

March 1, 2017
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 WYSONG MAYOR TROTTA
DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI DAVID LEUTWYLER, CDC
ATTORNEY KELLY BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR DANCER

Mayor Trotta asked everyone to rise for the Flag Salute and Invocation was led by Pastor Cuzzo. Mayor Trotta introduced the professionals at the dais.

Mayor Trotta reviewed the agenda. He stated there was several minutes for approval, a resignation letter from our Tax Collector Laura Giovene, a second reading on Ordinance No. 2017-02 to establish a CAP Bank, Ordinance No. 2017-03 amending Chapter 46, Section 9, "Vacation Leave" and to introduce the Township's 2017 Budget.

He also noted the following additions to the agenda: Introduction Ordinance No. 2017-04 which amends the Salary Ordinance and Resolution 2017-144 appointing a Deputy Municipal Clerk and Resolution No. 2017-145 appointing a Tax Collector for the Township of Plumsted.

Attorney Kelly read Resolution No. 2017-101 for Executive Session.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, RESOLUTION NO. 2017-126, 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.

MINUTES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2016 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG AND COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI ABSTAINING.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2016 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI ABSTAINING.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 28, 2016 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2017 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2017 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK ABSTAINING

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter of Resignation from Tax Collector Laura Giovene, Mayor Trotta read her letter and the Committee accepted her letter with regrets.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE COMMITTEE ACCEPTED LAURA GIOVENE'S RESIGNATION WITH REGRETS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Trotta asked Nicole Cronic to come forward. She was in attendance to accept a proclamation for "Read Across America" for Friends of the Library.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, ACCEPTING THE PROCLAMATION FOR "READ ACROSS AMERICA". ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Ms. Cronic said March 2nd is Dr. Seuss's Birthday and National Read Across America Day and the library will be celebrating with special story time at 3:30 PM. The Committee thanked her for coming.

Mayor Trotta wanted to do the items which were added to the agenda.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Trotta introduced Ordinance No. 2017-04, which amends Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Establish Salaries for Various Officials of the Township of Plumsted" in which there were some minor adjustments.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-04 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, 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 ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for the next regularly scheduled meeting of April 5th.

Mayor Trotta asked Nadene Cicero to come forward to accept her Certificate of Appointment as temporary Clerk Typist. He noted that in June she will be appointed Deputy Municipal Clerk.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, RESOLUTION NO. 2017-144, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING NADENE CICERO AS A FULL-TIME CLERK TYPIST FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

She thanked the Committee for the appointment and they welcomed her aboard.

Mayor Trotta asked Scott M. Pezarras to come forward to accept his Certificate of Appointment as Plumsted Township's new Tax Collector.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, RESOLUTION NO. 2017-145, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING SCOTT M. PEZARRAS AS A PART-TIME CERTIFIED TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Business Administrator Ron Dancer as Assemblyman, swore in Mr. Pezarras as Municipal Tax Collector for the Township of Plumsted. The Committee congratulated Mr. Pezarras for his appointment.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing

Mayor Trotta presented the second reading of Ordinance 2017-02 to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to establish a CAP Bank. Mayor Trotta asked for public comment; there was none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2017-02 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY 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 WYSONG, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, ORDINANCE 2017-02 WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Trotta said Resolution No. 2017-127 was a resolution to introduce the 2017 Municipal Budget of Plumsted Township, which a majority of the full membership was needed to approve the budget.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS SHALL CONSTITUTE THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE 2017 YEAR. TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS \$2,952,061; APPROPRIATIONS EXCLUDED FROM CAPS \$503,708.97; RESERVES FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES \$47,510; TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS \$3,503,279.97. LESS ANTICIPATED REVENUES OTHER THAN CURRENT PROPERTY TAXES \$1,502,682.53; LOCAL TAX FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES \$2,000,597.64; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE SAID BUDGET WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE ASBURY PARK PRESS IN THE MARCH 15, 2017 EDITION.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, INTRODUCING THE 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

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 1, 2017. A HEARING ON THE BUDGET AND TAX RESOLUTION WILL BE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON APRIL 5, 2017 AT 8PM AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE OBJECTIONS TO SAID BUDGET AND TAX RESOLUTION FOR THE YEAR 2017 MAY BE PRESENTED BY TAXPAYERS OR OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

ORDINANCES: Second Reading and Public Hearing

Mayor Trotta presented the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-03, which amends and supplements Chapter 46, Section 9 (Vacation Leave) entitled "Personnel Policy." Mayor Trotta asked for any public comment; there was none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2017-03 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 46, SECTION 9 (VACATION LEAVE) OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED "PERSONNEL POLICY" WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, ORDINANCE NO. 2017-03 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. 2017-128 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-129 – RATIFYING SUBMITTAL OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY DISTRACTED DRIVING 2017 CRACKDOWN GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-130 – AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 TO AN AWARDED CONTRACT TO MECO, INC. FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY2016 MUNICIPAL AID ROAD PROGRAM (DISCRETIONARY AID) IMPROVEMENTS TO HOPKINS ROAD

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-131 – AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP AND THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE COURTESY BUSING FOR HAZARDOUS ROUTES FOR THE YEAR 2016/2017

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-132 – TO EFFECTUATE THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT WITH RST LAWN CARE, LLC TO PROVIDE GROUNDS SERVICES TO PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-133 – AMENDING THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-134 – PROVIDING FOR A DEDICATION BY RIDER WITH PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES (PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP ACCUMULATED ABSENCES LIABILITY TRUST FUND)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-135 – ISSUING A TEMPORARY TRAILER PERMIT FOR EMERGENCY RESIDENTIAL USE TO BRUCE AND LINDA BRODBECK (BLOCK 73, LOT 11.03 – 33 HIGHBRIDGE ROAD)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-136 – AUTHORIZING AN EXCHANGE OF CONSTRUCTION CODE SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-137 – AUTHORIZING THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL TO WAIVE THE COLLECTION OF FEES ON TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY LOCATED ON BLOCK 14, LOT 8 (38 NORTH MAIN STREET – NEW EGYPT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-138 – PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY NJEIFP LOAN NO. S340607-03

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-139 - AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES DUE TO TAX EXEMPT STATUS

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-140 - APPOINTING JOHN J. MALLON, P.E. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER OF T&M ASSOCIATES AS PROJECT ENGINEER FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT FY2016 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BRYNMORE ROAD

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-141 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE THE JCP&L INDEMNITY LETTER FOR THE MERIDIAN HEALTH PAINT THE TOWN BANNER

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-142 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-143 – SUPPORTING THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT BY THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION COUNTIES WITH THE NEW JERSEY COUNCIL ON LOCAL MANDATES THAT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM ACT N.J.S.A.2A:162-15 ET SEQ., CONSTITUTES AN UNFUNDED STATE MANDATE IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE VIII, SECTION II, PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE NEW JERSEY CONSTITUTION

Before the consent agenda was adopted, Committeeman Lotito had questions about Resolution No. 2017-143, which supports the filing of a complaint with the New Jersey Council on Local Mandates because the Criminal Justice Reform Act places unfunded State mandates on the Township. He asked what some of the requirements are in terms of finances. Mayor Trotta said

many towns have adopted similar resolutions concerning some of the bail reforms and how people are getting out on the streets faster.

Attorney Kelly said that the new bail and bonding reform regulations that went into effect for 2017 require a very quick turnaround. He thought it was intended to address a specific problem, but in the process it created other problems. Some Chiefs of Police have said that due to the reforms some people are being released earlier and faster than would be prudent. That, in conjunction with other bail reform requirements, is placing a financial burden on municipalities as well as municipal courts. Mayor Trotta said Chief Petrecca has expressed his concerns to Mr. Leutwyler about this reform.

