

January 4, 2021  
121 Evergreen Rd  
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Reorganization Meeting of the Township of Plumsted was called to order by Municipal Clerk Jennifer Witham at 7:00 PM.

**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.

Clerk Witham read the following statement regarding remote meetings:

Please be advised that this meeting is being held 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 regular session of 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 remote 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.

Witham asked everyone to rise for the flag salute followed by a moment of silence.

The first order of business was to have the clerk administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Township Committee member, Leonard Grilletto for a three (3) year term. Clerk Witham administered the Oath of Office to Leonard Grilletto.

**THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

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

Witham asked for nominations for the office of Mayor of the Township of Plumsted.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, HERB MARINARI WAS NOMINATED FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR, THERE WERE NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR, THE NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED AND HERB MARINARI WAS APPOINTED MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2021. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Clerk Witham administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Marinari.

Clerk Witham asked for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor of the Township of Plumsted.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, ERIC SORCHIK WAS NOMINATED FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR, THERE WERE NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR, THE NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED AND ERIC SORCHIK WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2021. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Clerk Witham administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Sorchik. Municipal Clerk Witham turned the meeting over to Mayor Marinari.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING VARIOUS MUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2021 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Resolution No. 2021-105 was pulled from the consent agenda to vote on separately as it is for an increase in salary for a part-time employee. It was necessary to vote on this resolution prior to the Salary Resolution 2021-30.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-105 – AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN PAY FOR MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE JARED CLARK WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA ABSTAINING.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-30 – DESIGNATING SALARIES FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2021 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA ABSTAINING.

During the roll call vote, Committeeman Trotta said he would like to comment on Resolution 2021-68 regarding the temporary budget. He said he will be voting no on the resolution as he feels the CFO has not provided proper education to the committee. Even though it is only a temporary budget, he does not feel this was the right job and he will be voting no.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-68 - ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2021 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA VOTING NO.

**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.**

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WILL BE VOTED ON IN ONE VOTE, ON PAGES 2 THROUGH 6, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 2021-104.**

Committeeman Trotta asked to have Resolutions 2021-20, 2021-21 and 2021-84 voted upon separately. Committeeman Bowen asked to also vote separately on 2021-54.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02 – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF CITTA, HOLZAPFEL & ZABARSKY AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC. AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C. AS TOWNSHIP AUDITOR**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF CITTA, HOLZAPFEL, & ZABARSKY TO REPRESENT THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED IN LABOR RELATIONS MATTERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO GLUCKWALRATH, LLP AS ALTERNATE REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO GLUCKWALRATH, LLP AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO RICHARD KELLY, ESQ. AS TOWNSHIP PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09 – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO BRIAN K. LOGAN OF THE FIRM OF SUPLEE, CLOONEY & COMPANY AS FEE ACCOUNTANT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10 – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS AS PROFESSIONAL PLANNER ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11 – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ERIC M. BERNSTEIN, ESQUIRE, AS HEARING OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12 – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF MC MANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC AS REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13** – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS AS SPECIAL PROJECT ENGINEER ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14** – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF GERTNER & GERTNER AS PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15** – APPOINTING MUNICIPAL HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED FOR THE YEAR 2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16** - AUTHORIZING THE LIST OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP CHECKS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-17** - APPOINTING ERIC A. SORCHIK AS FUND COMMISSIONER AND JACK TROTTA AS ALTERNATE FOR THE OCEAN COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR, 2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-18** - REQUIRING THE MAYOR AND/OR DEPUTY MAYOR TO APPROVE ALL PURCHASE ORDERS OR, IN THEIR ABSENCE, A TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE PERSON SHALL BE EMPOWERED TO APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-19** - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO KEITH A. BONCHI, ESQ. OF GMS LAW ATTORNEYS AS IN REM FORECLOSURE ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-22** - DESIGNATING THE PUBLIC PLACE AND NEWSPAPERS FOR ADVANCE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23** - AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED TO FILE CERTAIN APPEALS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP AND ALSO DESIGNATING THE TAX ASSESSOR AS AGENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-24** – AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS OR DELINQUENT AMOUNTS LESS THAN \$10.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-25** - FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-26** - ACKNOWLEDGING AN INCREASE IN EXPENSES FOR TAX TITLE LIEN HOLDERS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-27** - AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED TO DEPOSIT PUBLIC MONIES IN ANY BANK, SAVINGS AND LOAN OR TRUST COMPANY HAVING ITS PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND WHICH IS ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-28** – AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROVISIONALLY APPOINT STREET CROSSING GUARDS AND/OR C.E.R.T. PERSONNEL

