Mr. Riordan asked what it would cost to buy everything in the store. After speaking with the district manager, they offered all shoes for a \$1 a pair. Riordan and Cook discussed it and decided they would buy all 247 pair of shoes and donate them to a women's shelter. The transaction took over two hours. Each pair was rung up, then had to be individually marked down to \$2 per pair. The couple's daughter came over to help get the boxes of shoes since they wouldn't all fit in their vehicle. The daughter suggested a shelter in Trenton called Womanspace. The committee thanked them for their generosity.

Lucia Sloan was then asked to come forward. Lucia came up with members of her family. She met with Mayor Trotta at a Meet the Mayor night at the Plumsted library. Lucia was asking about the Township animal. Since there wasn't a named Township animal, she proposed the horse be named. Mayor Trotta asked her to write something up and send it in. Lucia sent in a couple of pages with the reasons why the horse should be named as the Township animal.

A proclamation was read aloud by Mayor Trotta naming the horse as the official animal of Plumsted. Assemblyman Dancer had a citation sent over that was also presented by Trotta. Lucia was happy to accept.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PROCLAMATION FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP NAMING THE HORSE AS THE TOWNSHIP ANIMAL WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing - none

ORDINANCE: Introduction

Mayor Trotta stated that this ordinance is to change the financing to RAB Redevelopment Area Bonds.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-10 - ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED AUTHORIZING THE GUARANTY OF THE TOWNSHIP'S REVENUE BONDS (NEW EGYPT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT) AND, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE THEREOF, A CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM NOTE, EACH IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,000,000 WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

The second reading and public hearing will be at the next regularly scheduled meeting of September 4, 2019.

This ordinance has to do with regulations for soil importation. The DEP may be making revisions but we will introduce this to have something in place and revise in the future if necessary.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-11 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 15 – GENERAL REGULATIONS (SOIL IMPORTATION) WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

The second reading and public hearing will be at the next regularly scheduled meeting of September 4, 2019.

Mayor Trotta finally reviewed this ordinance which doesn't change any content, just the order of positions within to ordinance to move Lieutenant up under Chief.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-12 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 47, SECTION 3 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

The second reading and public hearing will be at the next regularly scheduled meeting of September 4, 2019.

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. 2019-226 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-227 - SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 3827 (Sponsored by Senator Shirley K. Turner, District 15 and Senator Bob Andrzejczak, District 1) AND ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 5450 (Sponsored by Assemblyman John J. Burzichelli, District 3, Assemblyman Gary S. Schaer, District 36, and Assemblyman Robert J. Karabinchak, District 18)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-228 - AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, 2019 STATE BODY ARMOR REPLACEMENT FUND GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-229 - AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-29(a)(3)* AND *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-67(g)* IN CONNECTION WITH REDEVELOPMENT AREA BONDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-230 - AUTHORIZING THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL TO WAIVE THE COLLECTION OF FEES ON TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED ON BLOCK 24, LOT 7 (2 MEADOWBROOK LANE – AMERICAN LEGION)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-231 - APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS) PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-232 - REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE LEPKY AVENUE ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-233 - REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TOWER ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-234 – ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE 2018 AUDIT

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-235 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE THE RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE OCEAN COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-236 - AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TO JOIN THE LAWSUIT CHALLENGING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S IMMIGRATION TRUST DIRECTIVE

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-237 - AMENDING RESOLUTION 2019-222 APPOINTING T&M ASSOCIATES AS PROJECT ENGINEER FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF

TRANSPORTATION FY2018 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO IVINS DRIVE

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-238 - AWARDING A CONTRACT TO P&A CONSTRUCTION, INC FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY2017 MUNICIPAL AID ROAD PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BRYNMORE ROAD AND CEDAR STREET

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-239 - AUTHORIZING THE PLUMSTED MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH JCP&L FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES AT A COST OF \$14,177.71 FOR A "REFUNDABLE CUSTOMER CONTRIBUTION"

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-240 - AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A PEDDLER'S APPLICATION FEE TO GREENIX PEST CONTROL

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-241 - AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY LLC TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION SERVICES TO THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED UNDER THE MANCHESTER ENERGY AGGREGATION PROCUREMENT COOPERATIVE ("MEAPC," COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM #276MEAPC)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-242 - AMENDING RESOLUTION 2019-143 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 TO AN AWARDED CONTRACT TO EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY FOR THE NJ DOT FY2018 MUNICIPAL AID ROAD PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS TO IVINS DRIVE

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS 2019-226 THROUGH 2019-242 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ADD ON RESOLUTIONS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-243 – TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND ACCEPTING THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR THE NJ DOT MUNICIPAL AID FY2018 GRANT - ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO IVINS DRIVE WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-244 – AMENDING RESOLUTION 2018-167 AUTHORIZING JASON WORTH, P.E. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER OF T&M ASSOCIATES AS PROJECT ENGINEER FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT FY2017 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BRYNMORE ROAD AND CEDAR STREET WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-245 – APPROVING A BONFIRE EVENT FOR POP WARNER AT THE NEW EGYPT RECREATION FIELDS ON AUGUST 24, 2019 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION TO CONSIDER:

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE FOLLOWING RAFFLES LICENSES WERE APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2019-24 for an On-Premise Merchandise Raffle 9/28/19 for Ladies Auxiliary New Egypt Fire Company; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2019-25 for an On-Premise 50/50 9/28/19 for Ladies Auxiliary New Egypt Fire Company

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE BILL LIST OF AUGUST 7, 2019 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO ABSTAINING AND MAYOR TROTTA VOTING NO ON P.O. 19-00261. Mayor Trotta notes that the township has not been happy with the service of NJ Animal Control.

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW: CONSTRUCTION REPORT June 2019; FINANCIAL REPORTS - Revenue Summary by Month- June 2019; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status - June 2019, Treasurer's Report - June 2019; TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT - June 2019; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES - June 3, 2019; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT STATISTICS - June, 2019.

Mayor Trotta asked for any old business from the committee. Marinari asked that Chief Meroney put a warning out there as it gets closer to the beginning of school to watch speed. Chief advised he will put the message board out and a Nixle alert to be mindful of school speed limits and stop for buses.

Trotta said that the condition of the road from sewer construction is temporary. The work is not finalized so it is temporary paving.

Trotta also wanted to talk about the recent power outage that left the municipal building without power for two days, many residents much longer. He verbally beat up JCPL on more than one occasions. He felt they were not responsive. Much of our town uses wells so without electric, toilets, showers, brushing teeth, etc were impossible. Trotta spoke with many higher ups at JCPL and told them it was not acceptable to be without electric for so long.

Trotta wanted to thank Maria Sessa and John Meehan of JCPL for their efforts. Also, the Ocean County Sheriff's department for water and ice distribution, along with the Chief and Dave Leutwyler for helping residents with water and ice. Ryan Wig was also thanked for loaning his own generator to keep the ice and water cold.

Trotta said that National Night Out was a good turnout. The mayor thanked Bob Bowen for helping out the boy that was injured this week on his skateboard. Chief said that the boy is in critical condition but is now stable and appears that he will recover well.

Trotta asked for public comment. Bill Fox of 2 Archertown Road came forward and said that he wanted to commend the committee for pushing the DEP so that they are moving with regards to the Russo farm. He also thanked Bob Bowen for opening his home publicly on Facebook to offer showers, water, to cool off or charge their phones during the power outage.

Gary Weidemann of 304 Candace Lane came forward to ask what the township's stance is on labeling Suzy Q as a farm. Trotta advised that is the job of the Tax Assessor. It is her decision; she is separate from the township. A decision hasn't been made just yet; the farmland assessment paperwork deadline just passed.

Barbara Diblin came up regarding prayer. She asked for forgiveness and said that she was away last week. She said that we can continue with the same scenario that was written out. Trotta said that he will discuss this with Committeeman Marinari. It was his understanding that if there were issues with the invocation, there would be a moment of silence.

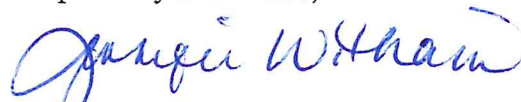
Mayor Trotta asked if there was any further business. There was none.

The committee went in to another executive session. Trotta said that there was no intention to conduct any business once out of executive.

The committee returned from executive at 9:25; there was no public in attendance and no further business.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Witham, RMC
Municipal Clerk