

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 pm

September 7, 2016

The Council Meeting of the Lopatcong Township Council was called to order by Mayor McKay. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building located at 232 S. Third St., Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865.

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Council President Pryor. All in favor.

Prayer followed by Oath of Allegiance

Present: Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay. Also present Attorney Campbell and Engineer Sterbenz

Resolution No. 16-114 was passed to hold an Executive Session. Attorney Campbell stated Council was in Executive Session for 30 minutes. The topic of discussion was a personnel matter regarding the Police Dept. and DPW, litigation regarding a pension matter, Contractual regarding I-78 Logistics Park and litigation regarding the matter entitled Bruce Hall GRC complaint. Two matters will be handled from Executive Session. First, is for someone to make the motion to advertise and interview for a Police Secretary formally known under Civil Service as Tech 1 position. Motion by Mayor McKay, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. All in favor. Second is to authorize the settlement agreement in the Hall vs. Lopatcong Twp. in GRC matter. Motion by Mayor McKay, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. All in favor.

Mayor McKay 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.”

Public Comment – Motion by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Council President Pryor. All in favor. No comments from the public. Motion to close by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Council President Pryor. All in favor.

Special Presentation – Lopatcong Township School District Superintendent Raine Roncoroni – NJ Transit-Phillipsburg High School transportation students walking. NJ Transit, right now, picks up students and residents in and around Brakeley Park area, Hillcrest Mall area, Warren Hospital and dropped them off at the old high school. Now with the new high they are not offering this transportation to the high school. They will still offer transportation to the Warren Hospital area and Brakeley Park area. Because of the lack of sidewalks on the Belvidere Road area, this has presented an issue with some parents. Belvidere Road has not been deemed a hazardous road. There are approximately 160 students that are designated as walkers. Parents do drive or carpool these students to the school. NJ Transit has offered to add a stop to drop off students if the Township Council would be in favor. A resolution would be necessary as well as an investigation by the transit authorities at no cost to the Township. The cost to ride the bus is \$1.60. The stop will be at the stat care on the corner. Also, add another stop at Canterbury and Red School to service the Country Hills area. Hopefully, this would be in place before bad weather permits. Motion by Mayor McKay, seconded Council President Pryor. All in favor. Engineer Sterbenz noted that the grant was submitted in June and there has been no review by the department as of yet. Further discussion was held on the use of the park as an access point to the high school. Council President Pryor and Councilwoman Reitemeyer will discuss this matter with the appropriate people and report back to Council.

Old Business:

Minutes – Executive and Regular Session Minutes for July 6, 2016. Motion by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe.

AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor McKay

Ordinance No. 2016-14 – Second reading and public hearing to Amend and Supplement the Township code to Create a Chapter 165 “Property Maintenance” to include a New Section entitled “Residential Maintenance” to Establish Standards for the Registration and Maintenance of Vacant and Abandoned Residential properties in Foreclosure by Creditors. Motion to hold a public hearing Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. All in favor. No comments. Motion to close public hearing by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. All in favor.

Ordinance No. 2016-14

SECOND NOTICE OF AN ORDINANCE

NOTICE is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at the Municipal Building, 232 South Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, the following Ordinance was presented and passed on the final reading. The Ordinance was then ordered to be published according to law by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO CREATE A CHAPTER 165 “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE” TO INCLUDE A NEW SECTION ENTITLED “RESIDENTIAL MAINTENANCE” TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF VACANT AND ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN FORECLOSURE BY CREDITORS

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 Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Council President Pryor to adopt this Ordinance. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Ordinance No. 16-15 – Second reading and public hearing to appropriate \$28,000 from the 2016 Capital Improvement Fund of the General Capital Fund for the Purchase of Air Handler for the Township Municipal Building. Motion to hold a public hearing by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. All in favor. No comments from the public. Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. All in favor.

Ordinance No. 2016-15

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AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$28,000 FROM THE 2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF AIR HANDLER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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 Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion by Councilwoman McCabe, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer to adopt this Ordinance. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Resolution No. 16-115 – Memorialize hire of two full-time employees in the Dept. of Public Works.

R 16-115

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY MEMORIALIZE HIRE OF SCOTT TETTEMER AND CHRISTOPHER GARA IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FULL-TIME AS LABORERS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey hereby authorized the hire of two full-time Laborers in the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Scott Tettermer was hired on June 26, 2016 and Christopher Gara was hired on July 14, 2016 and shall be paid a salary of \$20.00 per hour pursuant to the Township Salary Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Scott Tettermer and Christopher Gara shall adhere to the Department of Public Works Contract and the Township Employee Personnel and Policy Manual; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey memorialize the hire of Scott Tettermer and Christopher Gara as Laborers full-time in the Department of Public Works.

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, September 7, 2016.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe to adopt this Resolution. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Resolution No. 16-116 – Approve hire of Class II Officers in the Police Dept.

R 16-116

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY MEMORIALIZING HIRE OF TONI LATARIO AND CHRISTOPHER FERRIS PART-TIME AS CLASS II POLICE OFFICERS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey hereby authorized the hire of two part-time Class II Police Officers in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Toni Latario and Christopher Ferris were hired on August 26, 2016 and shall be paid a salary of \$25.00 per hour; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey hereby approve the hire of Toni Latario and Christopher Ferris part-time as Class II Police Officers in the Police Department and shall be paid an hourly rate of \$25.00.

CERTIFICATION

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to adopt this Resolution by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Resolution No. 16-117 – Approve hire of Christine Rolef in the CFO’s Office at \$80.00 per hour.

R 16-117

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY MEMORIALIZING TEMPORARY HIRE OF CHRISTINE ROLEF AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey authorized the temporary hire of Christine Rolef as CFO in the Finance Office; and

WHEREAS, Christine Rolef shall be paid a rate of \$80.00 per hour; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey hereby approve the temporary hire of Christine Rolef at a rate of \$80.00 per hour.

CERTIFICATION

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to adopt this Resolution by Councilwoman McCabe, seconded by Council President Pryor. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Invoice Diana Dove – Approve Invoice in the amount of \$440.00 to be paid out Clean Communities Grant for performance at the Warren County Fair.

New Business:

Ordinance No. 2016-16 – First reading of Capital Ordinance to purchase two police vehicles and computer equipment.

Ordinance No. 2016-16

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$100,000.00 FROM THE 2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE VEHICLES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG POLICE DEPARTMENT AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Township of Lopatcong, in the County of Warren, in the State of New Jersey, authorizes the purchase of two (2) Police Vehicles to be funded from the sources specified in Section 2 of the Ordinance, computer equipment, signage/decals and radios.

Section 2. The amount of \$100,000 is hereby appropriated from the General Capital Fund in the Capital Improvement Fund Account for the purposes stated in Section 1 of the Ordinance.

Section 3. In connection with the purpose and the amount authorized in Sections 2 hereof, the Township determines the purpose described in Sections 2 hereof is not a Current Expense and is an improvement which the Township of Lopatcong may lawfully make as a general improvement.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon due passage and publication according to law.

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The ordinance, the title of which is published herewith, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, in the County of Warren, New Jersey, held on September 7, 2016. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said Township Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 232 South 3rd Street in said Township on October 5, 2016 at 7:30 P.M., and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building said Township to the members of the general public who shall request the same. The purpose of said ordinance is to make an appropriation in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the purchase of two (2) Police Vehicles, computer equipment, signage/decals and radios

Township Clerk

Motion to approve first reading by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

McKay v. Pryor et. al. – Authorization to post on Township website the court’s decision.

Motion by Council President Pryor.

Mayor McKay – There is no attachment I guess that’s

Council President Pryor – You’ve seen the decision

Mayor McKay – I have. That would be from what’s his name – the judge oh Miller he is the same judge we had for the asphalt plant.

Attorney Campbell – He is the only judge to hear those cases in Vicinage 13.

Councilwoman McCabe – I’ll second that.

AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor McKay

Council President Pryor – I would comment that you do understand that the court decisions like this are public.

Mayor McKay – They are public but to put them on the website is political.

Council President Pryor – No you

Mayor McKay – You made your point you can do whatever you want.

Council President Pryor – You spent \$30,000 of the taxpayer’s money

Mayor McKay – Because you wouldn’t do things right.

Council President Pryor – I guess the judge’s decision is wrong so.

Fall Clean Up – Approve quote from LMR for fall cleanup scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2016. Motion to approve by Councilwoman McCabe, seconded by Council President Pryor.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Phillipsburg High School Roadway Improvement Project – Approve Partial Payment No. 3 and Change Order No. 2 to Zuccaro for work completed on the Phillipsburg High School Roadway Improvement Project. Motion to approve by Councilwoman McCabe, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Change Order No. 2 – Motion by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

H & K & Sons – EMS Invoice – Approve payment to H & K and Sons in the amount of \$89.31 to cover invoice for repair of EMS ambulance – budget line item expended. Motion by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Council President Pryor. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Rowe’s Lane – Residents Crouse/Finegan – Discussed concerns with regard to the condition of Rowe’s Lane. Mr. Crouse and Mrs. Finegan spoke to the Council regarding the issues they have with the road. Engineer Sterbenz informed them that the Township has a plan to correct the situation Mr. Crouse is talking about. This drainage issue was going to be addressed through

drainage improvements that were going to be done in concert with some sidewalk improvements on Belvidere Road between Rowe's Lane and Red School Lane and the Township was never able to proceed with this project because the property owner on the corner of Rowe's Lane and Belvidere Road and another property owner on Belvidere Road refused to grant easements for the project so the plans have sat as a result of this. This was addressed with the county about 3.5 years ago.

Township Generators – Yearly maintenance contracts. Brian Weeks addressed Council with quotes he received for maintenance of the Township generators. Engines Inc. serviced us in the past, P3 is out of Alpha. P3 was Brian's recommendation for a one year contract. Council President Pryor had concerns with regard to one of the quotes and asked Brian to get further clarification. Brian Weeks recommends P3. Motion by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Council President Pryor. Council President Pryor asked to confirm quotes from P3. After discussion Council asked Mr. Weeks to clarify certain information.

NJDOT Alternatives Grant Program – Engineer Sterbenz informed the Council this is a program announced by the DOT in August and the purpose of the program is to provide and this would be federal funds to communities for non-traditional projects to help strengthen the municipality's transportation network. Several categories of projects – three would be applicable to the Township and if you decide to submit the grant you would choose one of the seven categories. Motion by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman McCaa, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Tax Payment Plan – Attorney Campbell explained a letter was received from Attorney Russo representing the Phillipsburg Diner. This was received today. They are in arrears for a few reasons. A property owner can have a one-time payment plan to keep them from tax sale; one time for the property. The amount is approximately \$50,000.00. Motion by Council President Pryor to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

IllusionMaker – Submit a quote for two performances at the elementary school in the amount of \$1,250.00. Motion to decline this quote by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. All in favor.

JCP&L – Request for use of Municipal Park to train apprentice linemen and substation technicians for CDL license beginning week days in September and continuing through May of 2017. Council President Pryor noted that anyone using the pavilion, the Rally Point, the fields have to contract with the Township. Council President Pryor will follow up with the JCP&L representatives and speak to them about this.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Resolution No. 16-118 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-064 in the amount of \$604.92 on Block 116.12, Lot 12 C0074.

R 16-118

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2014-064 ON BLOCK 116.12, LOT 12 C0074

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on June 25, 2014, a lien was sold on Block 116.12, Lot 12 C0074 also known as 74 Limerick Lane for 2013 delinquent sewer taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate no. 2014-064 was sold to Stuart Lasher for 18% interest; and

WHEREAS, 21st Mortgage Corporation, mortgage company for the property owners, has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2014-064 in the amount of \$604.91.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 7th day of September 2016 that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$604.91 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-064 to:

Stuart Lasher
P.O. Box 83
Milltown, NJ 08850-0083

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 16-119 – Authorize the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-049 in the amount of \$852.34 on Block 115.03, Lot 16 C0228.

R 16-119

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 2014-049 ON BLOCK 115.03, LOT 16 C0228

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on June 25, 2014, a lien was sold on Block 115.03, Lot 16 C0228 also known as 228 Windmill Court for 2013 delinquent sewer taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-049 was sold to US Bank Cust for PC4 First Trust Bank for 18% interest; and

WHEREAS, Corelogic, mortgage company for property owners has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2014-049 in the amount of \$852.34.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 7th day of September 2016 that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$852.34 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-049 to:

US Bank Cust for PC4 First Trust Bank
50 S16th St., Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 16-120 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-022 in the amount of \$1674.58 on Block 83, Lot 13.

R 16-120

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE
LIENHOLDER ON BLOCK 58, LOT 24.05 C0004

sold on Block 58, Lot 24.05 CC004, also known as 755 US Highway Rt. 22 for 2013 delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-018 was sold to US Bank Custs for PC4 First Trust Bank for a Premium of \$29,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the property owners has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2014-018 in the amount of \$31,131.05.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 7th day of September 2016 that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$60,131.05 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-018 and Premium to:

US Bank Cust for PC4 First Trust Bank
50 S. 16th St., Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

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Warren County Shared Service Agreement – Authorize Mayor to executive agreement for sharing public works equipment.

Forestry Grant – Approve grant extension from NJDEP State Forest Service for completion of Forestry Plan.

Announcements: Shred Event is scheduled for Saturday, September 10th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Municipal Pool parking lot.

Council Reports:

Councilwoman McCabe – Thanked the Rec. Committee and everyone who volunteered for Community Day.

Council President Pryor – Also thanked the Rec. Committee who put on a great event. Sewer discount for seniors is now live on the website. The Tax Collector has reached out to folks she knows who would qualify. On the court situation, the Township of White did send in some information that he reviewed. He noted that he spoke to Hardwick and Hope and she was going to reach out to the mayors to see if there would be an interested in talking about this.

Councilwoman Reitemeyer – Congratulated the Rec. Committee on a good job. The last performance for Music in the Park is tonight. Residents seemed to really enjoy these concerts. She met with Lori Ciesla and Councilwoman McCabe to talk about the renting of the pavilion. The Lopatcong Wrestling Association put out a flyer informing the public about a meeting set up at the Rally Point. She indicated she called Mr. Day to inform him of the process involving the approval through a Facilities Use Form and the possibility of a Certification of Insurance. Councilwoman Reitemeyer made a motion to declare the Saturday before town cleanup day;

every day going forward as a garage sale day town wide. It is late for this year. Country Hills has done this for the last few years. Council discussed different ideas.

Tammy Pita resigned from the Rec. Committee because she is having a baby. Kelly LaFord is interested in taking her unexpired term. Motion to appoint Kelly LaFord to unexpired term of Tammy Pita, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. All in favor.

Engineer Sterbenz – Reported the improvements on Belvidere Road are in service but there is still activity on the project that the contractor has 45 days to complete the work. County is looking for a certification and traffic signal as built, so this office will provide that. County is also looking for roadway as built; a survey of improvements will have to be prepared. The project will not close out with the NJDOT because of the \$300,000 grant, \$225,000 was awarded and the other \$75,000 is in limbo due to the transportation trust fund freeze. Until this matter is resolved the invoice for remaining \$75,000 will have to wait until the freeze is lifted. Last item is Mr. Johnson had requested because of traffic flow on Stonehenge Drive, a stop sign near his home – this issue was studied and not found to be warranted. Maybe signage can be installed to reduce the speed limit on the road. Mayor McKay said we'll do a vote to up speed limit signs on Stonehenge of 25 mph. Motion by Mayor McKay to put 25 mph signs on Stonehenge. Engineer Sterbenz said the area between Hill Drive and Red School Lane sector and he would recommend two signs. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. All in favor.