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-29** – APPOINTING RALPH ROSAMILIA AS THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-31** - APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-32** – APPOINTING SANDRA BRODBECK AS THE PART-TIME MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-33** – AUTHORIZING THE CALCULATION OF THE RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTABLE TAXES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.:40-41(c)(2)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-34** – REAPPOINTING KELLY CREIGHTON AS TAX SEARCH OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-35** – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE



**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-36** – REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE T-N-R (TRAP, NEUTER, RETURN) WELFARE COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-37** – AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PROCEED WITH AN ACCELERATED TAX SALE FOR DELINQUENT 2021 TAXES

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-38** – AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SHARON GOWER AS A QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:113a AND NJAC 5:34-5 FOR THE YEAR 2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-39** – REAPPOINTING NADENE CICERO AS DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK FOR THE YEAR 2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-40** – ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-41** – APPOINTING JENNIFER WITHAM AS ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-42** – ISSUING A 2021 MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE TO COLLIERS MILLS MOBILE HOME PARK

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-43** – ISSUING A 2021 MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE TO SUN COMMUNITIES INC./SUN JENSEN LLC MOBILE HOME PARK

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-44** – ISSUING A 2021 MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE TO NEW EGYPT TRAILER PARK

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-45** – ISSUING A CONDITIONAL MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE OAK GROVE TRAILER PARK FOR 2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-46** – ISSUING 2021 INDIVIDUAL MOBILE HOME LICENSES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-47** – ISSUING A 2021 TEMPORARY TRAILER PERMIT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION PURPOSES TO ROHM AND HAAS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-48** – ISSUING 2021 TEMPORARY TRAILER PERMITS FOR FARM OFFICE USE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-49** – AUTHORIZING ELIGIBLE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES TO SHARE THE COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-50** – APPOINTING JENNY ZEA-ACUNA AS A VIOLATIONS CLERK FOR THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-51** – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE OCEAN COUNTY TOURISM ADVISORY COUNCIL GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-52** – AUTHORIZING THE OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION TO STRIKE THE GENERAL TAX RATE ROUNDED UP TO THE NEAREST ONE-HALF PENNY PURSUANT TO RS 54:4-52 AS AMENDED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-53** – APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STATE PINELANDS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-55** – APPROVING THE 2021 ROTATING LIST OF TOWERS AND STORAGE AS SUBMITTED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-56** – AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICE OF RECYCLING

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-57** – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-58** – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT THE OCEAN COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION FY2021 LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-59** – AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SHARON GOWER AS ASSISTANT TREASURER

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-60** - AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN A PETTY CASH FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-61** - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE OCEAN COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION PERMISSION FORM

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-62** – REAPPOINTING ANN FUNCK AS THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ALLIANCE COORDINATOR FOR THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP DRUG & ALCOHOL ALLIANCE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-63** – APPOINTING GLENN RICCARDI AS A FULL-TIME CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL AND BUILDING SUBCODE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-64** – REAPPOINTING TRUSTEES FOR THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP SENIOR MEETING ROOM

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-65** – APPOINTING JENNIFER WITHAM AS THE HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-66** – APPOINTING A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-67** – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-69** - APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-70** – DESIGNATING CUSTODIANS OF CHANGE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-71** – AUTHORIZING EQUAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #1

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-72** –REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE 911 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-73** – REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (C.E.R.T.)

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-75** – AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE OCEAN COUNTY OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL FOR THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE III AREA PLAN GRANT FUNDING FOR 2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-76** – AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE OCEAN COUNTY OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES COMPETITIVE CONTRACT PROPOSAL FOR THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE III AREA PLAN GRANT FUNDING FOR 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-77** - REAPPOINTING ERIC A. SORCHIK AS A VOLUNTEER DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR THE YEAR 2021 WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-78** –REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-79** – APPOINTING MARK BUTERA AS ALTERNATE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR IN THE ABSENCE OF RALPH ROSAMILIA

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-80** - REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT SECURITY COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-81** - REAPPOINTING ROGER FORT AS A RENTAL INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED



**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-82** – REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICES PROGRAM (SOS)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-83** – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:11-3

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-85** – REAPPOINTING ROGER FORT AS PART-TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-86** – REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLAN ENDORSEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION GUIDELINE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-87** – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR 2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-88** – AUTHORIZING DAVID J. LEUTWYLER, GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKING SUPERVISOR TO PROVISIONALLY APPOINT A PART-TIME GENERAL MAINTENANCE LABORER

