

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
COUNCIL MEETING

April 3, 2013

The Council Meeting of the Lopatcong Township Council was called to order at 7:30 pm by Council President Camporine. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building located at 232 S. Third St., Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865.

Council President Camporine stated “adequate notice of this meeting has been provided indicating the time and place of the meeting in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 by advertising a Notice in The Star Gazette and The Express-Times and by posting a copy on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.”

A prayer was offered followed by the Oath of Allegiance.

Present: Council President Camporine, Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla and Councilwoman McCabe. Also present were Tax Collector Edinger, Attorney Campbell and Engineer Sterbenz.

Resolution No. 13-48 - was passed to hold an Executive Session to discuss litigation and contractual matters.

Special Presentation - Karen Casano – Big Brothers/Big Sisters “Bowl for Kids’ Sake”. Ms. Casano dropped off pamphlets and explained this event to Council and the public.

Public Comment – Public asked questions on agenda items.

Old Business:

Minutes – Council President Camporine asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2013. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman Ciesla. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.
NAYS: None

Ordinance No. 13-02 – Second reading and public hearing to Amend, Revise and Supplement Article III, “Smoke-Free Zones,” Chapter 109 “Municipal Buildings” of the Code to Prohibit Smoking on Public Property. Council President Camporine asked for a motion to hold a public hearing. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman Ciesla. All in favor. No comments. Motion to close the public hearing by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman Ciesla. All in favor.

2013-01

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE

NOTICE is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at the Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, the following Ordinance was presented and passed on final reading. The Ordinance was then ordered to be published according to law by title only.

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE III, “SMOKE-FREE
ZONES,” CHAPTER 109 “MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF LOPATCONG TO PROHIBIT SMOKING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Said Ordinance may be read and inspected at any time at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, Lopatcong Township Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Council President Camporine asked for a motion to adopt this Ordinance on second reading. Motion by Councilwoman Ciesla, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.
NAYS: None

New Business:

Resolution No. 13-49 – Defer school tax.

R 13-49

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING DEFERRED LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX

WHEREAS, the local district school tax for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 was raised in the 2012 tax levy in the amount of \$12,517,144.00; and

WHEREAS, the statutes permit the deferral of the cash liability of such school tax up to 50% of the school tax levy or \$6,258,572.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, that the deferred school tax for the local school district be increased from \$6,121,722.00 to \$6,258,572.00 as of December 31, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Council President Camporine asked for a motion to adopt this Resolution. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman Ciesla. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.
NAYS: None

Resolution No. 13-50 – Approve self-examination of 2013 Budget.

R 13-50

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING SELF-EXAMINATION OF
BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 thru 7.5, the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Township meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2013 budget year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification. The Governing Body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges.
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year.
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes.
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items.
 - f. Any inclusion of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met. (Complies with the "CAP" law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated.
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth.
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of Local Government Services.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Council President Camporine asked for a motion to adopt this Resolution. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman Ciesla. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.
NAYS: None

Ordinance No. 2013-02 – First reading to establish CAP Bank for calendar year 2013.

2013-02

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2013 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$75,707 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determine that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, in the County of Warren a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2013 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Lopatcong shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4.45.14, be increased by 3.5% amounting to \$176,651 and that the CY 2013 municipal budget for the Township of Lopatcong be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption with the recorded vote be thereon; be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Lopatcong held on April 3, 2013, and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on May 1, 2013 at 7:30 pm or as soon thereafter as the Township Council may hear this Ordinance in the Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Council President Camporine asked for a motion to adopt this Resolution. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman Ciesla. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.

NAYS: None

2013 Municipal Budget – Introduction. Public hearing on the budget will be May 1st. Motion by Councilwoman Ciesla, seconded by Councilman Belcaro. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.

NAYS: None

Municipal Building Exterior Camera Replacement – Approve replacement of exterior camera on the front of the Municipal Building at a cost of \$875.00. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman Ciesla. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.

NAYS: None

Resolution No. 13-51 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2012-033 in the amount of \$1,065.03 on Block 109, Lot 2.

R 13-51

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2012-033 ON BLOCK 109, LOT 2

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on June 8, 2012, a lien was sold on Block 109, Lot 2 also known as 87 Lynnfield Terrace for 2011 delinquent sewer taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2012-033 was sold to US Bank Cust/Crestar Capital, LLC for 0% interest; and

WHEREAS, Corelogic, mortgage company for the property owners, has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2012-033 in the amount of \$1,065.03.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 3rd day of April, 2013, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,065.03 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2012-033 to:

US Bank/Cust./Crestar Capital, LLC
2 Liberty Pl, 50S 16th St., S1950
Philadelphia, PA 19102

CERTIFICATION

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Council President Camporine asked for a motion to adopt this Resolution. Motion by Councilwoman Ciesla, seconded by Councilman Belcaro. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.

NAYS: None

Ordinance No. 2013-03 – First reading to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 115, entitled “Fees,” Article VI, “Payment of Credit Card” to increase the percentage for costs associated with payment of municipal taxes and sewer by credit card.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-03

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 115, "FEES," ARTICLE VI, "PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROCESSING MUNICIPAL TAXES AND SEWER BY CREDIT CARD.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, has determined that Chapter 115, "Fees," Article VI of the Code of the Township of Lopatcong shall be amended, revised and supplemented to increase the percentage for costs associated with processing Municipal taxes and sewer by Credit Card.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Chapter 115, "Fees," Article VI of the Code of the Township of Lopatcong shall be amended, revised and supplemented as follows:

Section 1:

ARTICLE VI

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

§115-14 Fees for Payment by Credit Card.

In addition to the percentage fee listed below, each transaction will be charged a \$0.15 charge. The percentage fee is based upon the type of card used and the amount charged.

Mastercard/Visa/Debit Qualified (Swiped)	2.80%
Visa/Mastercard/Debit Mid-Qualified (i.e. Non-Swiped)	3.30%
Visa/Mastercard/Debt Non-Qualified (i.e. Corporate)	4.00%

Section 2:

Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3:

Repealer. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 4:

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Lopatcong held on April 3, 2013, and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on May 1, 2013 at 7 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Township Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Council President Camporine made a motion to adopt this Ordinance on first reading. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman Ciesla. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.

NAYS: None

Ordinance No. 2013-04 – First reading to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 173 “Rent Control,” Section 9 to allow decreases in rent due to market conditions.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-04

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 173 “RENT CONTROL,” SECTION 9 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG TO ALLOW DECREASES IN RENT DUE TO MARKET CONDITIONS.

WHEREAS, under the Township’s current rent control ordinance, the base rent is set based upon the actual amount of rent charged and a Landlord is only permitted to increase its rental amount by 3% annually; and

WHEREAS, under the Township’s current rent control ordinance if a landlord were to set its rent lower than what is allowed by ordinance that rental amount would become the new base rent and increases going forward would be based upon that amount; and

WHEREAS, due to the current economic climate, some landlords would like to offer their tenants lower rent during these hard times; however, landlords do not want to permanently decrease their rental base; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to create an exception to the ordinance that would allow landlords to decrease rental amounts without permanently changing the unit’s rental base.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong that the Code of the Township of Lopatcong, Chapter 173, “Rent Control,” Section 9 shall read as follows:

Section 1:

§173-9 Decreases due to market conditions.

If the Landlord shall determine that the allowable base rent is not supported by the current market conditions and/or economic climate, the landlord shall be entitled to reduce the rent on a unit without disturbing the maximum allowable rent under this Chapter.

- A. The Landlord shall be permitted to offer a tenant a lower rent than the current rent roll amount by:
 - 1. Offering the lower rent at the beginning of a lease; or
 - 2. Entering an agreement with tenant to increase the rent less than the allowable 3% at the renewal of the lease.
- B. The decreased rental amount shall not become the new base rent as provided in this Chapter, instead it will be calculated separate and apart from the base rent (maximum allowable rent).
- B. Landlord shall notify the Township in writing each time it wishes to depart from the rent roll. Notice shall be provided to the Township within 10 days of the new lease or renewal of a lease. Notice shall include a brief explanation of the reason for the decrease, i.e. market adjustment, increase freeze for senior citizen or disabled person.
- C. The Landlord's annual rent roll as required under §173-5(F) must include two entries for each unit which utilizes a lower rent under this section: 1) actual rent charged and 2) allowable rent under this Chapter.
- D. The Landlord shall be permitted to increase rents previously decreased under this Section to the maximum allowable rent under this Chapter at any time provided that the increase is done at the beginning of a new lease term.
- E. The Township may rescind this Section by ordinance if, at any time it has determined that the current economic conditions have changed such that this Section is no longer necessary. If this section is rescinded, the Landlord will be required at the expiration of each lease to increase the rent charged to the base rent in order to continue protecting the maximum allowable rent.

Section 2:

All other sections shall remain unchanged.

Section 3:

Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repealer.

Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication.

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Council President Camporine made a motion to adopt this Ordinance on first reading. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.

