

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
Prep Re-Organization Meeting
Wednesday, December 19, 2018 – 5:30 P.M.**

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

Present: J. Roy Oliver
Ken Whildin
Denise L. Peterson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Oliver at 5:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy Mayor Oliver

Roll Call: Mr. Oliver
Mr. Whilden

Guest: William Ashton

Purpose of the meeting is preparation for the Reorganization meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Discussion Item:

1. Shared Service Tax Assessor

Kevin Maloney, Tax Assessor, explained the premise of a Shared Service for Tax Assessor between Bridgeton and Maurice River Township. Mr. Maloney explained that the payment from Maurice River Township would remain his current contract price but would be paid directly to the City of Bridgeton; this would include any Council 18 negotiated annual increases. Mr. Maloney explained that he previously worked for the City of Bridgeton as Tax Assessor and would be returning to his old position. Mr. Maloney explained that with the Shared Service agreement he would have more flexibility to meet with MRT residents, assessing of properties and take phone calls. The City of Bridgeton will draw up the Shared Service Agreement and will forward it to the Municipal Clerk to disseminate to the Township Committee and Solicitor for review. It was requested that a 30 day termination clause be included in the agreement in the event that the arrangement does not work for Maurice River Township.

Mr. Oliver requested that Mr. Maloney attend the January 14th A&BR meeting to discuss the need and cost to update the Maurice River Township Tax maps. Mr. Maloney confirmed his attendance.

2. 2019 appointments (Resolution 02-2019)

The Township Committee members present reviewed the 'draft' Resolution No. 02-2019 and positions were discussed and assigned for the Township Committee and staff.

3. LUB Appointments (Resolution 02-2019)

The Township Committee members discussed the three seats terminating on December 31, 2018 and agreed to re-appoint all three members to Land Use Board for the terms based on category.

4. Meeting dates for Municipal Alliance, Economic Development & Brownfields Review; (Resolution No. 04-2019)

The meeting dates for the Municipal Alliance, Economic Development and Brownfields Review/Landfill Closure committees were reviewed and set for 2019. The dates will be reflected on Resolution No. 04-2019 as well as the 2019 Township calendar.

5. Township Committee representative for the 2019 Tax Sale in June. (Resolution 25-2019)

The Township Committee agreed that Mr. J. Roy Oliver would be named to represent the township interest, should the need arise, at the 2019 Tax Sale which will take place in June.

6. Confirm dates 2019 Township Wide Yard Sales: April 20th (21st Rain Date) and October 12th (13th Rain Date).

The proposed dates for the Township Wide Yard Sales were accepted by the Township Committee and will be advertised on the 2019 Township Calendar. A resolution waiving the yard sale permit fees for these dates will be presented on January 2, 2019.

7. Appointment of a new Municipal Court Judge

Mr. Oliver explained that Lauren Van Embden is the temporary Municipal Court Judge and has expressed interest in becoming the permanently (3 year term) Municipal Court Judge at the contract price paid to Judge Duffy. The consensus was to proceed with contracting with Lauren Van Embden for the position of Municipal Court Judge for the period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021. A resolution authorizing the contract will be presented on January 2, 2019. Letters to other interested parties will be sent by the clerk making notice of the Township Committee decision.

8. Travelers Insurance Recommendations/Training & Response (45 days)

Mr. Oliver explained that the primary point needing attention was the need to provide Workplace Harassment Training to the township employees. Training to the employees will be set up in 2019. A response to the letter will be forwarded to Travelers advising them of the township plans.

9. Professional Service Contracts for 2019

- a.) All Professionals responding to RFP (Resolution No. 15-2019)

The professionals submitting proposals were reviewed and recommendations from the Township Solicitor were considered and the Municipal Clerk for Township Solicitor. The following professionals were selected: Public Defender – Anthony Imbesi from the office of Testa, Heck, Testa & White, Alternate Public Defender – Alfred Verderose, Township Solicitor – Frank DiDomenico, Prosecutor – Thomas Corrigan, Planner – Tiffany CuvIELLO Morrissey, Insurance Broker of Record – Mints Insurance, Auditor – Ray Colivita of Nightlinger, Colavita & Volpa, Land Use Board Solicitor – Michael Benson, Ambulance (North) – Inspira Health, In Rem Solicitor – Thomas Seeley, and Environmental Consultant – Mark Pietrucha of Woodard & Curran.

- b.) Barber Consulting for IT services (Resolution No. 21-2019)

The Township Committee agreed to contract with Barber Consulting to provide IT services for the township in 2019. Resolution No. 21-2019 will be presented on January 2, 2019.

- c.) CM3 for HVAC services 2019 (Resolution No. 22-2019)

The Township Committee agreed to contract with CM3 for the municipal building HVAC services in 2019. Resolution No. 22-2019 will be presented on January 2, 2019.

- d.) Water Testing Quotes

Three quotes for Water Testing and Well Monitoring services for 2019 were reviewed by the Township Committee. The Township Committee determined that Woodard & Curran presented the lowest price for these services.

10. Discussion/Designation of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2019

A brief discussion took place between the members present regarding the 2019 Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Comments

The clerk will contact Pastor Schmeling to inquire about his interest and availability to provide the invocation at the Wednesday, January 2, 2019 Reorganization meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk