

August 5, 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	ADMINISTRATOR DANCER	ATTORNEY KELLY
CLERK HENDRICKSON	DAVID LEUTWYLER, CDC	

Deputy Mayor Sorchik was in attendance via the phone.

Mayor Trotta asked for a moment of silence.

Mayor Trotta reviewed the agenda. Trotta said the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2015-08 (Scrap Metal) would be held but adjourned and adopted at the September 2nd meeting. The reason being the only scrap metal business in town, Price's, was hand delivered a copy of the ordinance but the owners never got it to review. The public hearing on Bond Ordinance No. 2015-06 will be closed but not adopted. Resolution No. 2015-229 regarding the contract for court fines will be pulled from the agenda at this time until information is received from CFO and Court Administrator.

Trotta said the Township has been working on a shared service with the Borough of South Toms River for the Tax Collector and a resolution is on this evening's agenda to approve this and move forward.

Mayor Trotta asked for anything else for the workshop. Committeeman Wysong said that a Township resident was supposed to come to a 7 PM meeting regarding renting the Welcome Center and wanted to present it to the Committee. Wysong wanted to open the discussion on prayer at the Township Committee Meetings. He had a written statement prepared. Mayor Trotta said he felt the five Committee Members should be in one room when having this discussion. There are sometimes difficulties in hearing what is being said such as ruffling of papers. Deputy Mayor Sorchik has made that comment before and it is hard for him to give his full explanation through a telephone. He preferred that it wait until the next meeting when all will be in attendance. Committeeman Wysong said he discussed the same with Deputy Mayor Sorchik. Committeeman Wysong was a little taken back because business has been conducted in the same regard on any issue with him calling in. Wysong said he was tired of kicking the can down the road and wanted to read his statement.

Mayor Trotta asked if the Committee should move forward with this. Committeeman Lotito said if we agree that somebody being remotely on the phone is going to impede the ability to function at this Board, that it impugns things we do apart from this workshop, prayer aside. Sorchik said he didn't agree with that because he has all of the documents for the meeting in front of him and for this discussion he did not. Wysong said this was a verbal discussion and was willing to listen and render his comments if that is what the Committee so desires. Committeeman Marinari said he shared his respect to Committeeman Wysong but he thought Sorchik should be here because his input into this matter is a major part. He did find that when someone is physically present, you can look at each other and tell what I am saying is the truth and you believe me or not. When you can't see someone, he said he was not speaking about Sorchik, he just felt someone's presence is vitally important. He already sent his comments to the Committee and they know where he stands on this issue. He told Wysong he understood and he read his opinion so what I would say here at this meeting, he would say in Executive. Marinari said he may have brought it up that he was not present and it would only be fair if you were in attendance when the discussion took place.

Committeeman Wysong said he wanted his statement on the record for this meeting and anyone had a right to chime in if they chose to do so. If nothing can be resolved, it can be continued at the next meeting.

Attorney Kelly said it was a matter of procedure and the Board asked to have it tabled until the next meeting but he wanted to make a statement, no one can stop a statement being made on this or any other issue from the dais.

Committeeman Lotito asked Attorney Kelly if they would be creating policy or litmus test towards our treating people who are not here at the meeting. We conduct business, we do ordinances and resolutions with someone that is physically not present and if we were in agreement on some level not having the fifth member here, how can we conduct business? Are we impugning the process? Attorney Kelly said not at all, it was well established that somebody can participate via phone and fully participate as indicated by Deputy Mayor Sorchik with the documents and paperwork in front of him. This is a matter of courtesy or request that he would like to be here to participate in the discussion whether it be lively or otherwise so everyone can fully understand what his comments may be and certainly there is something different in that regard to being in the room. It is a matter of procedure, it is a matter of government and how the Committee acts. There is no problem whatsoever with conducting meetings with somebody calling in, such as the case here. In this case he was just asking to table the discussion so he could be here at the next hearing so everyone can generally see his and everyone else's reaction and fully participate in the dialogue.

Committeeman Wyson asked if this was a formal motion to table something or just an agreement. Attorney Kelly said this was a motion to table the discussion on this particular matter until the September meeting so that all members could be present. The second part of the request was could you make a statement, which Attorney Kelly said he certainly could make a statement. He asked if the motion had to be made and seconded and adopted, which he said it could be. Attorney Kelly said he could still make a statement but as a matter of procedure if the issue is going to be discussed and you are tabling it until the next meeting, it would be better served to hold off until the next meeting to make the statement so that the record is clear and everything is being discussed at once.

Mayor Trotta asked for a motion to table the discussion on prayer, Committeeman Marinari made a motion to table the discussion and Deputy Mayor Sorchik seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Lotito, no; Committeeman Wyson, no; Committeeman Marinari, yes; Deputy Mayor Sorchik, yes, Mayor Trotta, yes. Committeeman Wyson said he would respect the wishes of the Committee.

Attorney Kelly read Resolution No. 2015-216 for Executive Session.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, RESOLUTION NO. 2015-216, 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, ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Trotta called the Regular Session of the meeting to order with the Flag Salute and introduced the professionals at the dais. Since the Scouts were in attendance, he asked them to come forward and lead in the Flag Salute.

MINUTES:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, THE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING OF APRIL 1, 2015 WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI ABSTAINING.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2015 WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTES: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO ABSTAINING.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR/EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING OF MAY 6, 2015 WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG ABSTAINING.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Trotta said the following Certificates were in appreciation for the July 11th Fireworks. Scouts of both Troop 9 and 109 were there for the Flag Ceremony and some came back the next day for cleanup. Certificates were presented to the following scouts from Troop 9: Patrick Casaday, Chris Kramer, Jason Pennypacker and Xander Kimmick and Troop 109, Tanyon Olivo. The following scouts and leaders were not in attendance: Randy Barnes, Ryan Cheung, Noah Potter, Chris Alvik, Quinn Kimmick, Troop 9 Scoutmaster Tom Potter, Asst. Scoutmaster Bruce Barnes, Committee Chair Susan Potter and Committee member Liz Barnes; and Troop 109: Ryan Wright, Clayton Ingalls, Corey Mount Christian Olivo, Jamie Enriquez, Eddie Reynolds, Ryan Twarkusky, Justin Reuter, Eric Parsells, and Troop 109 Scoutmaster Steven Reuter,

Leader Robert Mount, Leader Joseph Olivo and Leader Alan Parsells. The Committee thanked the Scouts.

Mayor Trotta said two other groups were in attendance. He asked Sherri Lotito and Ellen and Arlen Davis to come forward to the dais. Mayor Leutwyler said there is a lot of work that happens behind getting the events set up and these are the people that helped get it done. Dave Leutwyler, Sherri Lotito and Ellen and Arlen Davis helped get the date, marked out the slots, etc. and Patty Wysong came later in the day and helped direct the vendors to set up. He presented each with a Certificate of Appreciation for assistance in setting up the July 4th Rockin' Fireworks Celebration.

Mayor Trotta said the next presentation was for the contributors, that the Township could not have fireworks with cash to pay for them and the entertainment, etc. He explained that this was not paid for by taxpayers' dollars, it is paid through donations. The following donors were in attendance: New Egypt Flea Market, Christian Nevers from New Egypt Market Place.

Mayor Trotta said he stopped by the Business and Merchants Association Meeting and Christian Nevers, New Egypt Market Place, and Jamey Bohonyi, New Egypt Away, were there and took him aside and wanted to know if they made a contribution specifically to the fireworks, could the fireworks be made bigger than they were in the past. He said without hesitation, of course. The details could be worked out later. They raised their contribution from last year so we could double the size of the fireworks from last year. He said this was the first time he heard applause at the end of the fireworks. He thanked them very much.

Besides New Egypt Market Place and New Egypt Agway, another large donor was Blacey's U-Pick Auto Parts. In addition to that the following donors were recognized: Bomar Printing, who does a lot of advertising for the Township at no cost, the School District for letting the Township use the fields, Donny's Potty's, GW Tire, Attorney Jay Tractenberg. Price's Auto Recyclers, Byrne Farm Market, Brayco, Inc., Tara's Tavern, Red Barn Antiques, Myroncuk House Movers, Atkins Building & Masonry, Hughes Tree Service, Laurita Winery, T & M Associates, EME, Big Woods Farm and Nursery, Plumsted Township Republican Club, Plumsted Business and Merchants Association and last but not least Al's Signs who helps with all the entertainment, which has done in the past.

With respect to the lighting for the 4th, it fell through and Laurita stepped up and brought over two of their lights which was very much appreciated.

Mayor Trotta said he thought the entertainment was very good this year with De`Ja Vu, followed by the Chicklets and headliner The Happenings. Committeeman Lotito also wanted to thank Mayor Trotta for putting forth a lot of effort and time in planning the event and being there to make sure all went well. He also wanted to thank Committeeman Wysong as he was there helping his wife Patty with the vendors.

Mayor Trotta asked Clerk Hendrickson to forward certificates to the donors who were unable to attend the meeting.

ORDINANCE: Second Reading and Public Hearing

Mayor Trotta said Ordinance No. 2015-06 was an ordinance to allow the Township to acquire approvals for the Sewer System to go into the design stage and other issues that may arise. This will allow the Township to pay for that but will not borrow any money until all of the approvals are given. The Local Finance Board also needs to give their blessing on this before the ordinance can be adopted. Mayor Trotta asked for any public comment. There was none.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2015-06, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED AND APPROPRIATING \$1,500,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED TO FINANCE THE SAME WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Trotta said the second reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 2015-07 which rescinds Chapter 47AA entitled "Precious Metals, Gems and Jewelry Dealers" and establishes a new Chapter 47AA entitled Precious Metals". This was recommended by Ocean County and will help in law enforcement tracking and finding stolen goods. Mayor Trotta asked for any public comment. There was no public comment but Mr. Glenn Miller of the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office was in attendance to say a few words with respect to Ordinance No. 2015-07, which deals with pawn shops and precious metals and Ordinance No. 2015-08, which deals with scrap

metals. He said the reason behind these ordinances and the electronic base is that everybody knows the tremendous drug problem now and much of that drug problem is fueled by theft. Today pawn shops and scrap metal dealers take information from people who are selling this to them. It requires the pawn shop or scrap metal dealer to enter this information into an electronic database. A police officer can look in that database and see what has been sold in Ocean County. Today prior to this electronic database, that police officer would have to visit somewhere between 60 to 70 pawn shops just in Ocean County to see if that property was sold. The adoption of the following two ordinances allows and will save police countless hours of investigative work. He said there have been many success stories in Ocean County about stolen property which has been found and returned to the rightful owner and catching the bad guy. He said this has been an eye opening experience for every police officer that has used the system. Once the pawn shop owner and scrap metal dealer gets used to and understands the system, it's a law enforcement system and will not go to the public.

Committeeman Lotito said, in terms of technologies, it wasn't clear to him in the ordinance what the system was. He asked if that system was in place and was provided for by the County. Mr. Miller said the system is housed in Washington, DC, which is part of the DEA and is a law enforcement server. The entire State of Maryland, Delaware and about 50 municipalities in New Jersey have already adopted ordinances and are using the system. Lotito asked if there was any cost to the establishments which Mr. Miller said it was \$250 a year. Lotito mentioned the part in the ordinance where it stated "in the event of a database failure" is that an old proprietary version of that database. It was explained that the database is housed in the Law Enforcement Server and the rapid system is proprietary. It is theirs, Law Enforcement does not own the system. Law Enforcement owns the data in the system.

Mr. Miller said the County has been up and running since about October/November 2014 and have had one database failure over a weekend and once he called them they had it up and running in three hours. Lotito said that in the ordinance in the event of a database failure, all transactions are to be submitted on paper. He did not understand where their personal computer ties into that process because if there was some failure, could it mean that they could forfeit their license. Mr. Miller said today the way it is done prior to this system was on paper. Pawn shops had to fill out paperwork and take a copy of their ID, which was a paper system. Most of the paperwork stayed at the pawn shop and police departments would pick up the paperwork once a week. Now in the event that the internet goes down or their system crashes, they just go back to the paper system. Lotito said, in terms of the impact on the Police Chief, it sounds like he is doing more than what he might have been doing in terms of licensing and background checks, etc. Mr. Miller said there may be some additional hours required which most police chiefs are happy to do the background checks.

Mayor Trotta said when the Committee met in June, the Police Chief was in attendance and was very enthusiastic about this and said there may be some initial investigation of a vendor but that it would be better for the Department completely. Mr. Miller said the success stories they have seen in the towns that have been using this in the last six months have been phenomenal.

Mr. Russo said that they can hear Deputy Mayor Sorchik and Mr. Miller but cannot hear the Committee.

Committeeman Lotito asked if the DEA owned the data in the database. Mr. Miller said he was not quite sure if it was the DEA but it is a high intensity drug trafficking, but it was a part of the DEA and only Law Enforcement can enter that database. He also asked if this 5-year requirement to maintain the data and if it would be archived and purged? Mr. Miller said it would be archived but did not what would happen to it after that. He personally did not know what would happen to the data.

There was a question if there was any significance to the name change, Precious Metals, Jewelry Dealers and Gems, which Mayor Trotta explained that when the County gave us the recommendation, they just called it Precious Metals.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED COUNTY OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RESCINDING CHAPTER 47AA OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED "PRECIOUS METALS, GEMS AND JEWELRY DEALERS" AND ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 47AA "PRECIOUS METALS" WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07, WAS ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Mayor Trotta opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2015-08 was an ordinance creating and establishing Chapter 52AAA, entitled “Scrap Metal”.

Bill Price of Price’s Auto Recyclers said he spoke to Mr. Miller of Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office who told him that there was time to go over the details as he had just received it from his guys. Mayor Trotta said there would be a public hearing but it will be adjourned until the next meeting.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2015-08, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CREATING AND ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 52AAA OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED ENTITLED “SCRAP METAL”, WAS INTRODUCED AND WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ORDINANCES: Introduction

Mayor Trotta said Ordinance No. 2015-09 is to authorize Amendment #3 to the New Egypt Redevelopment Plan. This has to do with signs in the core downtown area from where North Main and Main Street meet at Wawa. The Main Street Committee made some suggestions which were reviewed by the Land Use Board and one additional suggestion which had to do with the location of signs.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, ORDINANCE NO. 2015-09, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT #3 TO THE NEW EGYPT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN WAS INTRODUCED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. The second reading and public hearing will be at the September 2nd Township Committee Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

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. 2015-217 – RECOGNIZING THE NAME CHANGE OF COURT ADMINISTRATOR SARAH (HOFFMAN) CAPRITTI

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-118 – AMENDING THE CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2014-250 (2014/2015 SNOWPLOWING/SALTING SERVICES)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-119 – AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-220 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE OCEAN COUNTY LEAF AND VEGETATIVE WASTE COMPOSTING PROGRAM (SEPTEMBER 2015 TO SEPTEMBER 2020)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-221 – APPROVING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT LAURITA WINERY (AUGUST 22 & 23, 2015)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-222 – APPROVING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT THE NEW EGYPT SPEEDWAY (AUGUST 25, 2015)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-223 – AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO DISPOSE OF OR RECYCLE VEHICLES ABANDONED IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TOW YARD

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-224 – AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE OCEAN COUNTY OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES COMPETITIVE CONTRACT PROPOSALS FOR THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE III AREA PLAN GRANT FUNDING FOR 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-225 – AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A VENDOR FEE FOR THE 2015 ROCKIN’ FIREWORKS

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-226 - AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A CERTAIN CLUB LICENSE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-227 – PROVIDING FOR A DEDICATION BY RIDER WITH PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES (CANINE PROGRAM EXPENSES)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-228 – REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:4-87 (LOMBARDI CANINE FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-230 – ACKNOWLEDGING THE RECEIPT OF THE 2014 AUDIT

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-231 – TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER FOR THE SERVICES OF TAX COLLECTOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-232 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-233 – AMENDING THE CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2014-234 AUTHORIZING JOHN J. MALLON, P.E. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER OF T&M ASSOCIATES AS PROJECT ENGINEER FOR THE NJDOT TRUST FUND GRANT FY2014 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM (DISCRETIONARY AID) FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO OAKWOOD DRIVE

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-234 – 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 WYSONG, 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 DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE FOLLOWING RAFFLES LICENSE WAS APPROVED: RAFFLES LICENSE NO. 2015-30 – Off Premise Raffle for New Egypt Football Dance and Cheer

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONALS:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, THE AUGUST 5, 2015 LIST WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES, WITH DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK ABSTAINING

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW: CONSTRUCTION REPORT – JUNE, 2015; TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT – JUNE, 2015; and FINANCIAL REPORTS – 2015 Revenue Projections; Budget Account Status – Trust Funds (01/01/15 – 06/30/15); Budget Account Status – Grant Funds (01/01/15 – 06/30/15); Budget Account Status – Capital Fund (01/01/15 – 06/30/15); Capital Fund 06/30/15; Revenue Summary – Current – 2nd Quarter 2015; and Abbreviated Summary Budget Account Status – Current - 2nd Quarter 2015

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

Mayor Trotta said on July 28th, that he, Assemblyman Dancer, and Attorney Denis Kelly attended two public hearings in Manchester Township with respect to New Jersey Natural Gas Pipeline and thanked anyone who was able to come out and speak on that subject. They have added another public hearing in Burlington County, which is scheduled for the last week in August. Attorney Kelly will be putting a statement together for the Township.

Mayor Trotta said the County has come forward with enhanced enforcement of traffic on Route 539. He said Route 539 has been a problem in the entire Ocean County region and they are going to crack down and enforce the traffic rules and laws accordingly. It is hoped there will be an end to crashes. Committeeman Lotito questioned the enhanced enforcement, which includes rumble strips on the road, raise pavement markers, use of all-weather striping, LED signs, high friction road surface in addition to more police presence. The County is coming up with Grant monies to take care of this, so there should not be a spike in overtime.

Committeeman Wysong said in traveling the highways and byways around the country, there are signs that say “Safety Corridor” fines will be doubled. He brought that to the attention of

Assemblyman Dancer and he would be contacting the Office of Legislative Services and the New Jersey Department of Transportation to see if this was something that could be put on Route 539 for those that disobey the law.

Mayor Trotta said next year will be 15 years since the tragedy of September 11th and the Township has a piece of steel from the Tower. He is working with a company on having a memorial display put up with that piece of steel and show it in remembrance of 9/11 in our town.

Mayor Trotta asked for any public comment.

Committeeman Wysong introduced Lee Habel who would like to rent the Welcome Center and outline his plan. Mr. Habel said he would like to rent the Welcome Center for a Café as a gathering place three days a week. It would be a good place for dancing and poetry readings, etc. He used to be a DJ and there was alcohol, which created a lot of problems. He wanted to do something different with no alcohol, and have coffee, tea and pastry. He said he wanted to do something as there is not much going on. He moved to Plumsted Township from Jackson ten years ago. Committeeman Wysong told him that different groups meet there throughout the week and this would have to be looked into to see if it could work out. He also asked if there would be any kind of renovation, which he said yes. Committeeman Wysong asked him to put it in writing to see if this could be something that would be possible. Mr. Dancer wanted to advise Mr. Habel that under the Public Contracts Law and Public Lands and Buildings Law that a municipal government, if it were to lease or rent whatever the terms may be, to the private sector a for profit business that may enter the bid law where we would have to put out scope of services, etc. Once you put something in writing, there will be a better determination. If it is nonprofit township affiliated groups, it's not a problem with the Township Committee's authorization to use it for those types of organizations and civic groups, but once the private sector wants to utilize a public building, there could be issues.

Dominick Cuzzo, of the Bible Baptist Church read a scripture "Proverbs 27, verse 6", faithful are the wounds of a friend but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful." He wanted to start out by saying everyone on the Committee was a friend and he wanted to wound them a little. He was very disturbed by how things went down. He quoted Mark Twain, "you are a coward when you even seem to back down from a thing when you openly set out to do it." He said it definitely, amen, seemed like the Committee backed down from something that they set out to do at the meeting. It seemed like they did so in an unscrupulous way. He said again, I love you all and you are my friends, but he would be truthful with them, we are in a battle.