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-89** – APPOINTING JACK TROTTA AS THE MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ROBERT BOWEN AS ALTERNATE FOR THE 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-90** – AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF TAX RECEIVERSHIP PROCEEDINGS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-91** – REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-92** – AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT JUDGE TO DESIGNATE AN ACTING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR SPECIAL DWI COURT SESSIONS IN PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-93** – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO BONNIE PETERSON, ESQUIRE AS ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-94** – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO DEBRA RUMPF, ESQUIRE OF THE FIRM OF RUMPF LAW AS ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-95** – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO GOLDMAN BEALE ASSOCIATES AS FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-96** – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF ROTHSTEIN, MANDELL, STROHN, HALM & CIPRIANI AS TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-97** – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-98** – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE 2021 ROCKIN' FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-99** – RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH CONVEXSERV TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR MANAGED BACK-UP

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-100** – GRANTING PERMISSION TO PAY CERTAIN BILLS PRIOR TO TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-101** – REAPPOINTING BENJAMIN SILKOWITZ AS ALTERNATE PLUMBING INSPECTOR IN THE ABSENCE OF KEVIN SCHMALZ

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-102** – REAPPOINTING CHRISTOPHER ROSE AS PLUMBING INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-103 – RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY 2020 DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND APPLICATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-104 – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MEMORIAL BENCH COMMITTEE**

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTIONS 2021-02 THROUGH 2021-104 ON PAGES 2 THROUGH 6 (EXCLUDING 2021-20, 2021-21, 2021-54 AND 2021-84) HAVE BEEN APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA VOTING NO ON RESOLUTIONS 2021-08 AND 2021-13.

Committeeman Trotta spoke about Resolution 2021-20. He said he does not understand the need for a shared services agreement for sharing the CFO with Allentown. He does not see a benefit in having the shared service and believes the agreement is a disservice to the township. When the township went into this agreement, the CFO was solely employed here. He said he knows that at the time the township had many fiscal problems. Employees were furloughed and so forth. This was a way for her to make extra money. He understands that. But Plumsted was supposed to be the lead agency. The township was supposed to have priority in the work being done. He said that through the years it has not. He hears that Allentown needs the CFO for this or that. What about Plumsted? It is the lead town. So he will not vote for it this year. Mayor Marinari said he appreciated the comment.

Committeeman Bowen asked if he was recommending a full-time CFO. Trotta said no, he just does not see the need for a shared services agreement. There is no need for it for the job. Bowen asked how that would be different day to day. Trotta said not much would change; there is no need for a shared service. Bowen asked if there was a correction. Trotta said no. Grilletto said we were basically talking structure. The CFO could just be employed in Allentown and in Plumsted. Trotta said that for other shared services, like when we shared the court, one township paid the court administrator. In this case, the CFO is paid separately by both towns. It does not help in pensions or in any other way. Grilletto said there is merit to what he is saying. Bowen asked if there was any effect of not passing this resolution. Trotta said he did not believe so but the attorney may have another opinion. Zabarsky said he did not know this was coming up tonight so he is not sure he would know. He understands shared services but is not sure about pensions.

Bowen said that the CFO is here two days per week and in Allentown three days per week and receives two different paychecks. Witham said that perhaps just an appointing resolution should be done. Trotta stated that he is voting no only because there is no benefit to the shared service. In over 10 ½ years, he does not know what the benefit is.

Sorchik stated that there was not a huge, measurable benefit but there is also no harm. Except for the fact that one of the initiatives the state has is to build shared services agreements between jurisdictions to reduce personnel costs and administrative expenses. Our township does get a benefit in that we get points for best practices. This sets an example for others, even if the township does not really need the points. As long as there is no harm.

Sorchik said he appreciates Trotta's concern and said that perhaps this can be discussed in personnel. Sorchik said he appreciates the concept of shared services. Trotta does as well. In its purest form, it is an attempt to save taxpayers money in the long run. It may not be working in this situation but the township should strive to build more of those types of relationships. The CFO has experience with other towns so she could offer knowledge about what another town is doing.

Trotta said that just as two gentlemen voted against the shared service with New Hanover for construction services because they did not see a benefit for the town, he will vote no on this resolution.

Grilletto said he appreciates his stance. When he read the agreement himself, he felt the same way. He said that he has called the CFO in Allentown and she does respond. But he understands what he is saying. Trotta said he is not suggesting anyone else change their vote. Marinari said that we should look at this in personnel. Bowen asked if we should set it aside but Marinari wanted to vote on it.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-20 – TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF ALLENTOWN FOR THE SERVICES OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA VOTING NO.



Committeeman Trotta spoke about the resolution for meeting dates for 2021. He said he is fine with all of them except the one we are here for today, reorganization. He does not believe that for someone who has to work like he does, (he is happy to work locally and from home) but thinking ahead, this limits people who, as he used to, work 2 1/2 hours away. It is hard to get here. When we came on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, most people are off and there is less of a time limit. He gets that we ask people to work on the holiday, but less people are limited by work. We are limiting people that may be on the committee. He said he will vote no on the resolution.

Marinari said he appreciates that. He said his point on moving the reorganization meeting date was that, especially this year, and sadly probably next year, it is a family day and a time to be with family. He understands Trotta's point completely. He thinks there are not that many days in the year; there are a lot of religious days, but he considers this day a day, maybe the only day, that people spend with families. It is his opinion.

Committeeman Trotta said he understands that, but it was a hardship for him when he first joined the committee because the reorganization was held earlier in the day and, after having several days off for a holiday, he had to leave work early to get here, which is not good. Marinari said he appreciates the comment.

Grilletto said he has no issue with the dates. He understands what Trotta is saying but that the 1<sup>st</sup> may be a problem. There is more room for the public to come in the evening, rather than New Year's Day, as people may be traveling.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-21 – PROVIDING DATES OF TOWNSHIP MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR, 2021 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA VOTING NO

Committeeman Bowen said he realizes that the only way the township committee can support and directly influence the MUA is through appointments. They are an independent agency. They have their own contractors and their own professionals. He thinks it would be fair to say that this has been a challenging year for them. So he is wondering, since the only influence the committee has on the MUA is by making appointments, if different people need to be appointed in order to provide different perspectives. He thinks there would be a benefit to having someone who is a purchaser of professional services, rather than companies that provide the services. The last person he can think of in that position is Assemblyman Dancer and he thinks that his voice is missing from that authority. He said he does not know if we appoint the same people with the same professionals, how we expect a better outcome this year than we had last year.

Bowen said he thinks it has been a very challenging year and that perhaps the authority needs to be enlarged. It is an awful lot of work for a relatively small authority. He does not know what the solution is, but he is hesitant to keep it in the status quo. He is hesitant to just keep reappointing the same people and expect a significantly different outcome from what we have had in the last year or two. The sewer system is an enormous project. He thinks the outcome has been disappointing. A lot of work still needs to be done. The MUA has to get their processing plant constructed and the whole thing up and running. Again, he does not know whether the answer is a bigger board to help distribute the work load or a different approach or different board members, but he is hesitant to appoint the same people and expect a different outcome this year. It has been the number one issue that people have brought to his attention. He appreciates the fact that we are the elected officials and so we are ultimately responsible to them. That is their position and he appreciates that. Except for encouraging, cajoling and pleading, there is not a lot we can do to directly influence the project. It has been disappointing and it seems like there is something that we need to do differently. He said he is hoping for a better year.

Marinari asked if he was talking about road construction or about other issues. Bowen said that road construction certainly has been the primary one, but even things like the cleanouts under sidewalks. Bowen said he is not sure if we have been as firm with contractors as we should have been. Personally, from his perspective, which is not hands on and day to day, he has been disappointed with the performance by both the engineering professionals and the construction company. Bowen does not think we have gotten the same quality as other projects and he does not sense that they are as upset about it (the professionals) and have the same quality concerns we do. People say that they do not understand how the authority approved the quality of the road work. He drives the roads and agrees that they are not done to a reasonable quality. It has been two years of field work and years of contract work prior to that. It is an enormous project and he gives them credit and, again, he does not know if a larger board to weed through things is the answer, but he is hesitant to keep reappointing the same people. The authority does not seem to be reaching the goals we seem to have as a community. It seems that at some point, if you do not change something, there is no reason to expect something different.



Marinari said that the governing body has seen his recent emails about one street, and he has had it. He does not know how we can continue like that. He is grateful that there are only a few more streets to be done. But to approve that project location, he does not know how anyone could have approved it.

Bowen asked how they could say that they finished the work. It is temporary paving, but he will not drive on it. He said he has referred people to the clerk's office who claim their car has been damaged. He tells them it is a process and they have to fill out a form. Bowen has no idea if they have done it or if the damage was justified, but he goes by the reasonable person standard which is, he just knows what an average person knows and if he drives on it and is concerned about damaging his car because of the condition of it, and it has been signed off on, he believes you should be able to operate your car in a safe manner at or close to the normal speed limit for it to be safe. When some of the roads have been done, he has to drive 10 mph slower and avoid manhole covers. He sees that and is concerned that it is not the standard it should be and yet that is what is being approved by a construction company and engineering professionals. It does not seem appropriate.

