

## **November 14, 2016 – AGENDA SESSION**

President Schroth called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

**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.**

**THE COUNCIL INVITES AND ENCOURAGES PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC IN ITS MEETINGS, HOWEVER A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY UTILIZE FIVE MINUTES OF TIME FOR REMARKS AND QUESTIONS, UNLESS OTHERWISE ENGAGED IN A DIALOGUE WITH A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL. ANY FURTHER REMARKS OR QUESTIONS BEYOND THE TIME LIMIT MUST BE AUTHORIZED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.**

### **ROLL CALL**

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| ▪ Mr. Baxter – Present        | Jim McManimon, Administrator   |
| ▪ Ms. Keyes-Maloney – Excused | Joanna Mustafa, CFO            |
| ▪ Ms. Steward – Present       | Maeve Cannon, Attorney         |
| ▪ Ms. Wollert – Present       | Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk |
| ▪ President Schroth – Present |                                |

The Clerk explained for the record that Councilwoman Keyes-Maloney is on vacation and has an excused absence for this evening.

### **PRESENTATION – EASEL**

President Schroth introduced Dr. Georgia Arvanitis, Karen Azarchi and Mark Phillips from the Ewing Animal Shelter Extension League.

Dr. Georgia Arvanitis first thanked Council for the opportunity to speak this evening and then gave a powerpoint presentation about EASEL and their work in Ewing and throughout the County. EASEL’s mission is to reduce the number of animals euthanized in Mercer County through collaborative coalitions and community alliances. Dr. Arvanitis explained that in the business of “animal rescue” we talk about a number called the “live release rate” and the higher that is the better, as that means, you are helping more animals make it through the system. In 2015, EASEL took in 603 animals and 98% of those animals made it through the system alive. The only reason why animals were euthanized at the Ewing Animal Shelter was for physical and mental health issues. It had nothing to do with space constraints or anything else. Dr. Arvanitis then compared EASEL’s “live release rate” with other shelters in the area. Hamilton and Trenton have a high percentage of animals euthanized while Ewing and the private shelter – SAVE – have a low percentage. Ewing’s rate has decreased since EASEL came into existence in 2008. EASEL has taken a municipal shelter, which should have a rate comparable to the other municipal shelters in the area, and brought it on par with a private shelter – SAVE. This is a phenomenal thing to do. Many people are involved with getting these animals adopted. The dog adoption rate has been steady – just under one hundred dogs. And some of the hardest types of dogs to adopt come into our facility. The number of cats and kittens has increased by a factor of almost five since 2011. All those cats and kittens are being brought into the Shelter and not being euthanized. Since 2011, we have trapped over 1,000 cats. Most have been adopted out; some have been returned to their original colony through our TNR program.

**Councilman Baxter asked what does the acronym “TNR” stand for.**

**Dr. Arvanitis replied that it stands for Trap, Neuter and Return.**

**Dr. Arvanitis then described some of EASEL’s resident assist programs which include low cost neutering, a voucher program and help with emergency care for low income residents. EASEL has ten full-time directors and an Advisory Committee; one-quarter are Ewing residents and represent all walks of life. EASEL has numerous volunteers, community and corporate partners and is part of a nation-wide movement to rescue and rehabilitate animals. That movement includes the North Shore Animal League and the Humane Society. It is important for a young organization to partner with these established organizations so we can learn how to do what is best for the animals as well as for the volunteers. EASEL is part of the million cat challenge, “Pets for Patriots” and participates in numerous adoption days. Dr. Arvanitis described EASEL’s educational initiatives which include “Pet Tips” – flyers that discuss specific topics such as neutering and how to read dog body language. EASEL would like to offer training classes to Ewing residents which would only be available for licensed dogs. Dr. Arvanitis thanked Council for giving her the opportunity to speak. The partnership between EASEL and the Township has been beneficial and has allowed us to lower the rate of euthanasia. It has also become a hub for the Community; very different from what it was at its old location.**

**Dr. Arvanitis responded to Councilman Baxter’s question regarding how dogs come to the Shelter and then said that she will forward her presentation to the Clerk.**

**There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.**

**President Schroth thanked Dr. Arvanitis, Ms. Azarchi and Mr. Phillips for coming.**

**CLOSED SESSION – (Resolution #16R-190) A Resolution to Enter into Closed Executive Session for the Purposes of 1) I.B.E.W. Contract; 2) COAH Settlement and 3) Taylor v. Ewing et al**

**At 6:55 p.m., the Attorney read the Resolution to enter into a Closed Session pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act to discuss contract negotiations and receive the advice of Counsel. Specifically, with respect to the following matters: one, I.B.E.W. Local 102 contract negotiations; two, settlement of In the Matter of Ewing Township Docket # MER-L-1556-15 currently pending in Mercer County relating to the Township’s current Affordable Housing obligation; and three, Taylor vs. Ewing Township which is another piece of litigation pending against the Township. Minutes will be made available if and when appropriate after the matter is concluded.**

**At 6:56 p.m., Vice President Steward made a motion to enter into Closed Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Wollert. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote.**

**At 8:27 p.m., Councilman Baxter made a motion to close the Closed Session, seconded by Vice President Steward. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote.**

**At 8:27 p.m., Councilwoman Wollert made a motion to enter back into Open Session, seconded by Councilman Baxter . It was agreed by unanimous voice vote.**

#### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL MATTERS**

- 1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF SAGE BRE NYNJ MANAGER, LLC (1102-33-024--010); A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE, TO SSN EWING, LLC**

**President Schroth explained that this is just the result of a change in management from The Element by Westin. Council is required to pass a Resolution authorizing this person-to-person transfer.**

**Councilman Baxter asked which hotel.**

**President Schroth replied – the Element.**

**There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.**

## DISCUSSION

### **1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EWING TOWNSHIP SALARY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING**

President Schroth said that this is a standard Ordinance to set salaries for the Business Administrator and the Township Clerk. It generally comes about at the conclusion of contract negotiations and is fairly routine.

The Attorney added that these are the two employees not part of a collective bargaining agreement so their salaries are set by Ordinance. All other employees covered by the collective bargaining agreement are incorporated by reference into the salary ordinance.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

### **2. A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DECLARATORY PLAINTIFF TOWNSHIP OF EWING AND INTERVENOR/DEFENDANT FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER REGARDING THE MATTER ENTITLED IN THE MATTER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING, DOCKET NO. L-001556-15**

The Attorney said that this is a settlement of the Affordable Housing litigation. The Attorney then explained that when the Supreme Court adopted the Fourth Mount Laurel Housing decision in March 2015 and allowed towns to make application by declaratory judgement action in the Superior Court in the Counties where the Towns are situated, Ewing did so in Mercer County Superior Court in July 2015 in accordance with the deadline seeking approval of its affordable housing plan and spending plan. At that time, the Fair Share Housing Center intervened in that action and this action was consolidated with all the other towns in Mercer County that made similar petitions. A Special Master was appointed by the Court. Various experts were retained by the municipal defendants, by the Fair Share Housing Center and by the Court itself to advise the Court. After a lot of analysis and reporting it has been determined by the Town that they can actually reach an agreement with Fair Share Housing as to the Town's obligation. This Resolution approves that settlement which provides for a third round of obligations of some 341 units which are broken down with a cap of not more than 25% being senior housing and at least 13% being low or very low housing and there are various on-going reporting requirements. But, as can be seen by the proposal, Ewing is able to easily meet the requirement with projects that are already underway, completed or in the works to be completed in the upcoming years. Ewing is fortunate, due to very good foresight. Ewing continued to require all the projects, that were developed in the last ten years or so when affordable housing was being litigated, to include an affordable housing component in each of these developments. Ewing is well situated to settle. The Attorney said that she expects other towns to litigate into the future and will probably have some onerous requirements imposed on them. The Attorney said that a lot of these towns did nothing and just sat around and hoped that affordable housing would go away despite the fact that it is a Constitutional requirement in New Jersey that every town has an obligation to provide affordable housing for its citizens. In doing nothing, they are now faced with fairly large obligations that they will have to deal with in some way.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

### **3. A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REVISIONS OF A NEW CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING (THE "TOWNSHIP") AND LOCAL 102 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS ("IBEW")**

President Schroth said that this is a Resolution of contract negotiations between the IBEW and the Township for a number of Township employees who are members of the IBEW.

The Attorney said that earlier tonight Council heard from the Special Labor Counsel, Rocky Peterson. He is here tonight to answer any questions regarding changes to the contract.

There were no questions from Council or the Public.

**4. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CY2016 BUDGET TRANSFERS**

President Schroth said that this is a routine process.

The Attorney explained that these transfers can only be done in the last two months of every year budget year and in the first three months of a new year. When you do it now, in the last two months, it is to set your house in order because you have almost gone through a budget year and you can see where money has been spent or not spent and you can reallocate the funds as appropriate.

Councilman Baxter asked the CFO to explain why salary and wages for Building and Grounds is so high.

The CFO explained that there was one retirement of a senior employee at the end August and there was also money in there for the contracts that expired at the end of last year. Also, there were other employees, in the Roads Department, who were originally accounted for at the start of the year in Building and Grounds when the Budget was prepared.

Councilman Baxter asked if the Roads budget went up.

The CFO replied – no, because there were retirements there as well.

Councilman Baxter then asked about Salary and Wage for EMS.

The CFO said that it is because of overtime due to injuries. People were out and the other shifts had to cover.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

**5. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87**

The Attorney stated that this is a standard approval of adding items into your Budget.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

**6. A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

The CFO said that the bank verified that these checks are not outstanding and explained that these checks were just missed during reconciliation. The amounts are minor.

President Schroth added that this is fairly routine.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

**7. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A GENERAL MUTUAL RELEASE WITH BROADVIEW NETWORKS FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$4,800**

The Attorney explained that Broadview was the prior telephone provider for the Township. Last January, the Township terminated its agreement with them and entered into a new agreement with a different provider at lower cost. Because there were a lot of lines, not all of them were terminated at the same time. Some continued to be used. Besides the actual usage, Broadview tried to assess penalties seeking an amount about double the above amount. The Township entered into a settlement, where the Township will pay for the actual usage after the termination of the agreement. The Township will not be paying any termination fees or penalties – only actual usage. Since it is a settlement, Council has to approve it.

Vice President Steward asked if the Township had been switched over to the new provider.

The Attorney replied yes, as of January.

President Schroth asked who is the new provider.

The Administrator replied that it is Monmouth Telecom. All of their offices are in New Jersey. After hours, Broadview was out of the country. Sometimes, when the Police went down in the middle of the night, we had difficulty reaching the people we needed to reach.

The Attorney added that there was unhappiness with the Broadview service.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

**8. A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BROWN & BROWN METRO FOR PROFESSIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GARDEN STATE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND AS A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT**

The Attorney explained that Ewing is in the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. One of the requirements of being a member is that you must engage the services of a risk management firm. Brown & Brown is the current firm for the Township and by all accounts has done a good job. They are paid out of part of the Township's assessment from the JIF.

The Administrator added that they have been here since 2008. They have been very good; there is no reason to change. JIF is going into the third year of the current contract so we are going to need them in place in order to bid out to the other JIF firms in order to keep the rates as low as possible after we get to 2017.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

**9. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A THREE-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SWIFTREACH NETWORKS, INC. AND THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SERVICES AT THE ANNUAL RATE OF \$9,495.00, FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AWARD OF \$28,485.00**

President Schroth said that this is pulled from the Agenda as the CFO can not certify funds for 2017.

The Administrator said that this will be on the Reorganization Agenda as we need to have a company in place at the beginning of the year. We have already notified the old company according to the contract – sixty days notice.

The Mayor added that this will be about \$7,000 less than what we are paying Honeywell. Also, this company is able to isolate and send calls to specific areas of Ewing.

The Attorney added that this comes to Council as a State contract as well as being under the threshold.

Councilman Baxter asked if any local municipalities use this vendor.

The Mayor replied that there is one in Mercer County but he could not recall which municipality. They also provide this service for Linden and Newark.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. Since the item has been pulled from the Agenda, President Schroth stated that he is not asking the Public if they have any questions.

