

December 5, 2018
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
MAYOR TROTTA DAVID LEUTWYLER, CDC ATTORNEY KELLY
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REILLY-PRIVETT ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK WITHAM

Deputy Mayor Sorchik attended by telephone.

Mayor Trotta asked everyone to rise for the flag salute. John Francis, Bible Baptist Church, came forward for the invocation.

Mayor Trotta spoke about the death of former President Bush.

Trotta reviewed the agenda. There are three ordinances for second reading. There is a salary ordinance, bingo/raffles license ordinance to increase fees, and an ordinance to increase fees for dog licenses. There are a couple of ordinances for introduction. The first one is for abandoned vehicles and the second one is changing Plumsted Environmental Commission to the Plumsted Environmental Committee. There is a resolution appointing Dorothy Hendrickson to the Rockin' Fireworks Committee. There is a resolution authorizing EME to operate. The township has a letter from the Land Use Board confirming adoption of the resolution. The board is not meeting until its reorganization in January 2019.

Trotta said there are a few items for discussion. He asked Deputy Mayor Sorchik to talk about a change in the insurance liability limits. Sorchik said Municipal Excess Liability is offering an option to the township to increase its limits. There are two sections in their proposal. One is for the general, automobile and police professional liability. This part of the proposal also deals with the public officials and employment practices.

Sorchik said the fee increase is relatively steep. He spoke about reviewing past insurance claims so the township can decide if it wants to increase its coverage.

Trotta said a decision needs to be made by December 10, 2018. There was a discussion about how much the premium would increase versus the chance of an increase in litigation. Sorchik said it is his recommendation as the Fund Commissioner that if the board wants to go up, that it not go up higher than \$2300. He does not see any loss liability in previous settlements that would exceed those amounts.

Trotta asked the other committee members for their comments. Committeeman Lotito, Committeeman Jones and Committeeman Marinari said they are in favor of the increase. It was decided that Acting Municipal Clerk Witham would inform MEL of their decision.

Trotta said the next item is the meeting dates for 2019 and the reorganization for 2020. He said Witham sent an email to everyone with the dates. He confirmed that the committee members were okay with the dates.

Trotta said Witham asked if the 2020 reorganization meeting could be moved from January 1st to January 2nd. Trotta said he would discuss it further with her since Sorchik will not be able to make it on that date.

Trotta asked the committee members to review the paperwork for appointments and assignments and notify Witham of their decisions.

Trotta asked if there were any other questions or comments for the workshop session. There were none.

Attorney Kelly read Resolution No. 2018-305 for Executive Session. The following matters will be discussed: Under Personnel: Personnel Matters; Under Contractual: Fee Services Board of Education; and under Litigation: Potential Litigation.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 2018-305, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Rescinded.

PRESENTATIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-318 – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL MOELLER AS A PART-TIME SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CLASS II POLICE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE RESOLUTION 2018-318 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Michael Moeller came forward to take the oath of office. Acting Municipal Clerk Witham swore him in as a part-time special law enforcement Class II police officer for the Township of Plumsted. Moeller thanked his parents, his girlfriend and his friends for their support. He said he is very happy to be in Plumsted Township. His father made a brief comment and Chief Meroney welcomed him on board.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing

Trotta said the next item on the agenda is the second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-17.

Trotta opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-17. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2018-17 – AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY REGULATING THE MANNER OF PAYMENT OF SAME” WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, ORDINANCE NO. 2018-17 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Trotta said the next item on the agenda is the second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-18.

Trotta opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-18. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2018-18 – AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 51 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED “RAFFLES AND BINGO” WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, ORDINANCE NO. 2018-18 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Trotta said the next item on the agenda is the second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-20.

Trotta opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2018-20. There were no public comments.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2018-20 – - AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 4, SECTION 4, OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE

TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED "LICENSING OF DOGS; REQUIRED FEES AND ADDITIONAL FEES" WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, ORDINANCE NO. 2018-20 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ORDINANCES: Introduction

Mayor Trotta said there are a couple ordinances for introduction. The first is Ordinance 2018-19.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN JONES, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, ORDINANCE NO. 2018-19 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 61, OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED "VEHICLES, ABANDONED" WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for the meeting of December 26, 2018.

Mayor Trotta said Ordinance 2018-21 is being introduced. He asked Attorney Kelly about his email stating that the Land Use Board had to recommend the ordinance to the committee. Kelly said that Land Use Board recommendation is not necessary, but is statutorily permitted. Trotta said it is his opinion that it not be forwarded to the Land Use Board because it would have to wait until next year before the ordinance can be passed.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE JONES, ORDINANCE NO. 2018-21 – REPEALING CHAPTER 18 ENTITLED "ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION" AND CREATING THE "TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE" (A CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE) WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for the meeting of December. 26, 2018.

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. 2018-306 –APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE 2019 ROCKIN' FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-307 - APPOINTING IRINA JVARISHEISHVILI-DARRAR AS THE LAND USE BOARD SECRETARY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-308 - AUTHORIZING JOHN J. MALLON, P.E. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER OF T&M ASSOCIATES AS PROJECT ENGINEER FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT FY2018 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO IVINS DRIVE

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-309 – AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-310 – AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT A 2019 SOIL REMOVAL EXCAVATION AND MINING LICENSE TO EXCAVATING MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-311 – AUTHORIZING A LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY FOR CYNTHIA MACREYNOLDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-312 – AUTHORIZING A SALARY INCREASE FOR KELLY CREIGHTON, DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-313 - REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 (U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE FY-18 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800.00)

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-314 –TO REFUND TAXES PAID ON BLOCK 27, LOT 24 DUE TO REDUCED ASSESSMENT BY THE OCEAN COUNTY TAX BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-315 – APPROVING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT LAURITA WINERY FOR DATES IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-316 – CANCELLING 2018 PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS EFFECTIVE 10/26/18 FOR WALTER ROBERT WEEKS (BLOCK 84, LOT 23)

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-317 - AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES, GRANT RECEIVABLES AND APPROPRIATED GRANT RESERVE BALANCES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS 2018-306 THROUGH 2018-317 ON PAGES 2 AND 3 OF THE PREPARED AGENDA WERE ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

RESOLUTIONS:

Trotta said there are two add-on resolutions. The first resolution is 2018-319. The resolution accepts an extra \$1100 from the County for CDBG.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-319 – REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Community Development Block Grant – FY 2018)

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION 2018-319 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Trotta said next is Resolution 2018-320.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-320 – TO ADJUST THE MUNICIPAL FIXED ASSETS THRESHOLD TO \$5,000.00

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN JONES, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, RESOLUTION 2018-320 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

MOTION TO CONSIDER:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE FOLLOWING RAFFLES LICENSES WERE APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE 2018-34 – ON-PREMISE 50/50 ON 1/19/19 FOR MCKAIG TEST MULLEN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 455; BINGO LICENSE 2018-35 – BASKET BINGO ON 1/19/19 FOR MCKAIG TEST MULLEN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 455; RAFFLES LICENSE 2018-36 – ON-PREMISE 50/50 FOR DATES 1/4/19-12/27/19 FOR MCKAIG TEST MULLEN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 455; RAFFLES LICENSE 2018-37 – ON-PREMISE MERCHANDISE RAFFLE ON 1/19/19 FOR MCKAIG TEST MULLEN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 455. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE BILL LIST OF DECEMBER 5, 2018 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK ABSTAINING and COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI VOTING NO ON PO #18-00192 FOR TOTAL LAWN CARE AND LANDSCAPING.

Marinari had questions regarding #18-00745, for tractor lights; #18-00820 and #18-00821 for purchasing; and #18-00192 for Total Land Care and Landscape for \$4,475.00. He said he has concerns and objections to payment of #18-00192. He spoke about the required daily work slips that the company has not provided to the township. Committeeman Lotito said he is in the same place as he was last month. Trotta said he has wanted to vote against it numerous times, but there has to be three yes votes. He said he would like their check to be held until they provide the required paperwork. Sorchik said he is going to abstain on the vote because he does not have a copy of the bill list.

Mayor Trotta asked if there were any other comments. There were none.

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW: CONSTRUCTION REPORT – October 2018; FINANCIAL REPORTS – Revenue Summary by Month - October 2018; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status – October 2018; POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – October 2018; PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – October 1, 2018 and Special Meeting October 15, 2018.

Mayor Trotta asked for any old business from the committee. There was none.

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Trotta and Marinari spoke about the death of former President Bush. Trotta also mentioned the tree lighting ceremony and the different holidays coming up.

Mayor Trotta asked for any other new business. There was none.

Mayor Trotta asked for public comment.

Brian Welsh, 7 Kenyon Drive, New Egypt requested a safety upgrade so that people could travel from Kenyon Drive to Oakwood without walking on Hawkin Road. He spoke about the difficulty that the safety issue causes his disabled wife and neighborhood children. He talked about a petition.

Trotta responded that there was no way to put a path down when Hawkin was paved. The township engineer has been requested to provide quotes to provide a sidewalk from Kenyon Drive to Oakwood. A decision will be made once they receive the quotes.

Sorchik said he concurs with Mr. Welsh. He lives on Hawkin Road. The traffic has grown exponentially and he would not walk on the side of Hawkin Road.

There was a discussion about where the new sidewalk would be located.

Jody Hugo, 37 Kenyon Drive, New Egypt. She said she owns one of the properties between Kenyon and Oakwood. She is concerned about liability issues. Her house is 63 years old. The builders put sidewalks in for the new homes in the neighborhood. She asked about her costs and responsibilities for a new sidewalk.

Mary Lou Whiting, 26 Kenyon Drive, New Egypt said she has lived there for 50 years. She moved here because she wanted to be in the country. The side of her house faces Hawkin Road and has never had a sidewalk. She asked why a sidewalk has to cut into her property when anyone could walk around Kenyon to get to Hawkin. It does not make sense to her. She said money needs to be put to repairs on Kenyon Drive before a sidewalk is put in. Her disabled neighbor at 31 Kenyon has a cliff in front of her house that makes it difficult for her to get out to the street. She said she thinks a sidewalk is a waste of money. She also spoke of the difficulty of putting a sidewalk in between her property and her neighbor's property.

Trotta said the entire project will be researched. He asked Leutwyler to have the engineer go and look at the cliff in front of 31 Kenyon Drive.

Mayor Trotta asked for any other public comments. There were none.

Trotta said he forgot a couple of announcements and will make them now. He thanked the Plumsted Business and Merchants Association, Laurita Winery and the fire company who helped put the snowflakes up in the downtown area. He thanked Big Woods for donating a new tree in front of the municipal building to replace the one that died. Our local businesses need our support so please try to shop there, not just at holiday time, but all year.

Marinari said that the Plumsted Business and Merchants Association pays for the electricity to light the snowflakes. They have been doing it for a number of years. He asked that everyone support our local businesses.

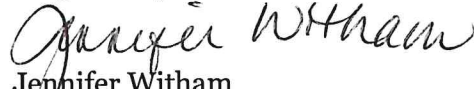
Trotta spoke about the school referendum. The township is having a special meeting on December 26, 2018 at 5:30 pm. The township building will be closed on Christmas and on New Years Day. Reorganization will be held at noon on January 1, 2019 and he and Eric Sorchik will be sworn in again as township committeeman, then the committee will select the mayor and deputy mayor for 2019.

Trotta spoke about Fischer Road and West Colliers Mills Road being blocked off because the southern link pipeline is being installed.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Witham
Acting Municipal Clerk