Bowen said that, referring to this one resolution, he is not in any way blaming these two individuals. One just joined a month ago. He would consider a separate resolution for the new person but it gives him pause to renew a person for another five years. He is not sure why he would expect a significantly better result.

Marinari said that discussion alone will hopefully help with that. He thinks that the MUA members are in the same situation as we are with the frustration. Again, he does not want to go back and say it is COVID, as some did have issues with it. But COVID is becoming a crutch. Marinari believes authority members are cognizant of what is taking place and would appreciate Bowen's comments as well.

Trotta spoke. He said he was in the mayor's chair when this whole project started. He is going to say that the members of the MUA are very frustrated and that they are not at fault for any of this. He urged the MUA to find a new engineering firm a few years ago, but he understands why they did not. He believes it is the engineers. Their inspector is not doing the job properly. When this whole project started with the roads, Trotta said he asked the Executive Director to get word out and get things done, and nothing happened. Trotta does not blame the MUA members. He blames the engineer and the Executive Director of the MUA. Changing the members will not change either one of them. No one submits to these professionals and the Director is to retire soon as well. Trotta said members of the authority have no control over what is happening.

Grilletto said that maybe they could have taken a stronger stance in making payments to them. Money talks. He sometimes sees indifference when he attends meetings. If there was someone more consumer-oriented on the authority, that would be helpful. At a few meetings he went to, the work was approved even though they had not performed the function they were supposed to, but said that it would be done later on. Grilletto understands what Bowen is saying. We have been having a lot of repetition about the fault of the engineer. Complaints about the same things. Grilletto said he would drive on the roads with his truck but not with his car.

Trotta said that this particular person being reappointed, other than the MUA Chairman, is one of the harshest critics of the construction company, so to not reappoint him would be a shame. Marinari agrees. The overall control is out of their hands.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTТА, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-54 – REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN VOTING NO.

Committeeman Trotta spoke about the LUB appointing resolution. Similar to Bowen's objection to the prior resolution, he objects to one person being reappointed in the resolution. If they were voted on separately, he would only vote no on the one resolution but since they are all on the same, he will vote no to all. He said he wanted to explain it before the vote. Marinari said he understands.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, RESOLUTION NO. 2021-84 – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LAND USE BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN TROTТА VOTING NO.

Marinari asked for any comments regarding the bill list. There were none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTТА, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE JANUARY 4, 2021 BILL LIST WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Marinari explained that the township would now take a recess from the regular meeting to conduct the Board of Health reorganization meeting.

The meeting returned to regular session.

Mayor Marinari asked for any new business from the Committee. Deputy Mayor Sorchik said he wanted to correct something he said at the December 28, 2020 meeting about the resolutions regarding carrying over police floating holidays to the following year. He had said it was due to COVID. However, we customarily do allow floating holidays to be carried. Sorchik apologized. He had a conversation prior to the meeting regarding other issues with excess time and he confused the two. Clerk Witham stated that the police are entitled to carry over three holidays into the first three months of the following year.

Grilletto said he wanted to mention two people who helped a resident when a tree fell on their house. People donated their services to help a resident. That shows the type of people who are willing to help out others in the community.

Also, Marinari brought up a couple of legislative bills. He would like the committee to consider a resolution supporting the bills regarding public utilities supporting our community since we run on wells and need power to do so. Also, there is a resolution regarding tax exemption for disabled veterans and their student loans. He would like to consider supporting that resolution as well. Marinari would like to look at that at a later date.

There were no other comments from the committee.

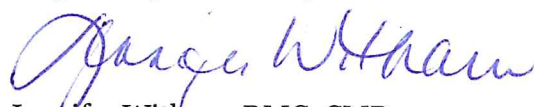
Marinari said he would like to thank the individuals in this room for having faith in him as mayor for 2021. As he said recently, there is no way he could have gotten through 2020 without the support and understanding of the people in this room and in this building and those servicing our community, such as police, fire, EMTs, etc. He wants to thank the community for allowing him to be the mayor. He will do his best to bring this community together and would ask that, whether you believe in it or not, people continue to follow CDC guidelines and public health regulations. He is pleased to see some restrictions have been lifted and would hope that in the future, others are lifted. And if you would like to, get vaccinated, and if not, he understands, but we need to keep our community safe. We have had losses in the community, illnesses in the community, but overall he believes that our community has held strong during 2020. It only could be because of the residents and people in this room, so thank you.

Marinari asked for any public comments. Clerk Witham said she did not receive any comments in writing prior to the meeting. There were no public comments remotely. The public comment portion was closed.

As there was no further business for the meeting, Marinari asked for a motion to adjourn.

THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2021, WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted,



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Municipal Clerk