

February 10th, 2014 – AGENDA SESSION

President Baxter called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and read the Open Public Meeting Statement:

The notice requirements provided for in the “Open Public Meetings Act” have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in a notice which was transmitted to the Times of Trenton and the Trentonian, filed with the Clerk of the Township of Ewing and posted in the Ewing Township Municipal Complex, all on the 6th day of January, 2014.

THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL DURING THE “STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC” SEGMENT OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN IN ON THE SHEET PROVIDED IN THE FRONT OF THE ROOM. ALL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, WHEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL, PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME AND YOUR ADDRESS.

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ROLL CALL

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| ▪ Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Present | Jim McManimon, Administrator |
| ▪ Mr. Schroth – Present | Joanna Brewster, CFO |
| ▪ Ms. Steward – Present | Maeve Cannon, Attorney |
| ▪ Ms. Wollert – Present | Susan Bate, Deputy Clerk |
| ▪ President Baxter - Present | |

PRESENTATION

1. Presentation of Quarterly Report by Officer-in-Charge Lt. Ronald Lunetta Township of Ewing Police Department

Lt. Lunetta stated that he had provided Council with three reports – Last Quarter 2013, Yearly Report on Summonses, and the UCR Statistics reported to the FBI and the State Police.

Officer-in-Charge Lunetta first discussed the UCR Report.

Lt. Lunetta stated that, overall, crime is down in 2013 and then he briefly discussed specific areas of the UCR Report.

President Baxter asked about the slight uptick in aggravated assault.

Lt. Lunetta responded that there was a diner incident that resulted in five or six complaints filed and without that incident we would be at 38 or 39.

President Baxter and the Officer-in-Charge then discussed the different kinds of theft.

President Baxter then asked about arson.

Officer-in-Charge Lunetta explained the three arson cases - one at Fisher, another at Ewing and the third a relative who covered up the theft of a family member by setting fire to the house.

Councilwoman Wollert commented that there were zero rapes and then asked Lt. Lunetta to provide information as to whether the 2012 cases were linked to the college.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked the Officer-in-Charge what he believes contributed to the decline in juvenile arrests.

Lt. Lunetta explained that, in 2013, we did not have the same type of crime pattern. Also we had a couple of cases that we were able to develop leads and quickly handle the situation.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney then asked the Lieutenant how Ewing compares to the surrounding municipalities with regards to the UCR data.

Lt. Lunetta responded that we normally do not compare UCR statistics to other towns unless there is a specific crime pattern that affects the other municipalities.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked if the information sharing between the police and businesses is working.

Lt. Lunetta replied that it is working well.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked if there are any plans to expand this to a County-wide operation.

The Officer-in-Charge responded that the County is aware of our program but he is not certain how eager the County is to become involved in something like this.

Councilwoman Steward asked if this report includes incidents on the campus of the College of New Jersey.

Lt. Lunetta replied that it is separate reporting.

There were no additional questions or comments on the UCR Report.

Lt. Lunetta then discussed the Yearly Report on Summonses and stated that the number of summonses issued is up.

President Baxter asked how many officers are on duty per shift.

Lt. Lunetta stated that the Department does not want to make this type of information public.

President Baxter asked how many shifts and if these shifts overlap.

Lt. Lunetta explained the shifts.

President Baxter then inquired about the uptick in speeding tickets in October and the decline in November and December.

Lt. Lunetta replied that we respond to complaints and that once we start writing summonses, it works itself out – residents understand that we are going to write tickets.

There were no further questions or comments on the Yearly Report on Summonses.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked the Officer-in-Charge his opinion of the new reporting program.

The Officer-in-Charge responded that it is better; we are still trying to work some things out such as transferring information from the old system.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney then asked about the new e-ticket equipment installed in police cars.

Lt. Lunetta responded that the County purchased ten for us and he is waiting for the County to roll it out.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked the Lieutenant to explain e-ticket for the benefit of the Public.

The Officer-in-Charge explained that it prints the ticket right in the police car using the driver's license number.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney and Lt. Lunetta both then explained the reasoning behind the e-ticket.

Officer-in-Charge Lunetta then discussed the Last Quarter 2013 Report which includes Quality-of-Life issues. The report breaks down the calls for service - what the calls were along with when, where and any action taken.

Lt. Lunetta stated that a lot of the calls have to do with renters which the Police do not get involved unless it gets out of hand. Generally, it is left to the management company to handle (via the rental agreement) or the Police advise callers how to file a complaint and it is handled by the Court, usually via mediation first.

Lt. Lunetta stated that rentals and college rentals calls dropped substantially from fifteen events in October to five in November and five in December.

Lt. Lunetta then stated that false alarms are now under control and the rest of the report is self-explanatory.

President Baxter then asked about “noise”.

Lt. Lunetta responded that there a lot of issues/factors regarding “noise” quality of life.

President Baxter and Lt. Lunetta then had a discussion about what is “Quality of Life”.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked if the Police differentiate between college and other rentals.

The Administrator responded that there cannot be different laws for college versus traditional rentals.

The Officer-in-Charge added that there is nothing on the address that alerts the Police as to what type of rental it is – it is not until we get out on the call and see the circumstances involved.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney, the Administrator, President Baxter and Lt. Lunetta then discussed Code Enforcement’s role in tracking rentals.

There were no further questions from Council. President Baxter thanked the Officer-in-Charge for coming in and reporting to Council.

DISCUSSION

1. A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR HVAC SYSTEM BALANCING FOR THE EWING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Attorney explained that two bids were received and both exceeded the Engineer’s estimate for the project and that that is a basis to reject all bids. The Attorney recommended that all bids be rejected and that a change order be approved to add HVAC System Balancing to the existing boiler replacement contract with PJM Mechanical Contractors.

The Attorney, the Administrator, President Baxter and Councilwoman Wollert then discussed in detail the Attorney’s recommendation.

There were no further questions or comments from Council.

2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EWING-LAWRENCE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY, CARL BORNMANN AND KELLY BORNMANN AND THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICES AT 21 BRANDON ROAD

The Attorney stated that this and item three are very similar. The Attorney explained that these are generally negotiated by ELSA and executed by the parties, but needs to be approved by Council. Ewing will benefit as basically it subsidizes the overall cost.

- 3. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EWING-LAWRENCE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY, KEVIN MEARA AND BRIANA CAHILL AND THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL FOR THE PROVISION OF SEWER SERVICES AT 19 BRANDON ROAD WEST**

President Baxter stated that these are relatively routine; Council has seen these before.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

President Baxter then walked on a fourth discussion item concerning the addition of Ann Rawlings Farnham to the Ewing Township Environmental Commission. President Baxter stated that a Resolution will be drawn up for tomorrow's Regular Session Council Meeting.

The Administrator explained that Ms. Rawlings Farnham had previously been on the Environmental Commission. The Administrator further explained that Harold Moeller had resigned after seven years and that Ms. Rawlings Farnham will be taking his seat.

President Baxter then stated that as can be seen from her resume she has a good grasp of the subject matter and will be an enhancement to the Environmental Commission.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

The four Discussion Items were approved for action.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Baxter presented the Consent Agenda for review.

- 1. A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$372,034.34**
- 2. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of a Bingo Sponsored by Incarnation – St. James School on March 1, 2014**
- 3. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an On-Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle Sponsored by Incarnation – St. James School on March 1, 2014**
- 4. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an Off-Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle Sponsored by Prospect Heights Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary on May 21, 2014**

President Baxter confirmed with the CFO that the amount for the Bills List is \$372,034.34.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked about the Department of the Treasury storage fee.

The CFO replied that it is the storage fee for microfilm and it includes the fee for more than one office and more than one year.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney then asked about check number 60722 on the bills list.

The CFO replied that she will have the answer for Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney tomorrow.

The Administrator then informed Council that the CFO will not be at tomorrow's meeting; if Council has any other questions to email her.

There were no additional questions from Council and the Consent Agenda was approved for action.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

(None for this Meeting)

ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

1. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT**

The Attorney first explained the procedure to amend the introduced Ordinance to Council and then described the amendments to the introduced Ordinance.

The Attorney stated that some of the amendments are cleanup. One clarifies what units constitute the Township's Division of Public Safety and another clarifies mutual aid.

The Attorney explained that the Paid Division will be known as Ewing Division 30.

The Attorney then discussed Section D, Subpart 3 - the duties of the new Paid Division 30.

The Attorney added the purpose of Section 6 is to clarify who the ranking officer is both when paid firefighters are assigned to a volunteer house for work during the day as well as when responding to a fire.

The Attorney explained that a number of sections were removed from the Ordinance. These sections are taken directly from the Statutes but were removed so if that particular Statute is changed, Council does not have to amend this Ordinance.

Councilman Schroth stated that he believes the Public might be better served to either have this stricken language included in the Ordinance or have some kind of reference in the Ordinance to the Statute.

The Attorney responded that she will add language stating that the Civil Service provisions of these sections of the Statutes are included by reference herein and will apply.

Councilwoman Steward asked why the Auxiliary Police section was stricken.

The Attorney replied that we do not use them.

President Baxter asked if, in the fourth "Whereas Clause", Division 1 should be changed to Division 30.

The Attorney responded – yes.

Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney asked if the Administration has had a chance to meet with both the Civil Service and the paid firefighters to get their input.

The Attorney responded – yes. Civil Service only had a few suggestions. The paid fireman had many suggestions some of which are included in this amended Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

(None for this Meeting)

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no statements or comments from members of the Public.

CLOSED SESSION - (None for this Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Baxter asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Wollert so moved, seconded by Ms. Keyes-Maloney. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.