Chief of Police Garcia – Made a report on incidents for August to the Council.

Brian Weeks – Asked to approach Council again about the quotes for the generators. He thought Council missed the point tying it all together. He explained again the quotes. Council agreed to reconsider. Attorney Campbell will review the quotes also. Motion to approve P3 quote pursuant to Attorney Campbell's review and approval by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Department Reports – Motion by Councilwoman McCabe, seconded by Councilwoman Reitemeyer. All in favor.

Payment of Bills – Total \$2,046,838.58. Motion by Councilwoman McCabe, seconded by Council President Pryor. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilwoman McCabe, Councilwoman Reitemeyer, Council President Pryor, Mayor McKay.

NAYS: None

Storm Jonas – Clerk Dilts announced that \$46,419.94 of federal funds will be provided to the Township.

SRECS – Clerk Dilts sold SRECS at \$270.00 equally over \$14,000.00.

Audience Participation: Motion by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. All in favor.

Juniper Leifer – Thought Community Day was great. On the bus issue – she has a child going to high school and thought the kids could not walk on Belvidere Road, in the dark. She felt Lopatcong has to bus the kids to school.

She said it came to her attention that the Boy Scouts of America were billed \$150 because there was some arrows found in the lawn at the park after the camp was completed. The archery director assured her there is a process in place where the kids shoot the arrows and then go pick them up and bring them back. This director said they zeroed out every time. Ms. Leifer felt it in poor taste that the camp was billed. Maybe given an opportunity to come back and pick up the arrows and her husband could have provide his detector to find the arrows or give them a warning in the contract for next year. Council President Pryor said first of all it wasn't because of the arrows. There were 5 arrows and one had a very sharp point and to me that is very easy to count the arrows you give out and you count them at the end of the day. This was based on the

hours that public works had put in to clean up. Now, I'm going to propose that he deposit be kept because there was more than 10 hours of cleanup. Clerk Dilts also pointed out it was the loose hay and she reminded Juniper she sent an email asking her to cleanup – also sent an email to the director on the contract – he followed up with me that they were going to cleanup and of course they did get the bales of hay out but left the loose hay and that ended up in the pavilion. Renters of the Pavilion complained. It is something that you had to be told, there was cost factor – Mr. Myers asked Clerk Dilts to waive the fee – she informed him to come before the Council to ask. Clerk Dilts indicated to Ms. Leifer that the same policy applies to everyone and she always provides them the option to ask Council for a waiver. Council President Pryor made a motion to rescind the \$150 in excess charges, seconded by Mayor McKay. All in favor.

Olschewski – Highlands Way – Issue with the school and kids; he felt the Township's responsibility for kid's safety to school. The Illusion Maker – school programs are being cut and didn't recommend this be cut.

Matt Herzer – The law says just because a road doesn't have a sidewalk doesn't make it hazardous. The transportation law for schools is very strict and very heavily regulated and unless the state indicates this is a hazardous road there is nothing that can be done.

Eric Johnson – Stonehenge Drive - Discussed the speed on his street again with the Council.

Lori Ciesla – LAA – The contract is not yet signed but felt an updated General Ledger would be necessary for review of transactions. Music in the Park – thanked the Council for their support. She thanked everyone who participated and helped out with Community Day.

Pam Thomas – Wordsworth Lane – Recent protest with Ingersoll-Rand – she saw along the roadway with giant flags they were waiving. She said this was in Easton. She wanted to make it known that maybe our police department might want to think about how this would be handled.

Mayor McKay asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Councilwoman Reitemeyer, seconded by Council President Pryor. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts
Clerk/Administrator

Thomas M. McKay
Mayor