**10. A RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE EWING TOWNSHIP'S TALENT SHOW PROGRAM FUND AS APPROVED BY DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 ACCEPTANCE OF BEQUESTS, LEGACIES, GIFTS**

The CFO explained that this is the talent show program Jack Ball established a few years ago. It has not been held in the last few years. It was a dedicated by rider resolution originally approved by the State so we had to go back and see who made the initial donation. It was ETS. The CFO said that she contacted ETS and this is how they wish the funds to be dispersed.

The Mayor added that former Mayor Ball asked if this money could be donated to the Ewing Kiwanis Club to help with the payment of the kiddie park that we have at the Community Center. When the CFO informed us that we had to go through the State, we made the request to ETS but they wanted the money to go to Mercer Street Friends and the Boys & Girls Club of America.

Councilman Baxter asked if it is for almost \$5,600.00.

The CFO replied – yes.

Vice President Steward added that the Arts Commission is discussing ways to continue honoring "talent" in Ewing with Open Mike nights and such.

Councilman Baxter asked if we are out of the "talent show" business.

Vice President Steward replied that some people on the Arts Commission saw the benefit of this but realize that there will not be money available to them.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

**11. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 99 OF THE PUBLIC LAW OF 1997**

The Attorney explained that the owner lost the certificate. They need to pay a fee and Council has to approve the issuance of a duplicate.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

**12. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CHANGE FUND FOR THE EWING TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL REGISTRAR**

President Schroth said that this is a petty cash fund as there is a need to make change.

The Attorney added that it is for fifty dollars.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

**13. A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,700.00 TO EAST COAST HAZ MAT REMOVAL, INC. FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AT THE HOLLOWBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Administrator explained that this is for the boiler at Hollowbrook. When they went in to address it, there was asbestos in there that was not part of the original remediation.

Councilman Baxter asked how was the boiler missed.

The Mayor replied that they did not give us a price on the boiler. We are putting a brand new boiler in there. These are sectional boilers which are large. When they took the sections apart, asbestos was found. The price is the way it is because now the entire room has to be contained. The Mayor added that he asked the same question – how do you miss the boiler and said, with the boiler being the age it is, he would have thought that there would be asbestos.

President Schroth commented that they would not know where or how much until the boiler was taken apart.

The Mayor added that even back in those days not all the boilers had gaskets made out of that material. A lot of the expense is sealing off that room so nothing gets out into the rest of the building.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

**14. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF 19,500.00 WITH NETTA FOR ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH ITS CONTRACT FOR THE REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL AND RELATED RENOVATIONS AT THE HOLLOWBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Attorney said that this involves some duct work revisions, some fire alarm upgrades and new hand dryers as requested by the Town in connection with the renovations at Hollowbrook.

The Mayor explained the duct work revisions and added that we eliminated paper; all are now electrical hand dryers.

Councilman Baxter asked since paper has been eliminated, will the doors have any mechanism to open the door. Before, you were able to use paper to open the door.

The Mayor replied – no.

The Attorney stated that this is Change Order Number Two.

The Clerk added that that is reflected in Council's dropbox but not on the Agenda.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

**15. A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,724.00 TO RJB ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL PROJECT DESIGN, PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AT THE HOLLOWBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Attorney explained that this is one more change order for rib packing cement which is associated with the boiler asbestos removal.

Councilman Baxter asked are we on schedule.

The Mayor replied that we are not on schedule. We are trying to get back on schedule as fast as we can but because of all the unforeseen things that happened....

Councilman Baxter commented that January 15<sup>th</sup> is out.

The Mayor replied that we are still trying to make the contractor stick to the schedule but some of the items that we need for the construction are not a quick turnaround – like the windows or the air conditioner. There was a late start with the boiler which was also on delay. The Mayor said that he does not believe that we are going to make the 15<sup>th</sup> but we will try to stick as close to that date as we possibly can. If we can get that outside emergency entrance off the second floor done, we can probably get the nutrition program back in there.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

**16. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE RELEASE FOR THE GARDENS AT BIRMINGHAM, BLOCK 365 LOT 9, 1460 PARKWAY AVENUE, EWING TOWNSHIP FOR PROJECT NUMBER RV&A#1102 I 035 SUBJECT TO THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS OUTLINED BY EWING TOWNSHIP ENGINEERS REMINGTON, VERNICK & ARANGO**

The Attorney explained that this is a standard maintenance release. After the initial bonds are released, there is a two year maintenance guarantee that has to be posted to make sure that whatever the improvements are do not fall apart. This is the end of that two year period; the Engineer has signed off on the release and it is just subject to the payment of all professional fees.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

**17. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SDL PROGRAM LICENSES TO BE USED BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING FROM SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP. #89851 THROUGH STATE CONTRACT M-0003(expires 06/30/2020)**

The Administrator said that this is through the Technology Department to expand the use of SDL to every department. It is working quite well.

The Council President asked if this is for \$39,500.00

The Administrator replied that is to purchase additional licenses.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions from the Public.

**18. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF DUAL HEAD RADIOS FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS #83909 THROUGH STATE CONTRACT T-0109 (expires 04/30/2018)**

The Attorney explained that this is a State contract purchase.

President Schroth asked if this was in the capital budget.

The CFO responded that it is a part of the Information Technology general operating account.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

**19. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A VOICE RECORDING SYSTEM FOR USE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING FROM GOLD TYPE BUSINESS MACHINES #83891 THROUGH STATE CONTRACT T-0109 (expires 04/30/2018)**

The CFO said that this is in the capital budget.  
Councilman Baxter asked about the voice recording system.  
The Administrator responded that it is used to record suspects and witnesses.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

**20. A RESOLUTION AWARDING A MONTH-TO-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR PHYSICIAN SERVICES WITH ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL-HAMILTON**

The Attorney explained that Robert Wood Johnson is the current incumbent for Township physician services. The Town is in the process of reprocurring a new contract for those services going forward. This is to extend that contract pending the completion of that procurement process which should be by the next meeting.

The Administrator added that the last time we bid this out we had two possibilities – Robert Wood Johnson and Capital Health.

President Schroth asked if it has extension options.

The Administrator replied that Robert Wood Johnson did – that is what we are operating on. The Administrator then said that today he heard back from Capital Health who will be considering a bid. But, even if they do not, he is still required to reach out and ask for a second option. St. Francis has not bid in the past.

President Schroth asked if this is for workman's comp.

The Administrator responded that it is for employee physicals, employee return to work and workman's comp.

The Attorney said that this is a flat fee contract, paid monthly. It is under the \$40,000 purchasing threshold so we will be soliciting quotations.

The Administrator added that when we hired a lot of summer help, Robert Wood Johnson, accomodated our request to come out to Lower Ferry Road for the physicals. Otherwise, employees have to go out to Hamilton.

There were no additional questions or comments from Council. There were no questions or comments from the Public.

All items were approved for action except Item Number Nine which had been removed.

**BILLS LIST**

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Bills in the Amount of \$6,162,214.69 and to Pay Supplemental Bills per Resolution #16R-13 in the Amount of \$356,454.36

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

The Bills List was approved for action.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council President Schroth presented the Consent Agenda for review.

1. Approval of Agenda Session Minutes for September 13, 2016, September 27, 2016, October 11, 2016; Approval of Regular Session Minutes for September 13, 2016, September 27, 2016, October 11, 2016
2. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of a Bingo Sponsored by Incarnation St. James Parish
3. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an Instant Raffle Sponsored by BPOE #105 Trenton
4. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an On-Premises 50-50 Cash Raffle Sponsored by the Greater Trenton Choral Society
5. A Resolution Authorizing the Conduct of an On-Premises 50/50 Cash Raffle Sponsored by Incarnation St. James Parish



- 6. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Township Construction Official in the amount of \$200.00 to the Yedlin Company, 1000 Herrontown Rd., Princeton, NJ 08540-7799 for Certificate of Occupancy at the following address in Ewing, NJ: Princeton Orthopedic – 340 Scotch Rd. He submitted paperwork for a Certificate of Occupancy and he was not required to have a CO since he did construction work under the UCC.**
- 7. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Director of EMS for Overpayment in the amount of \$239.66 for overpayment of transport service on July 30, 2015 for patient Michelle Luttrell to Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of N.J., P.O. Box 420, Newark, New Jersey 07101-0420**
- 8. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$145.59 for October 1, 2016 second half sewer bill to Cowdrick, Jr., Larry, 109 Swan Blvd., Toms River NJ, 08753 for property owner Cowdrick, Jr., Larry for Block: 81 Lot: 113 also known as 22 Albemarle Avenue.**
- 9. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$111.45 for October 1, 2016 second half sewer bill to Olubamowo, Donise M. & Olukoya D., 4 Bradway Avenue, Ewing NJ, 08618 for property owner Olubamowo, Donise M. & Olukoya D. for Block: 452 Lot: 43 also known 4 Bradway Avenue.**
- 10. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$112.65 for October 1, 2016 second half sewer bill to Zieleniecka, Dorota, 162 Clover Avenue, Ewing NJ, 08638 for property owner Zieleniecka, Dorota for Block: 63 Lot: 21 also known 162 Clover Avenue.**
- 11. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$95.79 for October 1, 2016 second half sewer bill to Walker, David W., 1614 Eleventh Street, Ewing NJ, 08638 for property owner Walker, David W. for Block: 89 Lot: 443 also known 1614 Eleventh Street.**
- 12. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$112.05 for October 1, 2016 second half sewer bill to Bozek, John G., 1616 Eleventh Street, Ewing NJ, 08638 for property owner Bozek, John G. for Block: 89 Lot: 442 also known 1616 Eleventh Street.**
- 13. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$95.24 for October 1, 2016 second half sewer bill to Conde, Madeline, 140 Greenland Avenue, Ewing NJ, 08638 for property owner Conde, Madeline for Block: 66 Lot: 21 also known 140 Greenland Avenue.**
- 14. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$121.72 for October 1, 2016 second half sewer bill to Johnson, John E., 4-1/2 Kirk Avenue, Ewing NJ, 08638 for property owner Johnson, John E. for Block: 100 Lot: 396 also known 4-1/2 Kirk Avenue.**
- 15. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$1939.67 for overpayment of November 1, 2016 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. taxes, to McCoy, Sara, 1169 Lower Ferry Rd., Ewing, NJ 08618, for property owner McCoy, Sara for Block: 506 Lot: 1 also known as 1169 Lower Ferry Rd.**
- 16. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$144.48 for October 1, 2016 second half sewer bill to Central Baptist Church of Trenton, 2015 Pennington Rd., Ewing NJ, 08618 for property owner Central Baptist Church of Trenton for Block: 217 Lot: 41 also known 2050 Pennington Rd.**
- 17. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$107.66 for October 1, 2016 second half sewer bill to Crawford, Leon N. Jr. & Delores, 6 Pershing Avenue, Ewing NJ, 08618 for property owner Crawford, Leon N. Jr. & Delores for Block: 234.04 Lot: 4 also known 6 Pershing Avenue.**

18. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$62.40 for October 1, 2016 second half sewer bill to Salup, Robert Michael, 9 Revere Ct., Ewing NJ, 08628 for property owner Salup, Robert Michael for Block: 552 Lot: 109 also known 9 Revere Ct.
19. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$100.00 for October 1, 2016 second half sewer bill to Friedman, Steven R., 89 Ridgewood Ave., Ewing NJ, 08628 for property owner Friedman, Steven R., for Block: 258 Lot: 89 also known as 89 Ridgewood Ave.
20. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$199.72 for October 1, 2016 second half sewer bill to Peterson, Heath L and Angela C, 15 Woodhampton Drive, Ewing NJ, 08638 for property owner Peterson, Heath L and Angela C for Block: 223.04 Lot: 95 also known 15 Woodhampton Drive.
21. A Resolution Authorizing a Refund, as Recommended by the Tax Collector for Overpayment in the amount of \$59.83 for October 1, 2016 second half sewer bill to Rice, Eddie & Yvonne, 63 Woodland Avenue, Ewing NJ, 08638 for property owner Rice, Eddie & Yvonne for Block: 139 Lot: 26 also known 63 Woodland Avenue.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

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 225-59 SCHEDULE XII: STOP INTERSECTIONS TO ADD STOP SIGNS ON BROAD AVENUE, WESTERN AVENUE AND FLORENCE AVENUE AS THEY APPROACH BRENWAL AVENUE

The Council President explained that this adds stops signs after a need for these stop signs was determined by the Police Department.

The Attorney added it is a line of sight issue.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Public.

#### **COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Councilman Baxter reported that the Recreation Advisory Board just had their Presidents' Meeting. All the recreation presidents – baseball, basketball, football, soccer, etc. met to discuss their issues, their seasons and their wish lists for the coming year. The Mayor was there and heard their concerns. The Mayor also informed them that the Town is going to seek a “Mercer at Play” grant that will help a couple of the programs. The various leagues are sharing information regarding sign-ups. Ewing Recreation Basketball Winter League Howard Greenberg has stepped down as president and will be replaced by Ernie Doggett. Mr. Greenberg is a great guy and ran it for many years. Councilman Baxter said that hopefully we will get that “Mercer at Play” grant. The Town is going for the full amount of \$500,000 which will have to be matched by the Town. It will be put to good use. Councilman Baxter thanked the Mayor for stepping forward and putting forth the effort.

Vice President Steward said that tomorrow is a big day. Ewing will be getting Silver Certification at the League of Municipalities. Out of the 565 municipalities, Ewing is only one of 198 that are certified and one of only thirty-nine that are Silver Certified. The Green Team just found out that Ewing will be receiving the Sustainability Champion Award for Middle Size Towns which means that we got more points than any other Town comparable to our size in the whole State.

President Schroth asked what is the size range for a Middle Size Town.

Vice President Steward replied that it is 5,000 to 40,000. We just sneaked in.

Councilwoman Wollert did not have anything to report.

President Schroth did not have anything to report.

There were no additional Commission and Committee Reports from members of Council.

## NEW BUSINESS

(None for this Meeting)

## STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Ron Prykanowski (16 Thurston Avenue) said that earlier this year, in the Budget between operating and capital, the Township appropriated about \$1,000,000 for technology. Mr. Prykanowski commented that he hopes that the money will be spent better because there are a lot of deficiencies with the technology in this Town. The website is very unfriendly. Mr. Prykanowski then mentioned that the Knights of Columbus got a permit to use LiMato Field for a state-wide soccer shoot-out on November 5<sup>th</sup>. When they went there to set-up, they were told that they could not do it because the field had been given to someone else. Mr. Prykanowski said that he hopes technology could be used in the future to prevent this type of embarrassing situation.

Mr. Prykanowski said that his greatest pet peeve is with Code Enforcement. It is the least efficient department. Mr. Prykanowski stated that it is not the employees but the system being used which is from the 1950's. Mr. Prykanowski stated that he noticed six to eight iPads not being used; just sitting there being charged and then asked where are the portable printers that were requested in the Budget for the purpose of being able to get inspection reports on the spot. Mr. Prykanowski said that one inspector gives him a handwritten report, and another gives him a computer generated report which had to go three days later. Hamilton gives him his inspection reports right on the spot. Trenton still uses carbon, but he still gets the report on the spot. Having the Office closed to the Public on Wednesday just extends the amount of time even more. Mr. Prykanowski then related his experience with a mix-up in the scheduling of inspectors and that inspectors are not using the lock box even though the code is on file in the Office. Mr. Prykanowski stated that he is asking the Administration, through Council, to do something about the efficiency of this Department. Technology is one of the answers.

The Mayor responded that as far as the iPads are concerned, every inspector carries an iPad. Those sitting there charging are extras; used by the Planning Board. The Mayor said that he does agree with Mr. Prykanowski on some of the issues that we are having. He and the Administrator meet regularly with the Construction Official to try to streamline some things. One thing was to close the Office to the Public on Wednesday in order to catch up without interruption. Field printers have been on back order for the past four months. The Mayor then mentioned the SDL program and described its benefits.

Mr. Prykanowski said that he appreciates the Mayor's comments and then said that somebody has to educate the Public about the SDL program as not many people know about this program.

The Mayor said that in January we are looking to hire a part-time employee who will only work with the website. The Mayor mentioned that we are not going to move on to Facebook or Twitter until we have the website issues under control.

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

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Schroth asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Wollert so moved seconded by Ms. Steward. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

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David P. Schroth, President

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Kim J. Macellaro, Municipal Clerk