

Monday, November 12, 2018, 6:30 P.M.
Bill Review & Agenda Meeting

PRESENT: Patricia Gross, Mayor
J. Roy Oliver, Deputy Mayor
Ken Whildin, Committeeman
Frank DiDomenico, Solicitor
Allen Foster, Chief Financial Officer
Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk

This meeting has been advertised in accordance with the statutes of the State of New Jersey.

Mayor Gross called the meeting to order; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Gross, present
Mr. Oliver, present
Mr. Whildin, present

Presentation

Municipal Finance Officer Report

Mr. Foster stated that presently the township is under budget for 2018 and is at around 84% . There will be reserves at the end of the year. The O & E line are short and transfers are being done this month.

Best Practices Annual Assessment of Fire Districts

a.) Do the Fire Districts Continue to Serve the Public Interest?

Mr. Foster explained that the responsibility of the Township Committee is to evaluate that the Fire Districts continue to service the public interest. The Township Committee consensus was that the four Fire District do continue to serve the public interest.

b.) Are the existing fire companies more efficient than other potential alternatives in providing services and financing public facilities?

The Township Committee consensus was that the four Fire Districts are more efficient than other potential alternatives for Maurice River Township.

Resolution

Resolution No. 128-2018

The clerk provided the reading of Resolution No. 128-2018: A Resolution Requesting Approval Of Special Items Of Revenue And Appropriation (N.J.S.A. 40a:4-87) NJDOT Transportation Trust Funds – Newell Road Phase I

Mr. Oliver made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 128-2018; seconded by Mr. Whildin.

Roll Call: Ayes – Oliver, Whildin, Gross Nays - None

Public Comment Session

Mr. Oliver made a motion to open the public comment session noting the time at 6:38 pm; seconded by Mr. Whildin.

Roll Call: Ayes – Oliver, Whildin, Gross Nays- None

Mr. Ben Stowman, LUB Chair, advised that the Land Use Board adopted Resolution No. 08-

2018 on November 7, 2018 recommending the Township Committee adopt a Township Wide Redevelopment Plan.

Mr. Stowman advised that there are three positions on the Land Use Board set to expire on December 31, 2018. The Township Committee should consider these expiration dates when examining the 2019 appointments.

Mr. Stowman reported that the Land Use Board agreed with the properties presented by the county for the Farmland Preservation program. The Township Planner, Tiffany CuvIELLO-Morrissey will contact Matt Pisarski, Assistant Planning Director for Cumberland County, to verify who should make the official notification of the Township's decision.

Mr. Stowman stated that the Township Planner, Tiffany CuvIELLO-Morrissey had reviewed the Pineland CMP ordinance update request and determined that it entails only minor changes. It was discussed that this can be done in January and February of 2019 which will meet the Pinelands deadline of March 5, 2019.

Mr. Stowman explained that a special meeting was called by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection which will be held here at the Maurice River Township Municipal Building to discuss the East Point Lighthouse and beach erosion. The Township Engineer, Cormac Morrissey, will also be attending. Several state departments, the county as well as the MRT Committee members will be in attendance. Mr. Stowman furthered that consideration to 'dredge the river' will not be a topic for discussion until 2020.

Mr. Stowman advised that Maurice River Township is hosting the next meeting of the Delaware Bayshore Council on November 29th from 2:30 pm until 4:00 pm here is in Senior Center.

Mr. Sterling advised that the MRT Firefighters annual dinner is scheduled for January 29th, 2019 and a letter has been submitted requesting a donation from the township in the same amount as last year. Mr. Sterling invited all Township Committee members to attend the dinner.

Mr. Oliver made a motion to approve a donation in the amount of \$1,500 toward the Annual MRT Firefighters Dinner scheduled for January 29, 2019; seconded by Mr. Whildin.

Roll Call: Ayes – Oliver, Whildin, Gross Nays – None

Mr. Oliver made a motion to close the public comment session noting the time at 6:51 pm; seconded by Mr. Whildin.

Roll Call: Ayes – Oliver, Whildin, Gross Nays - None

Discussion Items

1. Cancel the balances remaining for two capital ordinances: Ordinance 610 and Ordinance 611.

Mr. Foster provided a description of the two capital ordinances and explained that balances remain that are not projected to be utilized. Mr. Foster explained the need to cancel the balances through resolutions. The Township Committee agreed to cancel the remaining balances under Ordinances 610 and 611. Mr. Foster will forward the resolution for adoption on November 15, 2018.

2. Contract from South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter for Animal Shelter services for 2019.

Mr. DiDomenico stated that he had no objections to the contract wording and since there are no alternative 'animal shelters' available he recommended to proceed with the contract. Mr. DiDomenico added that there is a slight increase over last year's rate. A resolution of award and authorizing the contract will be presented on November 15th.

3. Discuss options for the Matts Landing marina swap.

Mrs. Gross explained that Dave Golden has expressed that NJDEP is open to the offer of additional MRT properties toward the marina swap but he is not looking for 'junk' properties and prefers properties that are contiguous to NJDEP owned properties.

Mr. Whildin and Mr. DiDomenico stated they had reviewed the appraisals and the

appraisals appeared to be thorough.

4. Set date and time for Reorganization meeting for 2019. Determine the need for a prep-Reorganization meeting and set date and time.

Mr. Oliver offered the Reorganization date for Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 5:00 pm and the Prep-Reorg for Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 5:30 pm. Mr. Whildin was in agreement with these dates. The clerk will advertise the meeting notice in the official newspaper for both meetings: date, time and location.

5. Louann has been informed that DocuVault is available on Saturday, October 4, 2019 from 9am to 12noon for the 2019 Shred Event. Is this date okay to place on 2019 calendar?

The Township Committee was in agreement that this date and time was appropriate for the 2019 Shred Event.

6. Review of recommendation made by Mr. Morrissey, Engineer, for the 2018 Road program.

Mr. Morrissey provided a letter of recommendation to the Township Committee to award the 2018 Road Program to South State as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$381,813. Mr. Foster advised that money is available in the 2018 budget for the 'base bid' only for this project. Mr. DiDomenico will need to review the bid specifications and provide recommendation. This will be discussed on Thursday, November 15th.

7. Outdoor Basketball Courts bids.

It was discussed that this project will need to be a capital project. Mr. Foster recommended to wait until the new committee is seated in 2019. An extension of the 'awarding' of the contract was discussed. Mr. Foster will check and provide feedback regarding the extension.

Township Committee Discussion

Mr. Whildin stated that Mr. Morrissey had received quotes for the drainage projects on Schooner Landing, South Street, Quinlan/Moores Beach and River Road.. The lowest quote was from David Gates for all four projects in the amount of \$13,750. Mr. Whildin explained that the township is still waiting for Mr. Cook to sign the easement. It was discussed that award of Schooner Landing should wait until the easement is signed by Mr. Cook as the work cannot take place if the easement is not signed.

Mr. Oliver made a motion to award to David Gates for South Street - \$1,900, Quinlan/Moores Beach for \$2,500 and River Road for \$850; seconded by Mr. Whildin.

Roll Call: Ayes – Oliver, Whildin, Gross None – None

A resolution memorializing the motion will be presented for adoption on November 15, 2018.

Mrs. Gross asked about the berm for Moores Beach. Mr. Stowman offered that the previous estimate to complete this berm was at 5 million and that flood gates would need to be installed. It was discussed that 'should' this project happen that materials from other locations could be beneficial use.

Mr. Whildin offered that NJDEP has set aside money to help with placement of sand bags at the East Point Lighthouse for the temporary fixes needed.

Mr. Oliver stated there is a minor glitch in the Bricksboro project as the property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Betz has been sold. The permit application will need to be signed by the new owners.

Mr. Oliver asked for clarification regarding the land being offered to NJDEP toward the marina swap stating that the property value is 'dollar to dollar' and is preferred to be contiguous to property already owned by NJDEP. Mrs. Gross confirmed. Mr. Whildin stated that the township property on School House Lane is 100 acres and 80 acres in Delmont (Panther Swamp) which touches property owned by the Nature Conservancy. Mr. Whildin offered that one of

these two large properties will need to be offered to NJDEP. Mr. Oliver will have Michelle, Tax Collector do some research on township owned properties.

Mrs. Gross commented that the Maurice River Heritage Society has agreed to manage the new welcome sign proposed on the Mauricetown Causeway. Mrs. Gross proposed that the panels on this sign be larger. Additionally county approval will be needed prior to proceeding. Also Mrs. Gross advised the committee that Mr. Fisher, C&S signs, will need to be notified of the new sign. Additionally, an ordinance will be needed setting the terms of the lease agreement to the Maurice River Heritage Society; Mr. DiDomenico recommended a possible introduction at the regular January 2019 meeting.

Mrs. Gross stated that the Maurice River Heritage Society will be providing historical pictures of the township for the 2019 calendar. The Township Committee consensus was to proceed.

Mrs. Gross stated that five new businesses will be added to the 2019 calendar.

Mrs. Gross requested that advertisement for the Mauricetown Antique Show be placed on the bulletin board pursuant to the verbal agreement when the township took possession of the sign.

Mrs. Gross announced that the CDC will be meeting on December 12th, 2018.

Mrs. Gross stated that she met with Kim Ayars, representative for the Cumberland County Improvement Authority, to discuss redevelopment opportunities for properties located in the township which include the old Port-O-Call Restaurant, the Recycling Center property and the Harris property. Mrs. Gross added that the current owners of the old Port-O-Call Restaurant may be putting the property back up for sale.

Review of Agenda for Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

The Township Committee requested that Resolution No. 130-2018 be removed from the agenda for Thursday, November 15, 2018. This resolution will be considered for adoption in January 2019.

Review of Bills for approval on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

The Township Committee reviewed the bills being presented for approval on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Adjournment

Mr. Oliver called for adjournment; seconded by Mr. Whildin.

Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION NO. 128-2018

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SPECIAL ITEMS
OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87)**

NJDOT TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUNDS – NEWELL ROAD PHASE I

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2018 in the sum of \$233,000 which item is now available as a revenue from the New Jersey Department of Transportation 2018 Municipal Aid Program, State of New Jersey, as NJDOT Transportation Trust Funds in the amount of \$233,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$233,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of “NJ Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act – Newell Road Phase 1”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of a state grant of \$233,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation.