

January 22, 2020
Municipal Building
121 Evergreen Road
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Special Meeting of the Township of Plumsted was called to order by Mayor Marinari at 7:00 pm.

STATEMENT: "This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. It was advertised in the Asbury Park Press posted on the Bulletin Board."

THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT:

COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN	COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO	COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA
DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK	MAYOR MARINARI	BA PRIVETT
CDC LEUTWYLER	CLERK WITHAM	ATTORNEY ZABARSKY
ATTORNEY STIEBER		

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

Marinari reviewed the agenda. Deputy Mayor Sorchik advised that he has been in communication with the new OEM, he has plans to meet with for purposes of discussing relocating the Emergency Management Center and starting that process including contacting the county regarding the radio set up. There were concerns with the code blue emergency that the county enacted. It was primarily for offering a shelter for those that don't have heat such as the homeless. The current shelter is 31 Main which has no heat. Hagen made arrangements with the fire department but we need a facility to be able to offer that.

Grilletto talked about an IBank meeting he went to about loans that could be available at the beginning of each year. The loans could be used for trails and roads, etc.

Committeeman Bowen spoke about the HGTV Hometown Takeover, a new program that is for towns with a population of less than 40,000 people, towns with great architecture longing to be revealed and a Main Street that needs a facelift. They are in the process of taking applications. Bowen thought it could be done as individuals or perhaps Adam could do it. The application is due February 7th. It would be in Adam's expertise with taking videos, etc. It's a one page application online. Adam's first day is January 27th. Bowen didn't know if we might be able to use some of the footage from the school's anniversary video. They only allow 500 mb of video which is just a few minutes. Bowen wanted to know if there was interest from the committee. The committee agreed. Will talk to Adam on Monday and proceed.

Marinari spoke about the meeting with the businesses last night. It was relatively well attended. T&M and Peter were there in the beginning to discuss the road closures through the summer. It was then open for questions from the various businesses. The overall discussion that took place were issues with soil being left in the middle of the road which was handled this morning. The other half of the meeting was getting input from the businesses on how we can improve business throughout the town. There was one business owner who was looking to see if the PBMA could not be dissolved and continued. The overall discussion from current members in the office was that the association is going to be dissolved with finances. If there was a desire to have a new chamber of commerce in the future, they would be in full support of that taking place. The meeting went well.

The meeting moved to the first public hearing of the Community Development Block Grant.

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Mayor Marinari announced the first public hearing of the 2020 Community Development Block Grant. This funding comes from the county every other year for the Township. At this point, we are open for any areas suggested for improvement. Committeeman Trotta said that anything in the public good in the downtown area would be included. There is a map of the area that would be included and it's basically the downtown area including the recreation fields. Trotta had two suggestions. One is the parking lot at Main Street (near Scott's Market) which had some paving done previously so that would be continuation and the second would be at Pine Street where the recreation softball parking lot is.

Committeeman Grilletto said that the parking lot in town would be good as people in the community use it. Grilletto asked if lights would be covered that are out at the recreation field. Marinari said that he believed that would be up to recreation for the lights. Committeeman Bowen said that he is going to attend a CDBG workshop next week in Jackson so he didn't have any other suggestions at this time.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik agreed with the recreation softball parking lot at Pine Street and the parking lot on Main Street. Trotta said that in the past, Peter Ylvisaker and Dave Leutwyler may have gotten quotes in the past. Adam Tormollan is Peter Ylvisaker's replacement as Downtown Economic Development Director and will be starting next week. Trotta said that quotes had to be done soon. Marinari asked the Business Administrator to see about those quotes being done.

Marinari opened the hearing to the public. There was no public comment on the CDBG. Marinari asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

There second public hearing will be February 5, 2020.

Attorney Zabarsky read the resolution for the executive session.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, RESOLUTION NO. 2020-106 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CONVENING OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The committee returned from the Executive Session.

ORDINANCE – Introduction

Mayor Marinari advised that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A UTILITY EASEMENT ON THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED ON THE TAX MAPS OF PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP AS BLOCK 40, LOT 1 BY EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN is being pulled from the agenda tonight and will not be introduced.

RESOLUTION:

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, RESOLUTION NO. 2020-107 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A RED LIGHT PERMIT WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ADD ON RESOLUTION:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2020-108 – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF UNUSED FLOATING HOLIDAYS FOR MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Clerk Witham advised that all of the paperwork was in order for the four raffles applications that were received. ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE FOLLOWING RAFFLES LICENSES WERE APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2020-01 – Luck of the Irish Tricky Tray on 3/21/20, snow date 3/22/20, for McKaig-Test-Mullen American Legion Auxiliary Unit 455; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2020-02 – On Premise 50/50 on 3/21/20, snow date 3/22/20, for McKaig-Test-Mullen American Legion Auxiliary Unit 455; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2020-03 – On Premise Gift Auction 3/13/20 Oceans of Love; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2020-04 – On Premise 50/50 3/13/20 Oceans of Love. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The Mayor asked for any old business. There was discussion about the clock in the parking lot on Main Street. Leutwyler said that he received a maintenance agreement for the clock. It has to be fixed prior to considering a maintenance agreement. He has a requisition not to exceed \$2000. \$450 for the first hour of repair and then \$250 or \$100 for additional hours. If we do decide to fix the clock, perhaps we can make a decision at the February 5th meeting as to whether or not we want to proceed with the maintenance agreement.

Marinari asked if anyone locally could repair the clock. Leutwyler hasn't found anyone. Leutwyler said that he didn't see the bill but heard it was a \$90,000 clock that was part of a grant that paid for it. The grant money was going to be returned to the state if not used so the clock was purchased. Leutwyler will continue to look and see if there is anyone else that might be able to repair it. Trotta recommended checking with other towns. Zabarsky said that Seaside Park has one, just put in a couple of years ago. He suggested calling Sandy Rice, the administrator there for the information. Marinari said that the repairs are costly, if we could find someone locally, we may save. The clock has to be fixed.

Trotta said that he saw an email alert go out yesterday for a part-time clerical position in the finance office. He knows that this was mentioned at the budget workshops but he is asking who decided to put the ad out and when. The BA said that June asked her to do it. Marinari didn't know until the email as well. Trotta believes she is going beyond her authority at this point. First off, the mayor didn't know, he is on the personnel committee and didn't know we were moving forward with this ad. Trotta said the budget hasn't been introduced yet. We talked about what we think our revenues will be and what the departments are looking for with expenses but we haven't reconciled that yet. We will be introducing the budget shortly and he hasn't heard anything more from finance. He thinks this is putting the cart before the horse. Filling a vacancy is one thing but to fill a new position is another. The CFO always says we have to wait until the budget is introduced. If we have to cut dollars somewhere, we can't have a brand new employee. Trotta doesn't believe we should act on this until we have adopted our budget which is not for a few months yet. The BA takes responsibility although Trotta said it is not her fault. The CFO wants the position filled so that's why it was done. The committee should have been involved. He recommends the mayor speak with her about it.

Mayor Marinari asked for any new business; there was none. Marinari opened up the floor for public comment; there was none. He asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Witham, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk