

March 23, 2015
Municipal Building
121 Evergreen Road
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Special Meeting of the 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 presented for publication in the Asbury Park Press and The Times and posted on the Bulletin Board." The purpose of this meeting was to consider a transfer resolution, amend the temporary budget and possibly extend the Municipal Court agreement with Lakehurst Borough

THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT:

MAYOR TROTTA DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG
COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR DANCER MUNICIPAL CLERK HENDRICKSON

Deputy Mayor Sorchik was in attendance via phone.

The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

Mayor Trotta said in addition to the original agenda there were a couple of items to be added. Trotta said the Ocean County Assignment Judge has reviewed the contract between Plumsted and Allentown Borough and has made a couple of recommendations. Resolution No. 2015-134 extends the shared services agreement with Lakehurst Borough. Resolution No. 2015-135 will also be added to allow for the signing of the agreement between Allentown Borough and Plumsted Township for Court services. Business Administrator, Ron Dancer, explained the contract.

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. 2015-132 - AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A.40A:4-59

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-133 – AMENDING THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2015

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.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN WYSONG, RESOLUTION NO. 2015-134 – EXTENDING THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES, WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2015-135, AMENDING THE AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF ALLENTOWN TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES, WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Trotta asked for public comments;

Luisa Erich-Carr of Holmes Road questioned where Dave Leutwyler, Community Development Coordinator, salary is found in the Budget, she said she knew the budget was very tight. Leutwyler was making \$1.00 and has gotten a \$44,999 increase. Trotta explained when Ron Dancer was the Mayor the Township had a full-time Business Administrator in the building, when Leutwyler was the Mayor there was not a Business Administrator. Trotta said when Leutwyler was the Mayor he received numerous calls phone calls when he was not here. The Committee knew going forward they needed someone in that position. Perhaps the position shouldn't have been entirely eliminated years ago. Trotta said they wanted to have someone here full time. It is difficult to work a full time job and work a second full time job here. Trotta

continued by saying that jobs had been combined into one full time job. She said Leutwyler was interviewed and appointed. Trotta said the money is coming from the schools deferred tax.

Erich-Carr said when Chief Petrecca was Sergeant he as making \$74,000, there was a Lieutenant who was fired for sexual harassment. When he was fired and Petrecca took full charge he didn't get the Lieutenant's salary. Erich-Carr continued by saying when Petrecca was made Chief of Police he should have gotten a \$20,000.00 raise from the beginning. She said Ron Dancer told her that it wasn't in the budget, it still isn't in the budget. Erich-Carr asked why didn't they give Leutwyler \$25,000 and the Chief \$20,000. Trotta explained when Petrecca was promoted to Chief from his previous position he agreed to do it at no additional salary. Erich-Carr questioned when Leutwyler would be getting a raise, Trotta said Leutwyler wouldn't be getting a raise. Erich-Carr said everyone favored Leutwyler, Trotta informed Erich-Carr that an Assistant Business Administrator from another town had been called into sit in on the interviews and she said that Leutwyler was by far the best candidate for the position.

Erich-Carr said she had another issue, why wasn't Sorchik in attendance at the meetings. The Committee said he was here and to direct her question to him. She said it is different if he was at the meetings she could look him in the eyes for his feelings not a ghost. Trotta said he was only here today because he had a doctor's appointment he has to work a full time job in order to pay his living expenses. Erich-Carr said Sorchik was never here. Sorchik responded by saying that he is in Nashville at the moment but feels that it is important that he participates in the meeting. He said he has all of the information in front of him. Sorchik continued by saying that no police officers had been fired from the department, there have been several officers who have retired or resigned but no one has been dismissed since he has been on the Committee in 2007. As far as the Chief of Police agreement, the Chief fully understood the condition and he agreed on a salary that was in excess of what the Sergeant made and the Township has continued to honor that agreement with him for the last several years. There is really no issue with the salary that is something that was agreed upon long ago.

Erich-Carr asked if there was a law suit in the police department regarding sexual harassment. Sorchik explained that there was a civil action but wasn't sure of the outcome that the insurance company handle it. As far as Lieutenant Titko, he retired. Erich-Carr said it would have been nice if Sorchik had been at the public hearing on the Fire District budget so she could see his face. She continued when he is on the phone she cannot see his face. She also said that the Township Committee meetings used to be on Monday nights and she was told that they were changed to accommodate committee members, the Committee people that are here now are not the same ones that were on the Committee then. She said she would like to go the Fire District meeting. She said maybe the Committee could rearrange their meetings to Monday nights.

Mayor Trotta asked if there were any other public comments, there were not.

He asked if there were any comments from the Township Committee. Committeeman Wysong said he would not be confrontational.

Business Administrator Dancer said he was going to check with Lilia Lopez of the AOC regarding the Shared Services Agreement. Dancer said generally a shared service agreement is for one year and can be renewed depending on what the two governing bodies decide. Dancer said perhaps the court case filings could be for a three year average rather than 2014. He will verify that and get the information to the committee.

There was no further business for the meeting.

Mayor Trotta asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy J. Hendrickson, RMC
Municipal Clerk