

August 3, 2016  
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:**

MAYOR TROTTA	DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK	COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO
COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI	COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG	BUS. ADM. DANCER
ATTORNEY KELLY	CLERK HENDRICKSON	CDC LEUTWYLER

Mayor Trotta called the meeting to order and opened with the Flag Salute. The invocation was led by Rev. Gutacker.

Mayor Trotta reviewed the agenda.

Trotta said one of the resolutions that would be discussed tonight was Resolution No. 2016-226. This resolution recommends that the MUA prepare an ordinance to provide sewer service connections to property owners. Trotta said he and Deputy Mayor Sorchik had discussed this and it was felt that some of the wording should be changed.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik said it was briefly discussed at the last MUA meeting. Sorchik asked how much a hook up would cost. Business Administrator Dancer said it depends on the distance from the road, it could be anywhere from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Sorchik said he understands this could be a hardship for some of the residents plus this would not include redoing the soil line inside the house. Residents might have to redo the plumbing inside the house if it's being moved to the back. Sorchik advised he is not opposed to using redevelopment funds for this but at this point, we don't know what we are going to get. There is a signed proposed document but there is no way to know how much revenue will come in. They don't know how many houses will be sold, etc.

The MUA was asked to investigate alternate ways to offset the expense either with a long term loan or some sort of commitment if the property were transferred at a later date that the liability would have to be satisfied. But to say the full cost is going to be borne by the MUA and the redevelopment obligate funds we don't have at this point. Once the hookups start, we will have a commitment to reimburse taxpayers and we aren't using redevelopment money. Some of the properties are going to be commercial too so those are going to be an expense that will be written off of liability, a business expense. But the homeowners that have paid for their above ground septs are a significant expense. Sorchik thinks we should come up with a way to make it easy but don't think it should totally come out of the redevelopment. The MUA should investigate what it's going to cost and how to recoup this money. Committeeman Wysong agreed. A resolution and ordinance may be premature because we don't have all of the financials set just yet. Mayor Trotta doesn't feel it's premature and said they are working on an ordinance right now to have the people hook up; this is the time to figure out how to make this possible.

Committeeman Marinari advised his major concern is the cost for the downtown residents since they are not as affluent as other residents. Marinari said with regard to the resolution where is the money? We don't know where it is. Marinari would like to get some sort of median cost so residents aren't taken for a ride. Marinari said that this is everything they want but he cannot vote for it the way it is worded right now. Sorchik said perhaps the resolution could be amended to request the MUA to research and inform the committee of any recommendations to provide financial assistance to property owners for sewer connections and related costs and include language such as waiving initial connection costs or long term payment plan, etc. Sorchik asked Marinari if it said something along those lines, would that help. Marinari said it hopefully would give him more information than he has now. Where is the money coming from? Originally there were grants discussed. Marinari is very concerned for the residents and the businesses because they are struggling as well. Marinari said we can't agree to something we don't know what it is.

Committeeman Lotito agreed with Deputy Mayor Sorchik in that we need to broaden the requirement of what we are asking for. Business Administrator advised there are approximately 600 hookups at \$5000 per hookup and that's an over \$3 million project. Lotito said that if a

finance company came in to help with financing for this large project – maybe construction companies as well to hopefully reduce the hookup prices. Lotito thought there were creative ways to help with this. Committeeman Wysong said that a resolution isn't needed to come up with those creative ways. Wysong said that based on the timeline for this project, it is a little premature. Wysong feels we can ask the MUA to come up with alternatives based on the information we have right now.

Mayor Trotta thought the original resolution was going to have that additional language. Trotta doesn't feel this is premature and it's important that the public know that they are doing what they can. This is a good way to have a document that shows what we are doing, not just a verbal discussion. The resolution is a public record. Wysong understood and agreed.

Trotta asked if the language was added based on what Sorchik said, what we are doing is in place. Sorchik advised the language is: to request the MUA to research and inform the committee of any recommendations to provide financial assistance to property owners for sewer connections and related costs. Wysong asked to include that the MUA should add any financial updates. The resolution number will remain the same, it will be amended.

Mayor Trotta moved on to Dave Leutwyler regarding a draft resolution for hiring of a cleaning person. Lisa Goff is the recommended hire as she has cleaning experience. A resolution by title will be added. Leutwyler advised the position should be 12-15 hours per week. In the beginning it may be more since the building needs to be brought up to where it should be. Wysong asked about a job description to include the expectations of the job, days per week, etc. Leutwyler doesn't have a specific schedule on weekly duties, etc. Wysong asked about meeting the candidate in executive session and having the description beforehand. Dancer asked about a background check. It is part of the process for the candidate.

Committeeman Lotito spoke about interviewing candidates for the Public Information Officer. At this point, we had several candidates and today they extended an offer to Bob Vosseller, he used to be the editor at the New Egypt Press. The job is acting as a liaison for the information on the township updating the website, press releases, bio features, doing blogs, social media. He also has other skill sets in video production and other things. Bob has been an editor and been in the journalism industry for years and does public relations. The township will truly benefit from his ability.

Committeeman Wysong said that he really doesn't fully understand the PIO's duties; he would like to see a job description. Wysong asked about telecommuting, who will proofread his things, etc. Lotito made it clear that he needs to "walk the floor" to work on the website and perform the duties. Lotito envisioned Dave being his day-to-day supervisor and anything that will go out would need approval. Wysong asked about attending meetings to include snippets on social media and the website. Mayor Trotta agreed it would be a good idea for him to attend some of the meetings and partial meetings although we need to watch the budget. Mayor Trotta advised that both Lotito and Leutwyler should get the job descriptions together and have the candidates come to meet the committee. Lotito asked if this could be done at the next special meeting.

Mayor Trotta advised that meeting will include discussion of the non-binding referendum to be added to the ballot for November. The second part is to have discussion with the labor attorney about the police contract. Not sure how long those two things will take. Committeeman Marinari said that it might be better to have another meeting for the candidates.

Leutwyler said he is working on the electronics recycler and he gave the committee a proposal. He is hoping to have a recommendation for the September meeting. Deputy Mayor Sorchik asked if it was \$1200 every time they dump the 30 yard box. Leutwyler clarified \$1875 for a 50 yard box and \$500 for a 30 yard box. Wysong advised it took 3-4 months or so to fill a box. But with one particular proposal, you have to guarantee 4 pulls so that would be \$7500. There was discussion about tvs on the side of the road, propane tanks, etc. Leutwyler said that if a house is abandoned, the township has picked them up and stored them. If not, a letter is sent to the resident to remove it from the side of the road and advises them they can take it to the county. Wysong said that Price's would take a propane tank. Lotito said that Price's took computer equipment but you wouldn't get any money for it.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK  
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-215, AUTHORIZING THE CONVENING OF AN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT WAS ADOPTED AS  
AMENDED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

The Township Committee returned to Open Session.

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

**MINUTES:**

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/ WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION OF JUNE 1, 2016 WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2016 WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO AND DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK ABSTAINING.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION OF JULY 6, 2016 WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK ABSTAINING.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Certificates of Recognition** – New Egypt Girls High School Softball Team –  
NJSIAA Group 1 State Champions

Mayor Trotta said that the girls would be getting a certificate from the township and also the assembly office. Coach Kevin English thanked the committee for honoring them. They had a little bit of a slow start but went on to win 16 of the 18 last games. They were number one in Burlington County. They won the sectional title and then the State Final (2-1) for the 5<sup>th</sup> time in the school's history. They played Butler High School in the state game, the third team in the state. English said the girls stayed positive and gave it their all; they had the confidence to win. English also thanked the parents for their support.

**Certificate of Appreciation** – Rockin' Fireworks Contributors

Mayor Trotta recognized the contributors to the Rockin' Fireworks. The annual fireworks celebration is put on solely with donations, no taxpayer dollars. Without these donations, the event wouldn't be able to take place. Committeeman Lotito wanted to recognize Mayor Trotta for working so diligently to make sure this happens. Trotta said that Leutwyler helped out with the event quite a bit as well.

**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. 2016-216 – APPROVING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT THE NEW EGYPT SPEEDWAY FOR VARIOUS DATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-217 – APPROVING THE UTILIZATION OF UNUSED VACATION TIME FOR KELLY CREIGHTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-218 – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-219 - TO FURTHER AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2016-08 AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF CITTA, HOLZAPFEL AND ZABARSKY AS TOWNSHIP PROSECUTORS

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-220 – APPROVING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT LAURITA WINERY AUGUST 20, 2016 (RAIN DATE AUGUST 21, 2016)

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-221 – AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR ELECTRONIC TAX SALE

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-222 – RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, 2016 STATE BODY ARMOR REPLACEMENT FUND GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-223 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OFF-DUTY POLICE ESCROWS TO GRAY SUPPLY CORP.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 224 – AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES, GRANT RECEIVABLES AND APPROPRIATED GRANT RESERVE BALANCES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-225 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-227 – AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF UNUSED COMPENSATION TIME FOR VINCENT DOELL

Committeeman Marinari had a question on two resolutions. The first is Resolution 2016-216 about the New Egypt Speedway track crew that will be lighting the fireworks off themselves, instead of Advanced Pyrotechnics. Marinari wasn't sure what a small display meant. The fire marshal did approve it but he still wanted to be sure it was ok. Marinari was worried about the safety of the crew.

Marinari also wanted to make note that for Resolution 2016-218, if there are any residents out there that would like to be part of the Environmental Commission, there are four commissioner seats available and two alternate seats. The Commission president Mary Dancer asked that it be known there are openings on the Commission.

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

Resolution No. 2016-226 was pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

Mayor Trotta discussed Resolution No. 2016-226. Deputy Mayor Sorchik advised what was being added to the resolution. This is the wording: "The MUA will research and inform the township committee of any recommendations for an ordinance that would provide financial assistance such as long term low or no interest loans, deferred payments with future reimbursement, etc. to assist property owners with the cost relating to sewer connections and related expenses. Furthermore, the Plumsted Township MUA will update the committee with regard to monies necessary to satisfy that ordinance."

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, RESOLUTION NO. 2016-226 – RECOMMENDING THAT THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUA ~~PREPARE AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE SEWER SERVICE CONNECTIONS AT NO COST~~ *RESEARCH AND INFORM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PROPERTY OWNERS FOR SEWER SERVICE CONNECTIONS IN THE PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE AREA AND PAID FOR BY THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT* WAS ADOPTED AS AMENDED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

The following resolution was added to the agenda.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2016-228, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE OCEAN COUNTY OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES COMPETITIVE CONTRACT PROPOSAL FOR THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE III AREA PLAN GRANT FUNDING FOR 2017 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

#### **MOTION TO CONSIDER:**

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE FOLLOWING BINGO AND RAFFLES LICENSE WERE APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2016-18 – ON PREMISE 50/50 FOR WARRIOR FOOTBALL CLUB; BINGO LICENSE NO. 2016-19 – BASKET BINGO FOR COOKSTOWN VOL. FIRE CO. LADIES AUXILIARY #1; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2016-20 - ON PREMISE MERCHANDISE FOR COOKSTOWN VOL. FIRE CO. LADIES AUXILIARY #1; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2016-21 – ON PREMISE 50/50 FOR COOKSTOWN VOL. FIRE CO. LADIES AUXILIARY #1; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2016-22 – OFF PREMISE 50/50 FOR NEW EGYPT MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO; AND RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2016-23 – OFF PREMISE RAFFLE FOR NEW EGYPT FOOTBALL DANCE & CHEER; RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2016-24 – ON PREMISE MERCHANDISE RAFFLE FOR AMERICAN

WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

## **REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:**

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE BILL LIST OF AUGUST 3, 2016 WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

**REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW:** CONSTRUCTION REPORT – June, 2016; TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT – June, 2016; FINANCIAL REPORTS - Revenue Summary by Month – June, 2016; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status – June, 2016

