

December 28, 2022
121 Evergreen Rd
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Plumsted Township Committee special meeting of December 28, 2022 was called to order by Mayor Bowen.

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 posted on the Bulletin Board.

THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT:

COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI
MAYOR BOWEN ATTORNEY STIEBER CLERK WITHAM

Deputy Mayor Marinari arrived at 7 pm and Committeeman Calabrese was excused.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-345 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. Mayor Bowen called the Workshop/Regular Session to order. A second roll call vote was taken. Mayor Bowen asked everyone to rise for the flag salute followed by the invocation led by Pastor Chris Kissam.

Bowen then advised of our upcoming special meetings including the Budget Workshop and the end-of-year wrap up meeting. Ocean County voter turnout was 45.5% and Plumsted’s was 47.2%. Congrats to Deputy Mayor Marinari who in turn congratulated Mayor Bowen. He reviewed the other results. He advised that we continue to work on EMS, talked about town events and congratulated high school senior Lucas Sample for his accomplishments in soccer; top scorer in the state among one of them. He spoke about the DOT grant that was received and some upcoming town events.

Marinari, Grilletto and Cuzzo provided their liaison reports and talked about upcoming holiday events. Bowen thanked Big Woods for donating the tree in front of the building and Marinari thanked the high school students for decorating the windows downtown; a program started many years ago by his son.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bowen read the letter of resignation from June d. Madden, CFO who started working for Plumsted in 2005. Her last day will be December 31st. The committee thanked her.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE RESIGNATION OF JUNE D. MADDEN WAS ACCEPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH REGRETS.

Bowen then read Officer Zagacki’s resignation as of December 5th.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE RESIGNATION OF OFFICER ZAGACKI WAS ACCEPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH REGRETS.

PRESENTATIONS:

Resident Kate Tallon came forward to accept a certificate of achievement in becoming a member of C.E.R.T. Linda Salcfas, C.E.R.T Coordinator joined them. Salcfas is happy to have a new certified member. Classes are offered by Ocean County and FEMA maybe every six months. They assist with shelters during disasters. Plumsted's CERT team was the first in Ocean County. Anyone interested is encouraged to get in touch; they are always looking for volunteers.

ORDINANCE: SECOND READING

Bowen spoke about Ordinance 2022-05. Since there still appear to be questions regarding this ordinance, we can either discuss or go to public comment and then vote to table it at this time. Bowen opened public comment; there were no comments.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY MAYOR BOWEN, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 6 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “BUILDING AND HOUSING,” ARTICLE I, ENTITLED “UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE, SECTION 6-4, ENTITLED “BASIS OF FEES”, WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Witham explained that if the ordinance is tabled, we would have to introduce it again in 2023 since you cannot introduce in one year and then have the second reading the following year.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY MAYOR BOWEN, ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 6 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “BUILDING AND HOUSING,” ARTICLE I, ENTITLED “UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE, SECTION 6-4, ENTITLED “BASIS OF FEES”, WAS TABLED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Bowen spoke about the replacement invasive species ordinance that addressed concerns after our last meeting. The committee has the amended ordinance. It limits the ordinance to invasive bamboo and adds Rutgers as a specialist, it was changed to limit it to have an owner keep it on their property and removes section E prohibiting any future plantings. Bowen opened public comment.

Arlene Samuelson of Devon Rd came forward. She spoke about all of her concerns with her neighbor having bamboo. She is concerned for her septic, pool, etc. She said this will help keep the peace between neighbors. She doesn't want to have to bear the cost of removing it from the ground if she has an issue with utilities or septic. She has been frustrated with this for some time. She likes nature and where she lives but she is upset how it's killing her native plants and also the bugs are an issue. She is worried about the wetlands behind her house as well. She is happy with the ordinance and hopes homeowners will see that they are responsible for it. It is a fortune to remove bamboo and hopes homeowners will take care of their own bamboo.

Neyenhouse requested the Environmental Committee have a chance to review the ordinance. Bowen said we can amend it at a future date if they have any recommendations.

Michael Silvestri came forward and asked about whether or not plants are prohibited. Bowen said that it is being removed from the ordinance. Marinari said that if someone wants to add additional invasive species, it's something the committee will look at in the future. Silvestri said that the US Forest Service would have a list. Having them is detrimental to the natural environment because it may attract things like the Spotted Lanternfly. There was discussion about how nurseries are prohibited from selling and how they are inspected. Cuozzo asked if the ordinance could be amended to be all invasive species on the US Forest Service list. Witham

advised that there are at least 400 species and that would be extremely difficult to monitor and enforce. Bowen said that is why we wanted to start with bamboo and then consider adding to the ordinance in the future.

Kate Tallon, 53 Oak Lane, she thinks this is a great ordinance and asked it to be published. They have an Environmental Committee meeting coming up. There are non-native invasive plants and also native invasive plants because the ecosystem is out of balance. She knows that as people become educated and aware of these things, it may be a good opportunity to wrangle some folks for the Environmental Committee. She is hoping to have some publication of the ordinance out there.

Ed Vienckowski, 256 E Colliers Mill Rd, asked about future plantings. He wasn't sure what was decided. Marinari said not of the specific species of bamboo. Marinari knows it is already out there. Vienckowski said that the mayor said something about deleting it. Marinari said specifically to prohibit new plantings for that invasive bamboo. This is where we ran into trouble years ago because there were so many species and they were constantly being added to it. Marinari said that Samuelson brought a large piece of bamboo years ago and he will never forget that. Marinari said this is specific. There other species to look at so he hopes the Environmental Committee will take a look at it. Again, Ed wanted to be clear about deleting the paragraph. So Witham confirmed that plantings of invasive bamboo is prohibited will be in the ordinance.

Kelly Morgan, 2 Hyacinth Ct, asked if this bamboo is native to this area? Marinari said it more than likely came from out of this country and was brought in through shipping and developed. Morgan then said previously it is limited to people being able to keep it on their property as long as it doesn't invade someone else's property. How does one even begin to control something like bamboo if it's being allowed to be kept on someone's property. How does a homeowner do it? Marinari said Golden Bamboo is magnificent looking but if you had a 3 gallon container of a rooted bamboo and planted it and you secured the entire border sinking down, like flashing around chimneys, usually it will control it. Not 100% but usually it will control the rhizomes from leaving that area. Morgan said that if she has lining the outer edge of her property, a massive amount of this bamboo that she has had major concerns about for the same reasons, it will eventually encroach upon her septic system. That being said, how would her neighbor control it? They have 16 acres. How can they keep it from encroaching on her property?

Marinari said whatever has invaded would have to be eliminated. The neighbor is responsible for keeping it off your property. If it surfaces on her property, it is defying that ordinance. As far as the owner, they love bamboo and if it isn't harming in any way (septic, water or utilities), he thinks we are looking at the homeowner being responsible. She loves her neighbor but can't imagine how they can control that amount of bamboo. Marinari said it can be trenched but it is not 100%. You can spend thousands of dollars if you had a long property line to secure it. Grilletto asked if there was any way to destroy it. Marinari said it is very hard. It's hollow. Best way to do it is if you had a young shoot, that looks like palm-like seedlings, if you cut it and painted it with strong invasive herbicides, you can kill that portion of it. But the likelihood that will travel to the root system is limited. Grilletto said it is on the side of the UTT. Marinari said it will even go through shoes. Morgan said that it went thru her daughter's flip flops. There was no other public comment.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 5 OF THE GENERAL

ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS, REMOVAL OF” SO AS TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 5-7, ENTITLED “INVASIVE PLANTS” WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Bowen confirmed that it should read the planting of invasive bamboo is prohibited. Marinari agreed.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO, ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 5 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS, REMOVAL OF” SO AS TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 5-7, ENTITLED “INVASIVE PLANTS” WILL BE AMENDED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

This is an amendment by substitution as amended. Bowen asked for a motion.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 5 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS, REMOVAL OF” SO AS TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 5-7, ENTITLED “INVASIVE PLANTS” IS ADOPTED AS AMENDED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Bowen opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-08. This is another ordinance we expected to have staff available and do not. We will have public comment but we may want to consider tabling it. Bowen recommends postponing indefinitely and return back to the Safety Committee and bring it back next year.

Ed Vienckowski asked for confirmation that there will be a first and second reading again since it would be a new year; Witham confirmed.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 15 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “ZONING” SO AS TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 15-16, ENTITLED “BUILDING STANDARDS, COMMERCIAL” WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 15 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “ZONING” SO AS TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 15-16, ENTITLED “BUILDING STANDARDS, COMMERCIAL” WAS TABLED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Bowen opened the public hearing on Ordinance 22-09 and advised this is one of the regulations for moving from Tier B to Tier A Stormwater by the DEP. Witham said that it is recommended by the DEP regardless of tier because it is important for stormwater. Cuzzo had a comment on exceptions. If we could make an exception for temporary situations. For instance, the school does a car wash or something to fund a program. Grilletto said that car wash is in the ordinance. Cuzzo asked that it specify something like a temporary exemption. If someone has a flood in their basement, someone should be able to do that. Any distinction between permanent and temporary would be a thought. Cuzzo said perhaps #10 under D. like township-approved temporary activities or event. There was discussion about events. Cuzzo asked about those permits. Witham said that it’s not a permit but a courtesy to let the township know if there is an event with more than 25 people so that we can notify first responders in case there is an incident or something happens as there may be increased traffic or parking. It is not tied to an ordinance. It was decided to add an exclusion for a township-approved event. There was no public comment.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 15 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “ZONING,” SECTION 5, ENTITLED “GENERAL REGULATIONS,” SO AS TO CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION 22, ENTITLED “IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE” WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO, OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 15 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “ZONING,” SECTION 5, ENTITLED “GENERAL REGULATIONS,” SO AS TO CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION 22, ENTITLED “IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE” TO AMEND IT. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO, OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 15 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “ZONING,” SECTION 5, ENTITLED “GENERAL REGULATIONS,” SO AS TO CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION 22, ENTITLED “IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE” WAS ADOPTED AS AMENDED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Bowen opened public comment on Ordinance 2022-10; there was none.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO, THE PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 15 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “ZONING,” SECTION 5, ENTITLED “GENERAL REGULATIONS,” SO AS TO CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION 23, ENTITLED “ILLICIT CONNECTION” WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 15 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “ZONING,” SECTION 5, ENTITLED “GENERAL REGULATIONS,” SO AS TO CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION 23, ENTITLED “ILLICIT CONNECTION” WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Bowen opened public comment on Ordinance 2022-11; there was none.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 43 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS,” SECTION 2, ENTITLED “CONDUCT AND PROHIBITED ACTS,” SO AS TO CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION M, ENTITLED “WILDLIFE FEEDING” WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Grilletto asked about Section M, regarding the feeding of wildlife in a public park owned by the township. He was concerned about feeding birds in Paradise Park. He said that they abide by regulations if they should stop feeding for avian disease like in the past, they do. He would like to continue feeding birds. He is asking for an exclusion for Paradise Park. Witham said unless you name Paradise Park as an environmental education center. Stieber didn't have a copy of the ordinance so he didn't have a comment. Bowen asked if there was a state definition of environmental education center. Grilletto said Zabarsky was going to research it. Grilletto said that we should have clarification from our attorney. Bowen said we should have clarification from counsel on an environmental education center and if a feeding center could be categorized as that or do we need an additional exclusion. Cuzzo said that this is talking about other animals. Can we limit it to birds? Witham commented that we have used Paradise Park as an education center. Mary Dancer has, as well as the Scouts. She suggested we keep it as is and consider that as an education center. If counsel tells us otherwise in the future, we can amend it.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY MAYOR BOWEN, ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 43 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, ENTITLED “PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS,” SECTION 2, ENTITLED “CONDUCT AND PROHIBITED ACTS,” SO AS TO CREATE A NEW SUBSECTION M, ENTITLED “WILDLIFE FEEDING” WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ORDINANCE: INTRODUCTION

Witham advised this is an introduction. We are getting clarification from the MUA on two items but we didn't have an opportunity to do that before tonight and it is necessary to introduce tonight and adopt at the December 28th meeting.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO, ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE COST RELATING TO SANITARY SEWER INSTALLATIONS WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Bowen read the title of Ordinance of 2022-13. Witham confirmed there is no clarification on this. The only change is from \$100 per day to “up to” \$100 per day.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, ORDINANCE NO. 2022-13 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-17 WHICH WAS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 2020-06 ADOPTING A SANITARY SEWER MANDATORY HOOKUP REQUIREMENT TO BE SET FORTH IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PLUMSTED MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

RESOLUTION 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. 2022-346 – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF SEWER LOANS (*As Amended)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-347 – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ELECTION DAY FLEX TIME FOR THE MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-348 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-349 – CANCELLING 2022 AND REFUNDING PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS EFFECTIVE 10/21/22 FOR RENEE D. SMITH (BLOCK 61, LOT 19)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-350 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF 2022 3rd QUARTER DUPLICATE PAYMENT OF TAXES

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-351 – AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MONMOUTH WIRE & COMPUTER RECYCLING, INC. TO PROVIDE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SERVICES TO PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP FOR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-352 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FRESH CLEANING SERVICES, LLC TO PROVIDE CLEANING SERVICES FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-353 – AUTHORIZING A STIPEND TO EDDIE ROMAN FOR PERFORMING ADDITIONAL DUTIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-354 – AUTHORIZING A STIPEND TO JENNIFER WITHAM FOR PERFORMING ADDITIONAL DUTIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-355 – AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ASSOCIATED HUMANE SOCIETIES/POPCORN PARK TO PROVIDE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-356 – OPPOSING TOLL INCREASES PROPOSED BY THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY AND SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-357 – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED BY BONNIE R. PETERSON AS ALTERNATE/CONFLICT PROSECUTOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-358 – OPPOSING THE DECISION BY GOVERNOR MURPHY NOT TO LIMIT THE INCREASE OF EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL WORKER

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-359 – AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS FOR E-TICKET PRINTERS AND READERS FOR THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-360 – APPOINTING CATHERINE PARRINO AS A VIOLATIONS CLERK FOR THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-361 – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF UNUSED FLOATING HOLIDAYS FOR MATTHEW GOLDFLUSS

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-362 – AUTHORIZING A MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR KEVIN LEONARD

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-363 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SCHEDULE “C” AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-364 – AUTHORIZING PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH UPPER FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP FOR SUBCONTRACTING WITH UPPER FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP’S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-365 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF UNUSED ESCROWS TO GEORGE AND MICHELLE HEALEY

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-366 – AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ELEGANT EXTERIORS

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-367 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH EASTERN ARMORED CAR SERVICES, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-368 – AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR THE FY2022/23 MOVE OVER LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (M.O.L.E.P.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-369 – AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED AND THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR THE FY 2022/23 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (D.W.I.E.P.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-370 – AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED AND THE OCEAN COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE FOR THE DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT CALLOUT PROGRAM (“D.R.E.C.P.”) GRANT FOR FY 2022/23

Bowen asked if anyone wanted to discuss any of the resolutions. Cuzzo thanked Jennifer and Nadene on 22-347 for working on Election Day. No other items to discuss or remove.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTIONS 2022-346 THROUGH 2022-370 WERE APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION

NO. 2022-371 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF REMINGTON JOHNSTON, III AS A PROBATIONARY (FULL-TIME) REGULAR POLICE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

BINGO AND RAFFLES LICENSE APPLICATIONS – Witham advised the two raffles were in order and sent to the state.

- Raffles 2022-25 for a Tricky Tray on 3/11/202 for the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 455
- Raffles 2022-26 for an On Premise 50/50 on 3/11/202 for the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 455

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS – December 1, 2022 BILL LIST

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, THE BILL LIST OF DECEMBER 1, 2022 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Bowen asked if there was any question on the reports. Grilletto asked about the Dewberry projects. Witham advised we are awaiting easement paperwork to be returned from property owners. Once received, Dewberry can proceed with the projects. Grilletto had questions on the police stats; he was looking for clarification as to what areas. Lt. Reilly said mostly Rt 539. Cuozzo asked a couple of questions whether or not some were additional or the same instances. Reilly confirmed they were separate incidents.

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW:

ENGINEER'S REPORT – December 1, 2022
CONSTRUCTION REPORT – Plumsted & New Hanover October 2022
TAX COLLECTOR REPORT – September & October 2022
FINANCIAL REPORTS – Revenue Summary by Month October 2022; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status October 2022; Treasurer's Report September 2022 (Amended)
POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – October 2022
PLUMSTED BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES – August 1, 2022; September 12, 2022; October 3, 2022
PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA MINUTES - none

Bowen asked for old or new business from the committee; there was none. Bowen asked for other public comment.

Karen Lamphere of 6 Hyacinth Ct came forward. She is concerned about the opening soon of Dollar General and the impact that's going to have on E Millstream Road traffic. Additionally concerning E Millstream, although the speed limit dropped from 45 to 40 mph, no one is obeying it and actually, people are speeding on it. There are children that live on the street and off of E Millstream. She would like to ask that somebody consider a study of what the increase in traffic on E Millstream due to Dollar General and also consider another decrease to the speed limit. She understands that we don't have enough patrolmen necessarily to patrol the area but if you look at what happened recently off of Bunting Bridge Rd, she thinks you are familiar with that, they have dropped to 50 to 35 mph because of the same reasons. She asks the township look into that please.

Cuozzo asked if there was a minimum that the speed limit can be without sidewalks and curbs? Grilletto said it's a county road. It would be county engineering. Is there a chance the OC Engineering would do a traffic study now and then again when Dollar General opens? Or has one recently been done? One was done recently with their LUB application. Marinari said he would be interested in seeing those numbers after Memorial Day, not February or March.

Carol Reed, 63 Brindletown Rd, the NE Historical Society is bringing back their Christmas house decorating contest. They have judges that don't live in New Egypt so they won't be biased and they are giving out rosette ribbons for prizes, and bragging rights. Since we don't have a newspaper, it is on the Historical Society's site but would it be ok for the township to put it on the website. Witham asked for the info. Al Drucker, PIO, will speak with her.

Bill Fox, Archertown Road, would like to donate \$3 to the township to buy some batteries for the clock.

Debbie Wills, Woods Road, wanted to say thank you to everyone for the time you put in for this thankless job. She thanks them for clarifying questions. She likes reading Mayor Bowen's happenings going on in New Egypt. She wishes everyone and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ed Vienckowski, 256 E Colliers Mill Rd, thanked Bill for the \$3 donation. He's heard a lot of discussion tonight about stormwater management and last month there was a lot of discussion regarding Tier B to Tier A. He is on the board of Save Barnegat Bay and they are active in stormwater management training and he is there to give us an early Christmas present. They were notified Tuesday by the DEP that they are going to provide funding for towns moving from Tier B to Tier A. They said that Plumsted was the only Tier B town in Ocean County and told the DEP that. We don't know what the funding is going to be yet. Grilletto said that it is supposed to be over \$40,000. There will be an application process. Ed will keep Witham up to date on it. As an organization we don't always agree with the DEP but they do collaborate with them quite often. He just wanted to share the good news.

Lt Reilly is grateful that we replaced Landon with a new officer. Thank you. Sgt. Schaal asked about EMS since there was a recent meeting. Bowen said that we are going to continue to meet; there are two meetings scheduled and doing everything we can. There was no further public comment. Bowen said there is a need for the committee to go into a second executive session; official action may be taken.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-345 AUTHORIZING THE CONVENING OF A SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The committee returned from executive session.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-372 APPOINTING TARA OLIVER AS ASSISTANT TREASURER WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY MAYOR BOWEN, THE DECEMBER 28, 2022 MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Witham, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

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