We are at war against a cultural push towards that is all ungodly and unrighteous and wicked and the way things went down at this meeting he wanted the record to indicate that he was pointing at Township Attorney Kelly and believe he is dead wrong about the assessment because not doing something because someone is not present, Kelly has jeopardized the authority and analogy of all past and future decisions that are made with a Committeeman via a phone conference and it is a big mistake and he did not think it was worth it. He did not know what the goal was. He did not even want to guess at motives and intentions but you have awoken a sleeping giant as far as he was concerned by ignoring this as fire is not going to make it go away. It will grow and it will grow and next month it will grow even more.

With that said, he would like to conclude with three very brief points to try and encourage the Committee. There was in scripture another time when a man of God went to someone in government and tried to speak to them and help them. This was Oded the Prophet and he went to King Asa of Judah and it was recorded for us in II Chronicles 15. The command was from God for him to be strong. Asa had not a strong heritage, his mother the Queen was wicked and right from there we are taught something and that is everything that we do, we leave a legacy and the Committee is leaving a legacy. Someday, without the revival and the Lord when he returns, this Country will be in despotism and your children and grandchildren will look you in the eyes and want to know what you did to try to turn the tide. Say that this is your blowing this out of proportion pastor and you are leaving a legacy and he would like for you to look your children in the eyes and say this is what I did and what I had authority over and what I did all that I could do while everything was slipping away.

The second thing Asa was in the middle of a battle with Syria at the time and God said to Asa be he therefore strong, and praise God and the next verse says that he took courage did what was right. The battle lines can be framed by those who are attacking us and the battle lines are this. We can be 99% successful in defending our liberties, beliefs and ethics and that 99% effective is still going to leave us at a loss because all that we are doing is defending them. At some point we press forward and stick our neck out there and say where the front lines are and they might get attacked on this. He did not think that this was that big of a deal because Greece in New York took it all the way to the Supreme Court and we know the decision. He thought there was very good precedence for us not to just practice this but actually have law for it. Codifying this as law

whether it's a Chaplain or Committeeman saying a prayer, they are the ones. He knows this in his own personal life. High spirit before destruction and he did not want a high spirit before anything, his dependence is on God and more specifically, his faith is in Jesus Christ personally and he knew that some have that same faith. Whether you do or don't, you are Committeemen and if you rely on God for that moment of silence, lead in prayer, he wanted to encourage them to do and be who they are. He felt like tonight and the way and how it happened it was weakness. There is a rip in our Committeemen and he did not think this to be a big deal because there are real enemies out there and he was not their enemy he was their friend. There are real enemies who would smell blood in the water with something like this and it is happening. That is not what he wants. He said he loved them all very much and he hoped that they take these concerns as the wounds of a threatened. He said they are leaving a legacy and defining battle lines. Put something and codify it and take that step. That was his encouragement. He thanked the Committee.

Barbara Diblin of Terrace Avenue said she wanted to make a suggestion that the Committee also consider that citizens of Plumsted Township who love our town come and pray a citizens leading prayer at 8PM before the Township Meeting begins and pray for the Township Committee's decisions, discernment and wisdom for every member and our town being it was a constitutional right to that. She thanked the Committeemen for serving countless hours without getting paid. She said the State, Congress and everyone opens up with prayer and what was the big deal. It is honoring the Creator that made heaven and earth and only need to look at the landscape of our town as well as the nature and know there is a design and designer and his name is God, Jesus Christ and she would like to propose that we know that we can speak the Spoken Word over our town and bless it. She said we don't know what is coming down the road and there is a lot in the news and things are getting worse and want to bless the blessing of the Lord on our town. She said they are praying for it but they would like to have that here as well. She thanked the Committee for their time and service and she was their friend too.

Committeeman Wysong wanted to make a comment. He said for those who were here when he wanted to start the conversation on prayer with the Committee knew what went down at the time. He could have just made the statement for everyone to hear and no discussion would have taken place because the Committee elected not to discuss the issue. He just wanted them to understand why he didn't push the issue and make that statement. He will make it at the next Committee Meeting to start the discussions once again on prayer at the Township Committee Meetings. Thank you.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Municipal Clerk
Dorothy J. Hendrickson, RMC