Mayor Trotta asked for any old business from the Committee; there was none. Trotta asked for any new business. Committeeman Marinari advised the Environmental Commission has an offshoot of the Plumsted Presbyterian Church – a community garden has been started. They are volunteering their time and have plots to start vegetables. It ties into the food bank as well. Mr. Lewis talked about it a couple of years ago. Mr. Neyenhouse has been highly involved in this as well as other commissioners. They are a good group of people working very hard. Next year they are thinking of having a stand to provide fresh veggies at no cost.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik said that many of us were at National Night Out last night. Sorchik wanted to thank Joe Paolo for organizing it and the school for allowing them to use the facility. Sorchik also thanked all of the volunteers like the police, EMS, Boy Scouts, etc. It was well attended for the first year. It was a great opportunity to see our first responders, National Guard, etc. Sorchik wanted to recognize them for a job well done. Trotta agreed.

Leutwyler mentioned the Girl Scouts put blue ribbons around town in support of police and first responders.

Committeeman Lotito talked about Collier’s Mills Rd near Archertown Road and the new traffic set up. Mayor Trotta agreed and advised it was a temporary realignment of the road. The curve is going to be taken away and the road will be straightened. Trotta also said that hopefully next year they will be working on this permanent solution. Dancer will forward info to the County engineer to see if additional markers may be put on the other side of the road. Trotta said that the portable message sign is prior to Fisher Road. Trotta recommends it be between Fisher and the curve because if you turn from Fisher, you don’t see the traffic sign. Committeeman Marinari requested something be added to Brynmore Road. Arrows should be painted on the asphalt on Brynmore to be sure you go over to the Archertown Road stop sign to avoid driving into oncoming traffic. Even though it is temporary, it is a dangerous situation if you aren’t familiar with it.

Mayor Trotta opened the meeting for public comment and asked if anyone else from the public wanted to be heard. Morgan Peterson, resident of 254 Lakewood Rd, has been calling the Ocean County Health Department for months now regarding many backed up septic tanks. Peterson said that every day you walk outside, it makes you want to get sick from the smell. Washing machine water is being dumped on the ground. The septic systems are horrible. Some are dry wells, not even septic. Mosquitoes are terrible around the water and he worries about disease. Peterson has called for 5 years. He has made a complaint to the state as well; he has a complaint number at home. Peterson doesn’t understand why nothing has been done. Mayor Trotta said he can’t answer why other departments haven’t answered his complaint. Trotta said that we can ask the health department. Leutwyler will follow up with the county.

Vincent Doell, former police officer, spoke in reference to his leave time from 2011 to his last work date. Doell said that he didn’t agree upon the number so was unsure why Resolution 2016-227 was being passed. Attorney Denis Kelly advised this is a PERC issue. Doell said that if it is a PERC issue, he doesn’t understand why the resolution was passed. Doell said that he will have to file another grievance. Doell was appreciative of Dorothy Hendrickson pulling every payroll voucher per his OPRA request. Doell wanted to meet with June Madden and Sharon Gower to discuss comp time. Doell doesn’t understand because he says the documentation is there. It took him four hours to go through all of the payroll vouchers. Doell took a pay cut with his new job and was counting on the comp time which he thought was just shy of \$10,000. Doell felt there were errors in what was calculated. Doell would rather get out of PERC, sign something, sit with Madden and Gower to go through the comp time to get his money. Doell mentioned Uricks and England having unresolved issues because they wouldn’t sign a termination letter.

Committeeman Wysong commented on Resolution 2016-227. Wysong asked if he agreed to the number of comp hours. Doell said that he didn’t sign anything or agree with the numbers in the

resolution. Sorchik asked if Doell agreed with 2011-2016. Doell said no and reiterated he wants to go through the payroll vouchers with Madden and Gower, instead of using attorneys and going through PERC. Sorchik said that it was his understanding that Doell reached an agreement with finance on 2011-2016. Doell said that he does not agree; the information is inaccurate. Sorchik knows he has issues with 2007-2011 but thought he was in agreement with 2011-2016. Doell feels his payroll vouchers have been altered. Trotta said that it is under PERC and we cannot discuss the matter in the meeting. The resolution should be rescinded and address it when it is finalized.

Mayor Trotta asked for further public comment. There was none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2016-229, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2016-227, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF UNUSED COMPENSATION TIME FOR VINCENT DOELL. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

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