

The Township Committee of the Township of Raritan met on November 17, 2014 at the Municipal Building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, New Jersey

**MEETING
CALLED**

Mayor O'Brien called the regular meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following were present: Mayor Craig O'Brien, Deputy Mayor Michael Mangin, Comm. Tom Antosiewicz, Comm. Oliver Elbert and Comm. Karen Gilbert. Also present was Adm. Allan Pietrefesa and Township Attorney Albert E. Cruz.

**MEETING
ADVERTISED**

Mayor O'Brien advised that the meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act in the January 10, 2013 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat and was posted on the office bulletin board and the Township Website.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor O'Brien asked all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag and to remain standing for a Moment of Silence to remember our Men and Women serving in the Armed Forces and in Particular Those Serving In Troubled Areas Around the World.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

It is the policy of the Township Committee that all public comments on an issue shall be limited to three minutes per person. Public comment shall be permitted on items of concern regarding the agenda only. In addition, time will be allotted at the end of the meeting for public comment on any issue.

*** Barbara Sachau, 2 Glenway Drive, asked about Check #025059 payable to I.A.A.O in the amount of \$175.00. She also asked about a payment to John Cassells & Co. in the amount of \$1,500.00. Mayor O'Brien said that Mr. Cassells was the Supervisor of Accounts and he has since taken another position. He is working part time on a contract basis to help out with accounting information. Adm. Pietrefesa said that I.A.A.O. refers to the Tax Assessor's membership dues.

*** Mrs. Sachau said that she thought that the acquisition of the Kangas property was not a good buy for the Township.

*** Bob Traino, 19 Phipps Court, thanked Mayor O'Brien and the Committee for considering the installation of the fire hydrants for the safety and welfare of the residents of Flemington Fields.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT
(Con't)**

*** Kevin Beedy, 14 Buchanan Way, said that there is a foul smelling order emanating from a Fragrance Company on River Road. This happens about five to ten times per month. His concern is for the people who live in the development and wanted to make sure that the company is compliant with all the laws.

**FINANCIAL
ISSUES**

Payment of Bills as Listed for Raritan Township: **\$ 15,382,849.54**

Mayor O'Brien said that there were two large payments made totaling \$14 million to the Boards of Education; \$200,000 was paid for health care and \$600,000 was for payroll. Comm. Mangin asked about a payment in the amount of \$22,801.14 to New Jersey American Water Company. Adm. Pietrefesa said that this is a monthly bill for fire hydrants at \$800 per hydrant.

Mayor O'Brien asked for a motion to approve the Bill List.

Motion was made by Comm. Mangin and seconded by Comm. Gilbert.

Roll Call Vote: Antosiewicz – yes
 Elbert – yes
 Gilbert - yes
 Mangin – yes
 O'Brien – yes

Motion carried.

REPORTS

LIAISON REPORTS

Craig O'Brien - Administration/Finance/Personnel – Mayor O'Brien said that Mr. Warnebold was appointed as Construction Code Official. There is also an appointment for a Building Sub Code Official. Mayor O'Brien said that Eng. Hajjar has written a memo to the New Jersey DEP regarding the Hampton Corner Road flooding. He hopes that this can be resolved soon. Mayor O'Brien mentioned that Adm. Pietrefesa has received a check from Raritan Estates (Stickel Properties) for the repair to the walking trails. Don Hutchins, Acting Superintendent of Public Works, said that the DPW is on its 6th tour of leaf pickup.

Michael Mangin –RTMUA/Economic Development – Comm. Mangin said that a letter was received from Hunterdon County regarding the Wastewater Management Plan. He reached out to RTMUA to make sure that Hunterdon County is compliant. The RTMUA has a resolution for consideration on its agenda regarding this matter. Under Economic Development, Comm. Mangin said that there may be a prospective buyer of a food company for the Beemis property.

**REPORTS:
(Con't)**

Tom Antosiewicz – Public Works/Board of Health/Green Team & Historians Committee – Comm. Antosiewicz said that the Board of Health will meet on Thursday, November 19, 2014. The Board is still working on the maintenance of abandoned and foreclosed properties. The Green Team has received recertification in the Sustainable New Jersey Program. The Township was initially certified about three years ago. There is a very comprehensive check list that the Township has to go through for recertification. He thanked Marianne Rampulla who was instrumental in supporting all the recertification efforts. Comm. Antosiewicz said that a reenactment was held at Geary's Ridge. There was also a Veteran's Day Memorial held in Flemington Borough at the war memorial.

Karen Gilbert – Flemington-Raritan Schools/Hunterdon Central High School/Parks & Recreation – Comm. Gilbert said that the Parks and Recreation Committee held its last meeting of the year. She reminded everyone that the Senior Lunch is on December 13th which she will be attending along with the Mayor. The running club was rained out and they are hoping that they can get some publicity at the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day. She mentioned that pavilion rental at Mine Brook is handled by the Parks and Recreation Committee. Don Hutchins said that there is no rental for Lenape Park. It is on a first come, first serve basis.

Oliver Elbert – Public Safety/Affordability & Wellness/Rural Quality – Comm. Elbert said that there is an ordinance listed for adoption authorizing the Township to purchase the Kangas property. He thanked the Open Space Advisory Committee for working so hard on this project. The property is 47 acres at no net cost to the Township.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

SALE OF LAND ALONG THE FORMER PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

Attorney Cruz said that the Township Committee authorized that he perform a title search for this strip of land. That title search indicated that the Township may not own the area in fee. The Township, at this point, may not be able to auction the property as it had planned. That is not to say that the public does not have rights in that area of which rights may have to be addressed by the Township. Because he received the title search that very afternoon, he will further review the matter to determine what other options the Township may have. Attorney Cruz suggested that the vote on Ordinance #14-15 be carried to the December 2, 2014 Committee Meeting.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS
(Con't)**

*** Ira Pitel, Magna Power, wanted to know who owns the land.

Attorney Cruz said that ownership is the main thing he wants to discuss with the title company. He asked the title company that the way the Township is proceeding to auction the property, if the Township owns it. The response he received from the title company was no. However, he still wants to review the title search so he can be able to make that determination. The Township may have rights that may have to be vacated.

HUNTERDON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD RE: CONSENT FROM THE TOWNSHIP ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE HUNTERDON COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT (WQM) PLAN – FRENCHTOWN BOROUGH WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (WMP) CHAPTER – Mayor O'Brien announced that this matter was tabled.

ORDINANCE #14-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN TO PURCHASE BLOCK 43, LOT 3 FROM THEODORE KANGAS, JR., A/K/A TED KANGAS, AND LAUREL KERRUISH AND AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$282,850.00 FROM THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND.

Meeting opened to the public.

*** Amy Greene, Chairperson of the Open Space Committee, thanked the Township Committee for its support of open space preservation in Raritan Township in recent years. The Open Space Committee has been fulfilling its mandate through continued development of an open space plan for the Township. This plan seeks to preserve farmland preservation, rural character, scenic vistas, keeping development rights moderate and providing recreation and conservation land preservation.

*** Harold Quinn, 10 Cherryville Hollow Road, thanked the Committee for its support of open space in the past and going forward as well. He has hiked in that area several times. Aside from all the reasons that Ms. Greene spoke about, there are certain economic reasons that the Township will benefit from such as the cost associated if houses were built. He mentioned that the property was forested in 1900 and forested in 1950 which means a lot for the quality of soil and is a very unique piece of property. He urged the Committee to adopt Ordinance #14-18.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS
(Con't)**

*** Bill Kibler, Raritan Headwaters Association, said that its watershed covers 470 square miles in Hunterdon, Morris and Somerset Counties with 39 municipalities involved including Raritan Township. The Raritan Headwaters is not a partner in this open space acquisition, however, the Raritan Headwaters Association has partnered with Raritan Township on several open space projects in the past including the Urbach Farm and the Dvoor Farm. Protecting the water quality, farmland and wetlands is very critical. He felt that this project not only benefits Raritan Township, it also benefits the larger community.

Mayor O'Brien asked for a motion to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance #14-18 on final consideration, same to be published according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Elbert and seconded by Comm. Gilbert.

Roll Call Vote: Antosiewicz – yes
 Elbert – yes
 Gilbert – yes
 Mangin – yes
 O'Brien – no

Mayor O'Brien said that the Township is spending approximately \$140,000 of taxpayer money. He thought that the money could be better spent on other pieces of property. He pointed out that 1/3rd of the Township's debt, approximately \$5.6 million, is in the purchase of open space property. The funding for this program ends in 2016. The Township has not yet figured out how to continue paying off the debt. This piece of property is undeveloped and possibly two houses can be built on it. He did not think that this was the most prudent use of money to acquire this property.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS
(Con't)**

FLEMINGTON FIELDS RE: INSTALLATION OF FIRE

HYDRANTS – Adm. Pietrefesa said that when this development was approved, the prior Fire Marshal had determined where he thought fire hydrants should be located. At that time, it was determined that there was enough apparatus that would cover the whole area of single family homes. It was brought to the Township's attention that the location of the hydrants may not be in conformance with the Residential Site Improvements Act (RSIS). Fire Marshal Abrams assessed the situation and agreed that the hydrants were not in conformance and recommended that four additional hydrants be installed on Higgins, Phipps, Apgar and Shippen Courts. This installation of hydrants require the approval of the Township Committee because there is a cost of \$800 per year, per hydrant. The developer, RVD, is solely responsible for the cost of the installation of the fire hydrants.

Attorney Cruz said he reviewed the materials that were distributed in the agenda packet.

*** Bob Traino, 19 Phipps Court, said that he felt that \$3,200 for the cost of the hydrants each year is not much compared with the safety and welfare of the people especially the people that have mobility issues. He requested that the Township consider the safety of the people in the development.

*** Pat Sullivan, 21 Higgins Court, said that she agreed with Mr. Traino. At the present time, she believed that the development was not in compliance with NJAC 5:21-5.4 which is that the fire hydrants have to be within 400 feet of a home within the right-of-way. She appreciated it if the Committee could get this resolved as soon as possible. She mentioned that a petition was signed regarding the medians in this development. She felt that the medians make the road too narrow for fire trucks to enter. 80% of the residents signed the petition. She would like the fire company do a trial run to make sure that the trucks could get through.

Mayor O'Brien said that the medians are part of the Site Plan. The developer could come before the Board of Adjustment for a change. The Fire Company has done practice runs and have determined that there is more than enough space to get through. Comm. Gilbert asked about private fire hydrants being only in commercial sites. She wanted to know if there were any other residential sites in the Township that have privately owned fire hydrants. Adm. Pietrefesa said he was not aware of any of these.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS
(Con't)**

Attorney Cruz said, as a point of clarification, that what the Committee is approving is not the installation of the fire hydrants but accepting the cost of \$800 per hydrant, per year once they are installed by the developer.

Mayor O'Brien asked for a motion to approve the cost of four fire hydrants at \$800 each, per year for a total cost of \$3,200.

Motion was made by Comm. Gilbert and seconded by Comm. Mangin.

Roll Call Vote: Antosiewicz – yes
 Elbert – yes
 Gilbert – yes
 Mangin – yes – *Mayor Mangin said that he has been conservative on spending dollars and he has also been a Fire Chief. Being a Fire Chief, he knows the risks. When the Raritan Township Fire Company goes out on a call, it is important that they have access to a fire hydrant. He saw this as a safety issue and approved the cost.*
 O'Brien – yes

Motion carried.

**HUNTERDON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY RE:
COUNTY ADMINISTERED ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER SERVICES –**

Adm. Pietrefesa said that after the last meeting, he received a scope of services from the County for animal control services. He was not sure about the scope of services for bids or what the scope of services are going to provide Raritan Township. There are many concerns that have not been addressed. The cost to Raritan Township including the contract for ACO Services, impound facilities and rabies clinics, is about \$46,000 per year. The Township took in \$54,000 this year so far. Last year the total was \$55,000. The cash balance at the end of last year was only \$2,000.00. The revenue for the pets only comes in April, May and June. The Township must pay the fees for the other months. Adm. Pietrefesa was also concerned about the \$2.00 fee for each resident and how is that going to be billed by the County. He also mentioned that there might be a problem with certified staffing and special vehicles with special equipment that is required. It was the consensus of the Committee to not participate in the County Administered Animal Control Officer Services.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS
(Con't)**

**SALE OF VEHICLES USING GOVDEALS AND SALE OF SCRAP
MATERIALS & VEHICLES**

– Adm. Pietrefesa said that attached to the resolution listed for consideration is a list of equipment that will be sold through GovDeals. This equipment must be declared surplus property in order to allow the sale. Also this list must be advertised. Hopefully the equipment will be sold by December, 2014. The equipment consists of two fire trucks and one old vehicle from the Engineer's Office. Comm. Antosiewicz asked about additional vehicles and equipment. Adm. Pietrefesa said that there is an additional resolution which contains a list of equipment. This equipment consists of rusted out dumpsters and vehicles that are considered scrap materials. Acting Superintendent Don Hutchins said that the dumpsters have been sitting at the Public Works site for years. Comm. Mangin wanted to know the cost of the scrap metal. Acting Sup't Hutchins said that the resolution states that the cost is 1.5 cents over the current market price. In this way, there is no set dollar amount and it allows him to bring materials to the vendor when the market is up. Comm. Antosiewicz asked about the Smart Car. Adm. Pietrefesa said that the Township Committee, at the last meeting, decided to hold off on making any decision about this vehicle.

Resolution #14-214 - Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Vehicles, Equipment and Property to Absolute Auto Truck Salvage Company

Mayor O'Brien asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #14-214 as amended.

Motion was made by Comm. Mangin and seconded by Comm. Gilbert.

Roll Call Vote: Antosiewicz – yes
 Elbert – yes
 Gilbert – yes
 Mangin – yes
 O'Brien – yes

Motion carried.

FUNDING FOR DUMP TRUCK – Adm. Pietrefesa said that there were some errors in the original ordinance. \$23,000 will be moved from one ordinance to another, authorizing debt of \$21,800 but reducing debt of another ordinance by \$23,000. The authorized debt was reduced by \$1,200.00. In the description, the amounts must be changed. Attorney Cruz explained that the title of the ordinance will change to the following: The amount of \$25,000 will change to \$23,000; the amount of 23,800 will change to \$21,800; the amount of \$23,800 will change to \$23,000. Acting Superintendent Hutchins said that the additional funding is needed.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS
(Con't)**

The County bid came in at \$175,000 and only \$150,000 was appropriated. That appropriation number was set before knowing that the County was going to bid and offering a co-op purchase on it. Comm. Mangin asked that if the Township did not go with the co-op purchase and went out to bid, would it be possible to purchase that truck for less than the County. Mr. Hutchins said no. Acting Sup't Hutchins has prepared the specs and will go out to bid to see what figures come in. He recommended that the Township go out to bid. If the price comes in lower, the dump truck will be purchased. If it doesn't work out, the Township could always purchase the truck through the County. However, the ordinance should be adopted at this time because the money needs to be in place.

FLEMINGTON JUNCTION REDEVELOPMENT PLAN ORDINANCE –

Attorney Cruz said that the Ingerman Group also known as Flemington Junction, LLC is developing affordable housing units in the Township. At the beginning of this year, this matter was before the Township Committee to determine whether this property could be declared an area in need of non-condemnation redevelopment. The Township Committee authorized the Planning Board to conduct that study. The Planning Board did conduct that study and it recommended that the property be declared an area in need of non-condemnation redevelopment. That recommendation came before the Committee and the Committee declared it as an area in need of redevelopment and sent it back to the Planning Board in preparation of a redevelopment plan. The redevelopment plan was prepared and there was a public hearing on that plan at the last Planning Board meeting. The Planning Board did recommend that the Township adopt the redevelopment plan. In order to adopt the redevelopment plan, the Committee must adopt it by ordinance. The development will consist of 84 units at a 100% affordable housing rental development. The redevelopment plan ordinance replaces and repeals the existing affordable housing guidelines for that property.

WILDLIFE SIGNS ON CASE BOULEVARD –

A resident came before the Township Committee to request that signs be installed along Case Boulevard indicating that there is wildlife in that area. Mayor O'Brien said that if signs are installed on Case Boulevard, why not have signs installed on various roads throughout the Township. There is wildlife in many areas of the Township. Planner Sunyak suggested to ask the Police Chief where the most accidents involving wildlife have been. Mayor O'Brien and the Committee agreed. It was the consensus of the committee not to place signs along Case Boulevard. Comm. Antosiewicz asked how the "Adopt a Road" is going. Acting Sup't Hutchins said that it is going very well. There are twelve organizations that have adopted nineteen miles of road. The Moose Lodge has adopted Barley Sheaf and Minneakoning Roads. Comm. Gilbert asked if the same cleanup program can be done for the parks.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

DONATION OF BICYCLES TO PEDALS FOR PROGRESS – The Township has accumulated about 20 bicycles that are being stored by the Public Works Department. The Pedals for Progress Organization will accept the bicycles and distribute them to needy families. There is a cost of \$20.00 per bicycle. If the Township receives enough donations, it can then donate the bikes. Administrator's Assistant Carol Barbati would like to solicit enough donations to satisfy the \$20.00 per bike fee. Comm. Antosiewicz donated \$100.00. Mayor O'Brien said he would also donate to this cause. Adm. Pietrefesa said he did not know if the bicycles were donated to local kids. It was the consensus of the Committee to move forward with this project.

RENEWAL IN THE SOMERSET COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND (JIF)

Adm. Pietrefesa said that the Somerset County Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) will expire at the end of the year. He highly recommended that the Township renew in the JIF for a term of three (3) years. He distributed the Indemnity and Trust Agreement that is currently in place and has not changed. The By-Laws are available in the Clerk's Office. This is one of the best things that the Township has ever done. There is no deductible charged to the Township. Once the premium is set by JIF, the Township could add any amount of cars it wishes at no extra charge. There are thirteen entities belonging to the JIF and he said that only one town dropped out in the last thirteen (13) years. There is a premium refund that is received each year of which \$50,000 was received in December, 2013. Comm. Mangin asked if there were any other self-insured funds. Adm. Pietrefesa said there were several funds. Attorney Cruz asked Adm. Pietrefesa to check if there was an op-out clause and if there is a payment to withdraw from the fund. He also asked Adm. Pietrefesa to check what the new payment would be if the Township enrolls with a new Joint Insurance Fund. It was the consensus of the Committee to table Resolution #14-215 and discuss the matter at the meeting of December 2, 2014.

FLEMINGTON FIELDS RE: INSTALLATION OF FIRE HYDRANTS – This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE #14-15

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE ALONG THE FORMER PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.

Public Hearing was held on November 5, 2014

The vote for Ordinance #14-15 was tabled until December 2, 2015.

ORDINANCE #14-16

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BARGAIN AND SALE DEED FROM JOHNSON-AMRITT, LLC, FOR A PORTION OF BLOCK 27, LOT NOS. 30.01 AND 35.01 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN FOR A ROAD TO BE KNOWN AS FOSTER LANE.

Attorney Cruz said that this is the Bio Serve property and a dedication of a portion of their property for Foster Lane.

Meeting opened to the public.

Mayor O'Brien asked for a motion to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance #14-16 on final consideration, same to be published according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Gilbert and seconded by Comm. Mangin.

Roll Call Vote: Antosiewicz – yes
 Elbert – yes
 Gilbert – yes
 Mangin – yes
 O'Brien – yes

Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE #14-17

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEED OF DEDICATION (RIGHT OF WAY), AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, FIRE SUPPRESSION EASEMENT AND LAND MAINTENANCE COVENANT FROM MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT LIMITED, LLC, FOR LOT 30 IN BLOCK 80 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN.

Mayor O'Brien said that this ordinance is for the solar panels next to the Copper Hill School on Route 202. Attorney Cruz said that it also includes a guarantee from the parent company of the solar company for the decommissioning plan to remove the solar panels in the future.

Meeting opened to the public.

Mayor O'Brien asked for a motion to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance #14-17 on final consideration, same to be published according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Gilbert and seconded by Comm. Mangin.

Roll Call Vote: Antosiewicz – yes
 Elbert – yes
 Gilbert – yes
 Mangin – yes
 O'Brien – yes

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #14-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN TO PURCHASE BLOCK 43, LOT 3 FROM THEODORE KANGAS, JR., A/K/A TED KANGAS, AND LAUREL KERRUISH AND AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$282,850.00 FROM THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND.

Ordinance #14-18 was adopted earlier in the meeting.

**ORDINANCES:
(Con't)**

ORDINANCE #14-19

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$23,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT FOR AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$21,800 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF AND AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE #12-10 OF THE TOWNSHIP FINALLY ADOPTED AUGUST 7, 2012 IN ORDER TO DECREASE THE BONDS OR NOTES AUTHORIZED THEREIN BY \$23,000.

Mayor O'Brien asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #14-19 on first consideration, same to be published according to law with a public hearing and a vote scheduled for the meeting of December 2, 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, New Jersey at which time all interested persons will be heard.

Motion was made by Comm. Antosiewicz and seconded by Comm. Gilbert.

Roll Call Vote: Antosiewicz – yes
 Elbert – yes
 Gilbert – yes
 Mangin – yes
 O'Brien – yes

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #14-20

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A "REDEVELOPMENT PLAN" FOR A NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT INCLUDING BLOCK 16.01/LOTS 37.01 AND 54 AS SHOWN ON THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN TAX MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, AND AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS TO TITLE 16 OF THE "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO EXISTING SECTION 16.22.010, "ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES", TO EXISTING SECTION 16.22.020, "ZONING MAP", AND SECTION 16.24.N PROVIDING FOR AN AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING OVERLAY ZONE CONTAINING BLOCK 16.01/LOTS 37.01 AND 54

ORDINANCES: Mayor O'Brien asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #14-20 on first consideration, same to be published according to law with a public hearing and a vote scheduled for the meeting of December 16, 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, New Jersey at which time all interested persons will be heard.

(Con't)

Motion was made by Comm. Mangin and seconded by Comm. Gilbert.

Roll Call Vote: Antosiewicz – yes
 Elbert – yes
 Gilbert – yes
 Mangin – yes
 O'Brien – yes

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. League of Municipalities: (All Information is on File in the Clerk's Office):
Education Opportunities for Newly Elected Officials; "A Review of the New Farmland Assessment Guidelines Webinar"; Resources for Seeking Grants; FCC Rule Enables Wireless Industry to Short Circuit Local Land Use Review; FCC Rule Eliminates Public Safety Communications Mandate; "Immigrant Wage Theft Webinar"; COAH Update; User Friendly Budget Proposed; Important Spill Act Amendment Advances; Limits to Accumulated Sick Leave Payouts; Assembly Transportation committee Hearing on the Transportation Trust Fund – Thursday, November 20, 2014;
- b. Requests for Donations:
 - 1) Hunterdon Drug Awareness Program, Inc.,
 - 2) Hunterdon Helpline
- c. Raritan Headwaters re: Stream Cleaning – *Comm. Antosiewicz noted that the stream cleaning will take place on April 18, 2015.*
- d. Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce – November, 2014
(Booklet on File in the Clerk's Office)
- e. Raritan Township Planning Board re: Hunterdon County comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – *Comm. Mangin said that a letter will be sent to the County from the Committee expressing its views regarding CEDS.*

CONSENT
AGENDA
(Con't)

Resolutions:

Resolution #14-208 – Consenting to the Proposed Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Amendment

Resolution #14-211 – Authorizing a Refund for a Police Department Violation for Susan Grendzinski in the Amount \$25.00

Resolution #14-212 – Return of Street Opening Bond to A & S Paving and Excavating, LLC in the Amount of \$700.00

Resolution #14-213 – Authorizing an Agreement with GovDeals, Inc. for the Disposal by Auction of Surplus Property

Resolution #14-214 – Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Vehicles to Absolute Auto Truck Salvage Company

Resolution #14-215 – Renewal in the Somerset County Joint Insurance Fund

Resolution #14-218 – Tax Refunds

Resolution #14-219 – Extending the Appointment of Acting Building Sub Code Official Jeff Klein to December 22, 2014

Resolution #14-221 – Authorizing the Appointment of an Acting Electric Sub Code Official

Resolution #14-222 – Appointing Hans D. Warnebold as Acting Construction Official Effective November 23, 2014 and Construction Official Effective January 1, 2015 for a Term of Four (4) Years

The following were removed from the Consent Agenda: Resolution #14-208, Resolution #14-215 and Resolution #14-221. Resolution #14-214 was adopted earlier in the meeting.

Mayor O'Brien asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended.

**CONSENT
AGENDA
(Con't)**

Motion was made by Comm. Mangin as amended and seconded by Comm. Gilbert.

Roll Call Vote: Antosiewicz – yes
 Elbert – yes
 Gilbert – yes
 Mangin – yes
 O'Brien – yes

Motion carried.

**PRIVILEGE
OF THE
FLOOR**

Anyone may address the Committee on any issue for three (3) minutes

*** Barbara Sachau, 2 Glenway Drive, asked about the 400 page document from the County regarding the Hunterdon County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). She wanted to know if any official comments have been sent from any public body in the Township and if it is available to the public.

Mayor O'Brien said that a letter was sent by the Township Committee and after that, copies will be made available to the public. Planner Sunyak said that comments went out from the Planning Board.

*** Mrs. Sachau said she would like to see the bikes that are being donated to Pedals for Progress go to kids in Raritan Township. She mentioned that 40% of New Jersey residents are in poverty status. She also said that a regional approach for animal control makes more sense.

Mayor O'Brien said that the Township will not go regional at this time.

*** Mrs. Sachau said that leaves have been collected only once this year at her house. She also asked about a defined contribution retirement plan for part time employees.

Adm. Pietrefesa said that the defined contribution retirement plan is a State mandated retirement plan whereby individuals who make under a certain dollar limit are required to enroll. This has been in effect for several years.

*** Louis Reiner thanked Mayor O'Brien for voting against the Kangas property acquisition. He shares the Mayor's views that open space funding can be utilized much better in other areas. He commended the Mayor for having the courage to stand alone.

Attorney Cruz read Resolution #14-217 in full.

Resolution #14-217 - CLOSED SESSION:

Personnel: 2015 Appointments;

Mayor O'Brien asks for a motion to adopt Resolution #14-217 as amended.

Motion was made by Comm. Gilbert and seconded by Comm. Mangin.

Roll Call Vote: Antosiewicz – yes
 Elbert – yes
 Gilbert – yes
 Mangin – yes
 O'Brien – yes

Motion carried.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

Closed Session Minutes are on a separate document.

**OPEN
SESSION**

The Committee went back into Open Session.

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

Mayor O'Brien asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion was made by Comm. Gilbert and seconded by Comm. Mangin.

Vote: 5 – 0 motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Sollena, RMC/CMC
Township Clerk

