

March 6, 2019
Municipal Building
121 Evergreen Road
New Egypt, NJ 08533

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 JONES COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI
DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK MAYOR TROTTA DAVID LEUTWYLER, CDC
ATTORNEY KELLY MUNICIPAL CLERK WITHAM
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REILLY-PRIVETT

Mayor Trotta asked everyone to rise for the flag salute and then a moment of silence.

Trotta reviewed the agenda. There are some minutes to go over, there is a presentation on the redevelopment plan, an amendment to it. There are ordinances for second reading and adoption regarding the CAP ordinance, the officers and employees chapter and Pinelands amendments. A letter was received from the LUB suggesting we adopt the Pinelands ordinances. The budget will be introduced tonight as well which needs a minimum of four votes. There is a transfer resolution and a temporary budget resolution also needing four votes. There is an equal opportunity resolution that has to be done each year. There is an ordinance regarding the towing and storage fees that the Chief of Police asked for to be in accordance with State fees. There is also an ordinance against recreational marijuana. Then there are the usual resolutions. Resolution 2019-140 was amended as there was a typo on dollar figures.

Trotta then said that we received our annual status report from the tax collector's office and we have the budget itself for introduction and an annual debt statement. There is a draft resolution to add on regarding PSE&G and a free energy audit of our buildings. That will be resolution 2019-146.

Our first item for discussion is a bench donation. Deputy Mayor Sorchik reviewed a letter from our attorney from March of 2017 regarding memorial parks, etc. The situation has come up where someone would like to donate a bench in memory of their loved one. Sorchik said that we were asked to codify how to establish memorials within our township. Some folks would like to sponsor a tree or bench or even bricks. At this point, we need to have some regulations as once a memorial is put up, it may be vandalized or need to be taken care of and a rule as to where the memorials could be put up within the town. So in an effort to honor individuals, we need to have some standards. Once we have standards in place, a committee could review applications for memorials. We would want memorials to be identical and of the same park quality to ensure consistency.

Sorchik wanted to start the discussion again. The committee previously consisted of Committeeman Jones, Dave Leutwyler and Deputy Mayor Sorchik. Sorchik asked Attorney Kelly if a resolution would be in order or an ordinance. Kelly said that a resolution could be done with what the rules and regulations would be. Kelly will look at it more closely to see if an ordinance would be warranted but a resolution would certainly be acceptable. Sorchik said most of the requests have been for benches. Perhaps we could find a vendor and have a couple of choices for a bench that the applicant could choose.

Sorchik also wanted to talk to the CFO to see if perhaps money could be put in a trust fund so that not only would it be used to purchase the item but also maintain it, rather than having to go into taxpayer dollars for that maintenance. Sorchik doesn't know the legality of that. Trusts may take some time to set up but might be important to have funds to keep up the maintenance. There would have to be further restrictions as well if people may want to lay wreaths on anniversaries; something to be added to the rules and regulations with the resolution. Sorchik would like to come back at the next meeting with some draft material about this topic. Committeeman Lotito felt it was a great idea to let people do that and have some regulations for the same. Sorchik said there have been memorials put up before and it has been difficult to

maintain them. There has been damage done by vandalism and Committeeman Marinari has donated many times landscaping around these memorials at his own personal expense. So if there was a trust set up, money in fund could be used for things like that. Committeeman Marinari said that tree donations are nice if you have a larger town but in our town would be limited. Benches are a better idea. Committeeman Jones thought it was a great idea last year. Mayor Trotta added that the bricks might be a better idea as it would be less maintenance. We might be able to use them on a path in our town. It would be necessary to designate areas in our town to put either bricks or benches. Bricks are another idea to sell to help offset cost of maintaining the playgrounds.

Trotta reminded there is required Elected Officials training that all of the committeeman must do in order to get a credit for participation. It should be done prior to the end of April.

Committeeman Marinari said that the mercantile license ordinance should be put aside for now. Committeeman Lotito stated he was in the middle of a client's crisis so if he has to step away, please forgive him.

Attorney Kelly read Resolution No. 2019-126 for Executive Session. The following matters will be discussed under contractual, public grounds and maintenance and potential litigation, Hopkins Road and Block 19, Lot 13.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-126, 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.

MINUTES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR SESSION OF SPECIAL MEETING BUDGET WORKSHOP NOVEMBER 7, 2018 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION OF NOVEMBER 7, 2018 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR SESSION OF SPECIAL MEETING BUDGET WORKSHOP NOVEMBER 28, 2018 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO AND DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK ABSTAINING.

PRESENTATIONS:

Dave Roberts, Professional Planner, came forward to present the Proposed Amendment #4 to Redevelopment Plan. Roberts said the plan was originally adopted 15 years ago and there have been a series of changes over that time. The most recent has to do with Block 40, Lot 1 which is adjacent to Block 40, Lot 10 which is the largest parcel in the center of the redevelopment area. It was originally intended for a house of worship years ago but now it became available, about 15 acres. The property lies along the Crosswicks Creek so there are floodplain issues which pushes the development area to the road. This new amendment #4 is to allow an 80-unit development to go forward. This will increase the viability of the wastewater and water infrastructure that we've been waiting for 15 years to serve the town center. This is a key piece of property adjacent to the additional redevelopment area.

Roberts continued. What came out of this is really two amendments. There is a section of the future growth area that was on the fringes of the Downtown NE area where a number of uses were permitted, including townhouses, multi-family, etc. This covers both the rehabilitation area and the redevelopment area. One thing that was not anticipated was a prototype called a stacked townhouse. We had regular townhouses, quadraplexes but we didn't anticipate a stacked townhouse. It's a new prototype that has been successful in the marketplace. So we wrote stacked townhouses in the plan and we provided for the development standards; they require very little change. The redevelopment plan already anticipated much of what was going to happen.

As a result, the redeveloper that has come up with a slightly different plan now they know the wetlands buffer boundary they have to deal with. The stacked townhouse idea allows 80 individual townhouse units. There would be 56 buildings of which 24 would be stacked so two units per building. They would front on Evergreen, lined up with older homes as you come out of downtown. And then there will be fee simple townhouses, 32 of those that would be in the back. They would all be fed from interior roads from the rear so as you drive down Evergreen, you wouldn't see driveways but the fronts of the units. The back portion of the property would all be open space since it is part of the wetlands and wetlands buffer. They are able to get the 80 units, even though they are working with a smaller portion of the 15 acres. There were no modifications to height limitations as that was already working in the ordinance. The condos and fee simple townhouses would work in concert together.

Roberts said that it may be hard to find the changes but they are put in there with strikeouts. They modified the future growth area standards to accommodate the stacked townhouses and the rest of the changes were very minor.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik clarified that these townhouses are not age restricted as the other redevelopment area is. The developer will be deciding whether or not there will be a homeowner's association although there probably will be. The stacked townhouses will most likely be part of a condo association.

Mayor Trotta asked for a consensus that this would be moved to the LUB for their review. This will have to be adopted by ordinance but the LUB would review.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing

Trotta said the next item on the agenda is the second reading and public hearing on four ordinances.

Trotta opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2019-01. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01 - AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01 - AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Trotta opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2019-03. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03 - AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 40 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED "OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES" WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03 - AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 40 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED "OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES" WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Trotta opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2019-04. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04 - AMENDING CHAPTER 14, LAND DEVELOPMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04 - AMENDING CHAPTER 14, LAND

DEVELOPMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Trotta opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2019-05. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05 - AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05 - AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Trotta introduced the 2019 Municipal Budget. Resolution 2019-127 is a resolution to introduce the 2019 municipal budget of Plumsted Township and the majority of the full membership is needed to approve the budget. Be it resolved that the following statements of revenue and appropriations shall constitute the municipal budget for the 2019 year.

Total general appropriations: \$3,147,596.00 within CAPS; appropriations excluded from CAPS \$608,247.53; reserves for uncollected taxes \$47,510.00; total general appropriations \$3,803,353.53; less anticipated revenues other than current property tax \$1,711,931.75; and local tax for municipal purposes including reserve for uncollected taxes \$2,091,421.78. Be it further resolved that said budget will be published in the Asbury Park Press in the March 18, 2019 edition.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-127 – TO INTRODUCE THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Trotta said that notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Plumsted, County of Ocean, on March 6, 2019. A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held on April 3, 2019 at 8 pm at which time and place objections to said budget and tax resolution for the year 2019 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested parties.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-128 – AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Committeeman Lotito questioned an item for recycling and the EME site. Mayor Trotta advised that had to do with the salary for the recycling coordinator.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-129 – AMENDING THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2019 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-130 - GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964" WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ORDINANCES: Introduction

Deputy Mayor Sorchik advised that this ordinance basically says this is under recreational use of marijuana and that the federal use is in conflict with state law. The state doesn't give any relief to municipalities who would violate federal law so we aren't going to allow that to happen because we don't want tax payers to have to fund the defense of that. Deputy Mayor Sorchik said there is a huge difference between the two. Medical marijuana requires that the entity is a

501(c)(3) non-taxable entity approved by the state and license through the state. We would not get involved. If recreational marijuana is approved by the state, we could say we aren't going to allow that to exist in our town because we don't know if the federal government would come in later on and charge us. Committeeman Lotito thought it was the same violation of law whether it is recreational or medicinal. Sorchik said that we would not be granting the permit to operate the business, the state is. This ordinance says we aren't going to allow recreational retail sales and distribution. Lotito said that the zoning was modified to accommodate an area to grow it for medicinal purposes. If we pass this, will the state come after us? Trotta advised there are a lot of towns that have passed ordinances like this. Lotito is just concerned this is putting us in a precarious situation. If someone is using recreational marijuana in our town, is our ordinance going to prevent that? Sorchik said no, it is prohibiting selling and dispensing. Lotito agrees with the ordinance.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN JONES, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED THAT REQUIRE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL WHICH ARE VIOLATIVE OF FEDERAL LAW AND AMENDING CHAPTER 15 SO AS TO PROHIBIT SALE OR DISPENSING OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA OR ANY CANNABIS-BASED PRODUCTS WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for April 3, 2019.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 58 TOWING AND STORAGE REGULATIONS WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for April 3, 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. 2019-131 - CANCELLING 2019 PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS EFFECTIVE 1/01/19 FOR JOHN LAWRENCE (BLOCK 15, LOT 16)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-132 – CANCELLING 2019 PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS EFFECTIVE 1/01/19 FOR ROBERT E. SIMMS (BLOCK 44, LOT 28)

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-133 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A BLUE LIGHT PERMIT

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-134 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-135 – AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT WITH AETNA FOR EMPLOYEE DENTAL COVERAGE IN 2019 FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-136 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH RAINBOW CLEANING TO PROVIDE CLEANING SERVICES FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-137 – APPOINTING RANDY PRIEST AS PART-TIME GENERAL MAINTENANCE LABORER

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-138 – AUTHORIZING AN HOURLY INCREASE FOR

JEFFREY PIVOARNICK, GENERAL MAINTENANCE LABORER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-139 – APPOINTING BENJAMIN SILKOWITZ AS ALTERNATE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR IN THE ABSENCE OF ALAN WILKINS

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-140 - ADOPTING THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED'S INTERNAL CONTROL HANDBOOK

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-141 - AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT FOR UNUSED ESCROW FEES FOR OFF-DUTY POLICE EMPLOYMENT TO CCG

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-142 - APPROVING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT LAURITA WINERY FOR DATES IN APRIL THROUGH DECEMBER 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-143 - AWARDING A CONTRACT TO EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY2018 MUNICIPAL AID ROAD PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS TO IVINS DRIVE

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-144 - AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT BETWEEN AMAZING AMUSEMENTS & ENTERTAINMENT, INC. AND PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP'S MAIN STREET NEW EGYPT

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-145 – WAIVING CLAIMANT SIGNATURE ON PURCHASE ORDERS FOR CERTAIN NAMED VENDORS FOR THE YEAR 2019

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN JONES, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS (RESOLUTION NO. 2019-131 THROUGH 2019-145 WITH 2019-140 BEING AMENDED) ON PAGES 3 AND 4 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Committeeman Marinari wanted to discuss Resolution No. 2019-136 regarding our cleaning services. Marinari asked about what that involves, how many hours or days does that include? Leutwyler advised it was once a week at the municipal building and twice a week at the police station. Leutwyler estimated 4-5 hours in each building. Marinari is just questioning if there should be approximate hours in there; he would prefer that. Leutwyler could speak with Sharon Gower. Trotta advised he has been doing this job for 3-4 years and he does an excellent job. He works until the job is finished. Perhaps this could be included in it since it is open ended. No question of the job being done, just putting hours in there would be a good idea. Marinari asked about the new part-time maintenance person. Marinari asked if we were going to start using logs of the work being done. Leutwyler said yes. Trotta advised that there is a written schedule for all of our part-time employees so that we can keep track of sick time.

ADD ON RESOLUTIONS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-146 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE PSE&G CUSTOMER AUDIT ACCESS AGREEMENT WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-147 – ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF RST LAWN CARE, LLC TO PROVIDE GROUNDS SERVICES TO PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

MOTION TO CONSIDER:

Clerk Witham advised there were some questions on the Raffles License No. 2019-12 Night at the Races 6/1/19 for McKaig-Test-Mullen American Legion Post 455; Raffles License No. 2019-13 Pull Tab 6/1/19 for McKaig-Test-Mullen American Legion Post 455

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE FOLLOWING RAFFLES AND BINGO LICENSES WERE APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2019-14 ON PREMISE 50/50 6/1/19 FOR MCKAIG-TEST-MULLEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 455; BINGO LICENSE NO. 2019-15 BASKET BINGO 4/13/19 FOR COOKSTOWN VOL FIRE COMPANY LADIES AUXILIARY #1; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2019-16 ON PREMISE

50/50 4/13/19 FOR COOKSTOWN VOL FIRE COMPANY LADIES AUXILIARY #1; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2019-17 ON PREMISE MERCHANDISE RAFFLE 4/13/19 FOR COOKSTOWN VOL FIRE COMPANY LADIES AUXILIARY #1; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2019-18 CALENDAR RAFFLE 5/6-7/26/19 FOR WARRIOR BOOSTER CLUB. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE AMENDED BILL LIST OF FEBRUARY 6, 2019 AND THE BILL LIST OF MARCH 6, 2019 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO ABSTAINING.

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW: CONSTRUCTION REPORT – February, 2019; FINANCIAL REPORTS – Uniform Construction Code Annual Report 2018; Revenue Summary by Month– January, 2019; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status – January, 2019; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA MEETING MINUTES – December 21, 2018, January 15, 2019 and January 22, 2019; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT – January 2019; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – January, 2019

Mayor Trotta asked for any old business from the committee. Deputy Mayor Sorchik said that he attended the fire commissioners meeting Monday night. They had their report with number of calls. Their budget did pass so they are moving ahead with that. There is no update on when they will begin construction of the building adjacent to the fire house.

Sorchik also said that last night at the LUB meeting there were several citizens that brought up a complaint of the Russo Farm on Hopkins. The comments were that they felt the township committee has done nothing about their complaints. Sorchik asked Leutwyler and Attorney Kelly to look into it. Sorchik advised that the LUB really wasn't the right meeting for discussion on the issue. Sorchik met with the group privately in the lobby and invited them to come this evening and bring any other concerned neighbors. Sorchik said that the township has been dealing with complaints aggressively and they lie in the hands of the DEP. It doesn't appear any of those people came this evening. Sorchik asked Leutwyler to look into it. There have been repeated inquiries. Leutwyler contacted Robert Clark with the DEP to follow up on their report from last year; his answer was "At this time, the department is investigating activities at the Russo property and is monitoring compliance." Leutwyler spoke with the two gentlemen that were at the meeting last night and advised it was turned over to the DEP. The DEP issued the fines so the DEP is the only one that could enforce it. There were complaints about weight of the trucks on the road and we have had weigh details there; we have had extended controls to answer the complaints. Our own law enforcement couldn't substantiate the complaints. Sorchik wants it to be known that we offered for them to discuss with the township committee tonight. And to show the work that we have done with this situation. It is under the DEP and Board of Health at this point. It was offered to have a meeting with representatives from both of them and the neighbors so they could ask questions directly to DEP and the BOH. Assemblyman Dancer agreed and would set up a meeting to have everyone meet. The plan is to move forward with this type of meeting. Everyone agreed. Trotta added that one of the issues was traffic on E Millstream and trucks making a left turn from Route 537. It is a county road so they are trying to work with the county and state to limit the trucks turning left on to East Millstream to avoid damage to the bridges on that road.

Committeeman Marinari brought up the issue with the vegetation that was damaged at the Butterfly Garden. We moved forward and there should be plantings ready to be picked up from the nursery in Freehold. Marinari asked Leutwyler to reach out to Bill Lewis to see if he wants to proceed with this. The plants need to be picked up since they were paid for by the prior year's landscaping contractor.

Leutwyler passed on a thank you from Jim Hendrickson for the new oil tank at the drug alliance building.

Mayor Trotta wanted to advise that NJ Natural Gas is putting the transmission line through our town. They are currently on West Collier's Mills Road and will let Dave and Ellen know when they are ready to move to a new road. Apparently they may be closing Fisher again for repair. There is work also on the UT Trail as well. Ylvisaker is working with the county and will be going out to bid soon.

Also, the intersection of West Millstream, Highbridge and 537 seem to be working pretty well now. Just be aware when going that way for the time being. Trotta would like to remind people that if you are on Highbridge Road and want to make a right turn, it is no right on red. People are still making a right on red.

Trotta said that we just authorized a contract to begin construction on the sewer collection system. There should be a groundbreaking very shortly. There will be some temporary road closures or one lane roads but it will be taken care of so everyone is aware of the schedule with the schools, police and fire. The MUA is working on the process of negotiating with the people who have submitted proposals for the plant itself. That contract should be going out in probably two months as there are specific steps we must take.

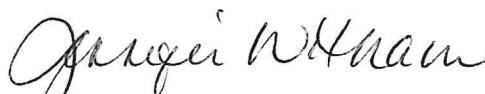
Trotta also said that Meet the Mayor next week is canceled as he is out of town. The next one is scheduled for April 10th. And the next township meeting is April 3rd.

The last topic is the Six Flags area with 537. There is construction across from the Wawa with the sports complex and hotels. Next to Wawa they are building a self storage facility. And closer to Plumsted toward Hawkin, it is also zoned for another sports complex. It was granted preliminary approval but that is not a done deal just yet. There is a lot of concern because of the volume of traffic. It is not Plumsted but on our border. There is concern with the backup of traffic because that is our direct route to the hospital, CentraState. Leutwyler and the BA contacted the county to see what the plan is for traffic. It is already so heavy with Six Flags in the summer. Ocean County said it is a Monmouth County project and they have control of that road. The road study done by Monmouth County has been rejected by Ocean County. Trotta just wanted to advise that we are working on this to try and find a solution. It is a straight run to the hospital and he is worried for our residents; it is also a trauma center.

Mayor Trotta opened up the meeting for public comment; there was none.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Witham, RMC
Municipal Clerk