Committeeman Lotito asked Deputy Mayor Sorchik about this but he said he was only familiar with the news articles and was unsure about the accuracy of them. He did know that other municipalities have opposed this particular reform. He said it anticipates more financial burdens for municipalities and also creates confusion in the courts. He said he supports Resolution No. 2017-143.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS READ BY TITLE ON PAGES 2 AND 3 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

MOTION TO CONSIDER:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE FOLLOWING RAFFLES LICENSE WAS APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2017-04 – Off Premise 50/50, New Egypt Elks No. 2457 BPOE. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, THE BILL LIST OF MARCH 1, 2017 WAS APPROVED AS AMENDED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO ABSTAINING AND MAYOR TROTТА ABSTAINING ON PO 1700091

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW: CONSTRUCTION REPORT – January, 2017; TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT – January, 2017; FINANCIAL REPORTS - Revenue Summary by Month – January, 2017; Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status – January, 2017

Mayor Trotta asked for any old or new business from the Committee. Deputy Mayor Sorchik said he had correspondence from a resident who asked for permission to put a memorial bench at the park by the gazebo. This is a memorial to his relative who passed away recently. He asked Mr. Leutwyler to investigate the Green Acres requirements as to whether this would be allowed. He said while he was not opposed and thought it was a noble gesture, he wanted to make sure that the Township did not step into a territory where anyone who wants to, puts a memorial up on Township property. That there should be some sort of limits. He did not want to encumber the Township in memorials that we may not be able to keep in check. He asked Mr. Leutwyler to comment on what he found out.

Mr. Leutwyler said you could put a bench on Green Acres but the question arose as to how and who would manage it. A process would need to be put in place so there would be some control. Committeeman Marinari felt it was very noble but when the Eagle Scouts came to the PBMA and wanted to put up the outdoor classroom, which was beautiful, the question came up as to how it would be maintained. He said not only is vandalism an issue but maintenance is also an issue. He felt before he would okay something like this, he would want and need a lot more information.

Committeeman Wysong thought we should check with other municipalities to see how they handle something of this nature. Attorney Kelly said he would like to look into this because there were other memorial gardens in other municipalities where there is some precedent for this.

Deputy Mayor Sorchik said he would reach out to the resident to let him know that the Township is looking into it; that Green Acres does not have opposition to this, but the Township wants to make sure that ordinance wise we can maintain some sort of control over this.

Mayor Trotta asked for any other comments.

Committeeman Lotito said he, Mr. Leutwyler and Pastor Cuzzo had a meeting regarding his Church which meets in the Municipal Building on Sundays. He felt it was productive and wants to continue the dialogue. There was a discussion about some minor issues and moving material to and from the basement. The Church also presented a check to the Township for \$250. He said they were making a conscious effort to help out in addition to other things they do, such as cleaning the Municipal Building.

Committeeman Marinari asked about Father Joe coming in to do an invocation at one of the Township Committee Meetings. Mayor Trotta said the procedure is to have Barbara Diblin send letters to the pastors of the local churches at the beginning of the year and invite them to do an invocation at a Township Committee Meeting during the year.

Mayor Trotta asked for any other comments.

Committeeman Marinari also mentioned that Committeeman Wysong has decided not to run for re-election. He told Committeeman Wysong that it will be a loss for the Committee and it was an honor for him personally to have served with someone on the Committee with the professionalism and straight forwardness of Committeeman Wysong, and that he will be missed. The Committee all felt the same.

Mayor Trotta asked for public comment.

Ron Tabor of 1 Holly Hill Drive said that some mailboxes have been vandalized in his area and that there was another one in the woods on Sunday. He wanted to know if the Police have any leads on what was going on and what is being done to stop it. Mayor Trotta said there was one issue with a pipe bomb in a mailbox and another with the mailbox smasher. He said someone has been picked up for that.

Another question Mr. Tabor had was about the tow yard area next to the police station. He asked what was being done to get rid of the vehicles and where the money goes from their sale. Mayor Trotta said they need to make a list of the vehicles and get their titles. If they are usable and in good condition, the Township will auction them off. If the vehicle is junked, it is sold as junk. In any of those cases, the Finance Office deposits the money in MRNA (Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated) and explained the process from there.

Mr. Tabor also commented on the paving of Hopkins Road and wanted to know who was responsible for inspecting the paving job, as it was not very good. Mayor Trotta said the Township Engineer has tested core samples in certain areas for thickness. He said the Township has received other complaints and noted that there are repairs that are needed and they will be addressed. Due to the weather, the plants are closed at this time of the year. Committeeman Wysong said the Township holds the bond until everything is squared away.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy J. Hendrickson, RMC
Municipal Clerk