

December 2, 2015
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 MARINARI	MAYOR TROTTA
COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG	DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK	ADMINISTRATOR DANCER
CLERK HENDRICKSON	DAVID LEUTWYLER, CDC	

Mayor Trotta called the Regular Session of the meeting to order with the Flag Salute. The Invocation was led by Pastor Phyllis Zoon of the Plumsted Presbyterian Church. Mayor Trotta introduced the professionals at the dais.

Trotta reviewed the agenda.

There was a brief discussion on Resolution No. 2015-298 and Resolution No. 2015-299.

Mayor Trotta said there was a draft resolution to be considered for the hiring of an SRO for the school. The prospective patrolman will be interviewed in Executive Session. Trotta also said that the Township Committee should have received a resume for a candidate who interested in the vacant position on the Planning/Land Use Board. Trotta said this gentleman came highly recommended by the Planning/Land Use Board Chairman, Walt Bronson. Trotta said if the Township Committee was in agreement he would like them to consider appointing him to Planning/Land Use Board perhaps at the last meeting in December or at the reorganization meeting in January. Committeeman Wysong said it was a very good resume and felt he would be a perfect fit for that board. He will be appointed at the reorganization meeting.

Committeeman Wysong as what was the payment on the Bill List to the State on the Downtown New Egypt Business Loan. Business Administrator explained that was for the DBIZ Grant loan.

Business Administrator Dancer said the Township Committee had received information from Rutgers urban forestry program regarding the Emerald Ash Borer which can eventually kill ash trees. Rutgers said they did some studies and there are a few cases in Allentown and Plumsted Township. Dancer said he had reached out to local resident Mark Vodak and whose wife is the former state forester. She is a Rutgers professor and he is very knowledgeable and has volunteered to go through the report and look at the areas that could potentially lose these trees. He went on to say that Steve Chisholm of Jackson Township who is the president of the New Jersey State Board of Tree Experts and very knowledgeable in this area as well. Dancer said he has forwarded the report to both of these gentlemen for their review and he hopes to have a report for the next Township Committee meeting.

Attorney Kelly read Resolution No. 2015-292 for Executive Session.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, RESOLUTION NO. 2015-292, A 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 ADOPTED AS AMENDED, ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Trotta announced the Township Committee didn't complete their Executive Session and would be returning to finish it.

Mayor Trotta called the Regular Session of the meeting to order.

MINUTES:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE MINUTES OF WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2015 WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Trotta read Michael Kapandais' Letter of Resignation.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, MICHAEL KAPANDAIS' LETTER OF RESIGNATION WAS ACCEPTED WITH REGRETS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Trotta said that a new officer had been interviewed and he would be appointed.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2015-303 – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH N. ENGRASSIA AS A PROBATIONARY (FULL-TIME) REGULAR PATROLMAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Trotta asked Engrassia and his family to come forward.

Assemblyman Dancer administered the Oath of Office to Joseph N. Engrassia. His father Joe Engrassia held the Bible. Engrassia introduced his family members. Engrassia thanked Chief Petrecca and the Township Committee for giving him the opportunity to become a police officer, this has been his lifelong dream. He said words couldn't describe how excited he was to start in Plumsted. He said he grew up in Ocean County and graduated from Lacey Township High School in 2012. After he graduated he decided to pursue a career in law enforcement, he became a Class I and worked in Seaside Heights. Engrassia continued by saying he went the Ocean County Police Academy, Class 36, graduated valedictorian with a 99.6 average. He thanked his family for their support, he said he would give it 110% and will try his best to be the best police officer there is.

PRESENTATIONS: PROCLAMATION

Deputy Mayor Sorchik read the 3-D National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month – December, 2015 Proclamation.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI THE 3-D NATIONAL DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE ALL AYES.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik presented the Proclamation to Chief Matt Petrecca.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing

Mayor Trotta opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2015-13. There was no public comment.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2015-13, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH EME, INC. FOR THE USE OPERATION OF A LEAF AND BRANCH RECYCLING SITE LOCATED AT BLOCK 80, LOT 4 (EME, INC.), WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, ORDINANCE 2015-13 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Trotta opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2015-14. There was no public comment.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2015-14, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 12, SECTION 11-C OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED, PAYMENT OF CLAIMS – WORTHLESS CHECKS", WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, ORDINANCE 2015-14 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

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. 2015-293 – RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY 2015-2016 DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-294 - APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS) PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-295 – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ELECTION FLEX TIME FOR THE MUNICIPAL CLERK’S OFFICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-296 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OFF-DUTY POLICE ESCROWS TO THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-297 – AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-298 – SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4740 PROHIBITING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES TO CREATE SANCTUARY CITIES (Sponsored by Assemblyman Ronald S. Dancer, District 12)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-299 – OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4425, ESTABLISHING THE NEW JERSEY SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE DRIVER ACT (Sponsored by Assemblywoman Annette Quijano; Assemblyman Reed Gusciora; Assemblyman Raj Mukeherji; Assemblyman Gary S. Schaer; Assemblyman Gordon M. Johnson; and Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-300 – CANCELLING 2015 TAXES DUE TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS EFFECTIVE 10/28/15 FOR HENRY C. BECHLER, JR. (BLOCK 84, LOT 38.01)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-301 – AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR UNUSED TIME FOR MICHAEL KAPANDAIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-302 – AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT A 2016 SOIL REMOVAL EXCAVATING AND MINING LICENSE TO EXCAVATING MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT, INC.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS READ BY TITLE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION TO CONSIDER:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2015-46 FOR AN ON PREMISE RAFFLE FOR MCKAIG-TEST-MULLEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 455, WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE DECEMBER 2, 2015 BILL LIST WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW: CONSTRUCTION REPORT – OCTOBER, 2015; TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT – OCTOBER, 2015; FINANCIAL REPORTS - Revenue Summary– Current Fund - October, 2015; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status – Current Fund - October, 2015

Mayor Trotta asked for any old or new business from the Committee.