NAYS: None

Ordinance No. 2013-05 – First reading to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 11 entitled “Civil Service”.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-05

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 11 “CIVIL SERVICE,” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG.

WHEREAS, the Code of the Township of Lopatcong, Chapter 11 Civil Service was adopted on December 30, 1974; and

WHEREAS, since 1974 several changes have been made to the Civil Service Act (N.J.S.A. 11A:1-1 et seq.) all of which have not been reflected in the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been following the rules and regulations set forth in the Civil Service Act; however, the Code section has not been updated to include all of the changes to the statute; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to delete all the outdated rules and regulations in the Code and reference the Civil Service Act.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong that the Code of the Township of Lopatcong, Chapter 11, “Civil Service,” shall read as follows:

Section 1:

Chapter 11 of the Code of the Township of Lopatcong shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Chapter 11 Civil Service

§11-1 Civil Service Act

The Township of Lopatcong has adopted the provisions of the Civil Service Act (N.J.S.A. 11A:1-1 et seq.) and shall comply with all rules and regulations thereunder.

Section 2:

All other sections shall remain unchanged.

Section 3:

Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4.

Repealer. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 5.

Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication.

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Council President Camporine made a motion to adopt this Ordinance on first reading. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman Ciesla. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.

NAYS: None

Lopatcong Solar Realty Holdings, LLC Developer's Agreement – Council President Camporine asked for a motion to approve the Developer's Agreement between the Township of Lopatcong and Lopatcong Solar Realty Holdings, LLC. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman Ciesla. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.

NAYS: None

Lopatcong Solar Realty Holdings, LLC Roadway Easement Dedication on Block 99, Lot 6

Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman Ciesla. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.

NAYS: None

Council Reports:

Councilman Belcaro – Final two bores have been taken for the pump station project on March 22nd. Soil sample to come back. Specs to the DOT by May 10 and approval to advertise by the USDA. Award contract by July and completion by April of 2014.

Councilwoman Ciesla – The LAA still needs a president. Community Day does not operate on tax payers' dollars but on donations and over the years the donations have dwindled quite a lot. This year we are replacing Community Day with the 150th Anniversary of the Township. Salary Subcommittee is working on the salaries for review.

Councilwoman Ciesla stated that when you come to the municipal building to please respect the employees when they are doing their job. Scenes going on here in the municipal building will not be tolerated. Council is not here during the day to handle.

Councilman Belcaro stated that it is Council's duty to protect the employees in town hall and ask that everyone behave in a respectful way. Bad behavior will not be tolerated. Please treat each other with kindness.

Councilwoman McCabe reiterated that this is important, everyone has a job to do and Council asks that you be patient.

Councilwoman McCabe – No report from the Planning Board. Mayor and Councilwoman Van Lieu of Pohatcong went to Trenton to get the process started with regard to reconciliation. She noted that there might be an interest from Greenwich to join the commission. Spoke to John Fritts about the Brass Rail to schedule an occupancy check on the property. He completed one and they were in compliance. Any future problems should be addressed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Council President Camporine – Reported that “Movies at the Pool” is being scheduled and paid for by donations.

Council President Camporine asked for a motion to appoint Councilman Belcaro and Councilwoman Ciesla to a subcommittee to work with the Tax Assessor on the Reassessment Project. Motion by Councilwoman McCabe, seconded by Councilwoman Ciesla. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.
NAYS: None

Attorney Campbell – Reported that Mr. McKay had concerns about some blocks and lots in the town along the river not being assessed for taxes. The Tax Assessor reported that she did not have deeds on these properties. Attorney Campbell suggested having a title search performed on these properties if they don't get too involved as far as cost. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman Ciesla to approve. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.
NAYS: None

Tax Collector – Reported June 12th she will hold the annual Tax Sale in the municipal building.

Engineer Sterbenz – Asked Council to approve Denville Lines to make improvements to the intersection of Baltimore and First Streets at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman Ciesla. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.
NAYS: None

Engineer Sterbenz also reported that the turn lanes on Roseberry Street will be installed in the month of June.

Department Reports - Council President Camporine asked for a motion to approve all reports. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman Ciesla. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.
NAYS: None

Payment of Bills: - Council President Camporine asked for a motion to approve all reports. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman Ciesla. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman Ciesla, Councilwoman McCabe and Council President Camporine.
NAYS: None

Audience Participation - Council addressed numerous questions and comments from the public.

Council President Camporine asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman Ciesla. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts
Clerk/Administrator

Victor S. Camporine
Council President