Committeeman Marinari spoke briefly on two recent Board of Education meetings. Mayor Trotta opened the meeting to public comment. He said the school is at or near the State levels. Beginning February 2016 the Board of Ed will approve a resolution where they will be changing their regular meetings to the second Wednesday of the month.

Marinari also said the Peter Ylvisaker attended the Environmental Commission meeting and gave a presentation on the sewer system to give the commission an overview of the operations. It was his understanding that it answered a lot of the Commissions questions.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik said he attended the Fire Commissioner's budget meeting last week. There is less than a 2% increase over the previous year's budget. The Commission asked to come to a Township Committee meeting, Sorchik recommended that they attend the Township's Budget Workshop meeting scheduled for December 8th. Sorchik said several years ago Committeeman Wysong did a great job of going out and finding company that did government entity websites at the time the Township Committee didn't pursue it. Sorchik said based on some recent recommendations he would like to look into emergency notification website and social media. Sorchik said he discussed it with Mayor Trotta and suggested that a committee be formed to discuss and review criteria based on the most recent State report. Sorchik said he felt the Township should have a social media presence such as facebook or a twitter account where information can be gotten to the public quicker. Committeeman Wysong said he still has the information he had gotten from City Connections. Wysong said the owner works closely with the State and teaches seminars at the League of Municipalities. He also has done a number of municipal websites. Sorchik said it has appropriate uses for the Township and he thinks will save the Township money and will increase awareness in the public's eyes. He said currently the information is coming from non-official web pages, they are being portrayed as an official message and they are not.

Committeeman Lotito said in terms of the medium obviously that is available, he said one of the biggest things is there is an energy drain in finding someone in the Township to take charge of it. Lotito he thinks the Township needs to have a policy and a point of view on the kind of information they want to disseminate. He said that it has been talked about many times to designing the website. He said he had designed a responsive site for the Township last December, since then they have been trying to get that in place, there isn't the personnel to do that. Currently Convex Serve is repurposing the server that had been at the Police Department and that will be brought into the Municipal Building and start hosting some things here and train some of the employees on how to maintain the information. Lotito continued by saying that Monmouth University did a study of all of the municipal websites and did criteria based ranking and assessment of the websites. In that they have a plethora of criteria in terms of the kind of information, is it accessible. Out of 500+ municipalities Plumsted came in the high 400's, because there is a ton of information and it is hard to navigate and get to it. This will be used as a guideline to start with. Lotito said the main question is who is going to be the person driving this, day to day managing the information flow. Deputy Mayor Sorchik said he fully understood it may involve bringing someone in to maintain it. Sorchik said right now there is recognition to do these things but it has been going piecemeal. He said that knew that Lotito, Wysong and Bob Bowen (of the Planning Board) have supplied a lot of information for this. Sorchik said as well as the web page he would like to look into emergency notification, facebook and other social media. He understands that this may not all be able to be accomplished but at least there will be a direction. Mayor Trotta asked if everyone was in agreement that a committee should be appointed. Committeeman Wysong said he thought that possibly some of the residents could be put on the committee. Wysong suggested putting out a notice to ask for volunteers. Trotta asked if there were two committeemen who would be interested in serving on this committee. Committeeman Lotito suggested discussing it at the new workshop session. Sorchik said he has seen these systems in use during critical situations. He finds them to be a very valuable tool. This will be discussed further.

Mayor Trotta asked for any other new business. Committeeman Wysong asked about the balance billing for the EMS, he said this appears to be becoming the norm. Wysong asked Deputy Mayor Sorchik as the liaison to the Fire District it should be stressed to the Fire District that the New Egypt and Cream Ridge residents shouldn't be balanced billed. Sorchik said they could ask them that questions when they come to present their budget and the Township's Budget meeting scheduled on December 8th. Sorchik said one of the big issues they are facing is a tremendous short fall in the amount of funds they are collecting for their services. Sorchik said there are various reasons that he didn't want to get into and leave that to the Fire District to discuss on the 8th.

CDC Leutwyler announced the holiday tree lighting on December 5th with caroling by the Girl Scouts and a visit from Santa. Committeeman Wysong suggested that a notice go out informing the public the event starts at 5:30 PM for the caroling with the tree lighting at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Trotta asked for public comment. There was no public comments.

Mayor Trotta said the Township Committee would be returning to finish the Executive Session.

The meeting was recessed. The Committee wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukah and a Happy New Year.

The Committee returned to Open Session upon completion of the Executive Session.

Mayor Trotta said there was no further business.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy J. Hendrickson, RMC
Municipal Clerk