

**Monday, August 12, 2019, 6:30 P.M.**  
**Bill Review & Agenda Meeting**

PRESENT: J. Roy Oliver, Mayor  
Ken Whildin, Deputy Mayor  
Bill Ashton, 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 Oliver called the meeting to order; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Oliver, present  
Mr. Whildin, present  
Mr. Ashton, present

**Municipal Finance Officer Report**

Allen Foster, CMFO

Mr. Foster provided the budget report to the Township Committee. Mr. Foster stated there are no concerns and the budget is underspent at this time.

**Public Comment Session**

Mr. Whildin made a motion to open the public comment session noting the time at 6:32 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

George Kumor, Heislerville, stated that residents and touring groups like the Thompson’s Beach site. Mr. Kumor suggested parking and an observation tower installation be considered for the beach area. Mr. Kumor suggested that this is a good time to consider the bird observation tower/platform at the beach and he presented the ‘old’ plans to the Township Committee. Mr. Kumor emphasized preservation of the area for future generations. Mr. Kumor advised the Township Committee that the ‘old bulkhead’ at the beach was cut-off under the sand not removed, therefore, preserving the area for future construction of the same. Mr. Kumor stated that the old plans also accommodated for a tower/platform on the old Ballato property. Mr. Whildin stated he would have the plans copied and returned to Mr. Kumor.

Mr. Kumor thanked the Township Committee for the information regarding the Recreation Blue Crab Committee at Marine Fisheries Council. Mr. Kumor stated that ponds 2 and 3 have been drained but pond 1 has been left for recreational crabbing. Mr. Kumor suggested that a floating dock could be beneficial in pond 1 for crabbing. Mr. Kumor stated that ‘stocking’ of the pond could be done. Mr. Kumor stated that the township should let the state know that they have an obligation to the township regarding this area and suggested a meeting between the township, county and NFWF.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to close the public comment session noting the time at 6:42 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

## Discussion Items

1. Review Gold Medal suspended penalty and measures taken to correct violations.

Mr. Joe Cannizzo General Manager and Mr. Aaron Laramore, Supervisor were present from Gold Medal. Mr. Oliver pointed out that this was to discuss the progress made in response to the reported deficiencies at the meeting of June 20, 2019. Mr. Oliver stated at that time the Township Committee assessed a \$1,000 penalty due to violations of the contract but suspended the penalty for 60 days to allow for correction.

Mr. Oliver stated that complaints were still being received and a letter was received from a resident that did not sit well with many. Mr. Oliver stated that it appeared most complaints were related to trash pick-up not recycling. Mr. Whildin reported that he is still receiving complaints about trash cans being left in the roadway. Mr. Whildin reported that during an ambulance call that the ambulance had to dodge the trash cans placed in the roadway. Mr. Cannizzo stated he was aware of this situation and that crew has been replaced. Mr. Ashton asked if Gold Medal is still in their training period due to the take over of EarthTech and if they are getting a handle on it. Mr. Cannizzo stated that they look for experienced employees and seasoned drivers when hiring. Mr. Laramore stated that he feels they are gaining on the problems reported. Mr. Ashton stated that it appears that complaints are coming down over time.

Mr. Oliver asked if Gold Medal would entertain a one-year extension to the current contract under the current terms. Mr. Cannizzo stated he would take the offer back to Gold Medal.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to vacate the \$1,000 penalty; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Mr. Whildin made a motion to offer a 1-year extension to the current contract; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Mr. DiDomenico advised that documents will be needed to authorize the 1 year extension if Gold Medal accepts the proposal.

2. Discuss offers received on the vacated portion of Stable Street.

Mr. Oliver stated that both contiguous properties owners have made offers on the entire portion of vacated Stable Street. Mr. Oliver explained that an easement is necessary on the 'northern' portion to maintain the drainage pipe. Mr. DiDomenico stated that the Township Committee can split the property down the middle.

Ms. Marcheski stated that they want to keep the woods intact as this decreases the noise level reaching their house.

The Township Committee determined the cost to split the property down the middle would be \$1,650 each with the northern portion additional cost of \$500 for the easement survey and paperwork.

Mr. & Mrs. Marcheski and Mr. & Mrs. Hontscharik were agreeable to purchasing half the vacated portion of Stable Street. Mr. & Mrs. Marcheski will acquire the 'southern' portion at a cost of \$1,650 and Mr. & Mrs. Hontscharik will acquire the 'northern' portion at a cost of \$2,150 (\$1,650 for 'southern' portion and \$500 for easement survey & paperwork).

Mr. Whildin made a motion to sell the vacated portion of Stable Street to the contiguous property owners at \$1,650 each with the 'northern' portion paying additional \$500 for easement survey and paperwork; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

3. Discuss making an offer to extend the contract of the Environmental Consultant.

Mr. Whildin suggested that due to the number of projects being overseen by Mark Pietrucha, Woodard & Curran and for consistency a 1-year extension be offered to Woodard & Curran. Mr.

DiDomenico stated that this is permissible under state statute as an 'unfair' contract. Mr. Ashton stated he agreed with making this offer.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to offer a 1-year extension to the current contract for Woodard & Curran, Environmental Consultant; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

4. Mark Pietrucha has requested a budget increase to perform the water sampling for the Senior Center, Leechester Hall and Concession Stand. (email dated July 25, 2019).

Mr. Oliver explained that the increase request is for sampling, and reporting to the state on the Senior Center water supply.

Mr. Whildin motioned to approve the \$1,000 budget increase to Woodard & Curran for water sampling for the Senior Center to cover expenses to end of 2019; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

5. Discuss sending a letter to Congressman Van Drew regarding dredging of the mouth of the Maurice River.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to defer discussion until end of the regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

6. Discuss adopting a Resolution providing a Statement of Consent for the proposed Lower Delaware Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) per County of Cumberland Department of Planning letter dated July 25, 2019.

Mr. DiDomenico that Downe Township is looking to upgrade their WPM and the state is okay with their proposal. Mr. DiDomenico stated he did not have the full plan for review. Downe Township's plan is for the existing buildings/dwellings and no extension to the system is permitted. The support resolution requested is for adjacent municipalities to accept the amendment to the county plan which incorporates the Downe Township plan. Mr. Whildin stated that Mayor Campbell, Downe Township, has been striving toward this and agrees to the support if there are no negatives to Maurice River Township. Mr. DiDomenico stated he does not see any negative impact to Maurice River Township by accepting the plan.

Mr. Ashton stated he does not support the plan and pointed out a few points of interest; page 1 & 2 addresses 'septic management plan for the entire county and page 4 mentions open space acquisition, 'land preservation' mentioned; county wide septic plan.

Mr. DiDomenico pointed out that 5 years ago there were no sewer plants in the county but here they are permitting a limited sewer plant in Downe Township. Mr. Stowman, Delmont suggested that the Township Committee review the county plan.

Mr. Oliver added that if the Township Committee agrees then a resolution of 'denial' could be done. Mr. DiDomenico will review the subject further by contacting the county solicitor and Mr. Stowman will contact Bob Brewer, County Planning Department.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to table this subject to the September meeting; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

7. Discuss the centers designation for the Township.  
Mr. Whildin made a motion to defer discussion until the end of the regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

8. Discuss placing the divider panels up for auction again on GovDeals.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to donate the panels to a charity; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

9. Discuss the 'draft' ordinance for 5G.

Mr. DiDomenico supplied the 'draft' ordinance to the Township Committee for review. Mr. DiDomenico explained that the ordinance is very lengthy and he looked at other municipal ordinances to develop the ordinance to meet Maurice River Township.

The Township Committee will review the draft copy of the ordinance. Tabled to September Agenda & Bill Review meeting.

### **Township Committee Discussion**

#### Ken Whildin

Mr. Whildin reported the following:

1. Family Night Out was a very successful event.
2. A power point presentation was received this afternoon regarding the Mouth of the Maurice River project.
3. Another meeting is scheduled to discuss the dredging of the Maurice River.

#### Bill Ashton

Mr. Ashton stated that he had nothing to report at this time

#### J. Roy Oliver

Mr. Oliver reported the following:

1. Family Night Out was successful and he believes it was the best one yet. No negative feedback was received but a request for more adult activities such as horseshoe pitching was received.
2. A request from South Jersey Gas for street opening permit was received for Quaker and Stable which are under the 5-year moratorium according to Ordinance 650. Mr. Oliver explained that full width paving must be done and engineer inspection is required which means escrow must be posted to cover this expense. Mr. Ashton questioned the 90-days for maintenance and is there any recourse for the failure of filled/repaved areas. Mr. DiDomenico explained that this is why the engineer does the inspection.

Mr. Whildin made a motion that a copy of Ordinance 650 be forwarded to South Jersey Gas with indication that all provisions be adhered to; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

3. Mr. Oliver explained that the Public Hearing on Ordinance 688 (governing free-roaming cats) will be Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Oliver explained the ordinance provides for penalties for ‘dropping-off’ cats; \$1,000 per incident plus \$100 per cat/kitten dropped off. Mr. Oliver stated a quote to purchase signs advising of the fines for dropping off of cats has been received, \$25 for 12x18 inch, \$42 for 18x24 inch.

Mr. Oliver suggested getting the 18x24 inch signs but questioned how many would be needed. The Township Committee determined that 12 signs would be needed and three would be placed at Wawa with their permission.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to purchase twelve 18x24 inch signs at a cost of \$42 each; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Mr. Oliver stated that only 5 cats have been seen at Wawa contrary to the 30 reported. Wawa has hired an exterminator. Mr. Tomlin, Leesburg, reported that shelters are in the woods at Wawa and food is being given to the cats there.

4. Mr. Oliver stated that ‘no parking’ signs for Front Street ill need to be purchased and placed according to Ordinance 687 which will be presented for Public Hearing and adoption on Thursday, August 15, 2019.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to purchase six signs to post on Front Street pursuant to Ordinance 687; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

5. Mr. Oliver asked for status on PSE&G proposed donations of property agreement. Mr. DiDomenico stated he is waiting for a callback and will call again tomorrow.
6. Mr. Oliver stated a ‘standing water’ complaint was received in the vicinity of Fralinger and Route 47 (between Fralinger & Spring Garden). The Township Committee stated the clerk will contact the CCPW Mosquito department and forward the complaint.
7. Mr. Oliver clarified that the increase in property taxes was not due to the ‘local purpose’ tax but was due to the county increase of 4 cents on hundred and school tax increase of 2 ½ cents on a hundred. Mr. Oliver further pointed out that the local purpose tax had actually gone down. Additionally, increase was seen due to Fire District taxes.
8. Mr. Oliver stated that ‘brush pick up’ will be discussed at the Thursday night meeting.

### **Second Public Comment Session**

No Public was present for the Second Public Comment Session.

### **Review of Agenda for Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 7:30 pm.**

The Township Committee reviewed the agenda for the Thursday, August 15, 2019 meeting and accepted as presented.

### **Review of Bills for approval on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 7:30 pm.**

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to review of the bills to be presented for approval on Thursday, August 15, 2019.

### **Discussion Items (Deferred from above)**

5. Discuss sending a letter to Congressman Van Drew regarding dredging of the mouth of the Maurice River.

Draft letters were received from Mr. Whildin and Mr. Stowman. Mr. Whildin suggested that the main letter be short and to the point with an attachment of bullet points.

Mr. Ashton suggested that flood prevention be added to the last paragraph of the letter. The Township Committee determined that the ‘draft’ letter from Mr. Whildin will be reviewed with corrections and additions; this will be used as the main letter with Mr. Stowman’s letter being used as an attachment to show all points of concern.

Mr. Whildin and Mr. Stowman will work on rewriting the main letter and the attachment and both will be presented for approval by the Township Committee. Mayor Oliver will sign the final draft which will be sent to Congressman Van Drew.

It was discussed that ACOE indicated the earliest for dredging would be 2021 but funding must be in place and currently funds are not available for dredging. The

plan for the Northwest reach project has containment areas for the dredge materials. It was discussed that dredge materials can be shipped either by barge or overland. A meeting is scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> with key entities invited to attend which include but not limited to Boat World, Allen Steel, Yank Marine and Dorchester Shipyard.

7.. Discuss the centers designation for the Township.

Mr. Whildin stated that the Township Planner, Tiffany CuvIELLO-Morrissey, had supplied suggestions to points that need to be addressed in the letter to the state. It was discussed that the township designation centers have not been lost and the township has until June 2020 to reauthorize the designation centers. The Township Committee reviewed the points to be addressed in the letter and Frank DiDomenico will pen the letter to the Planning Advocacy and/or Rick Brown. It was further discussed that redevelopment of the old 'Bacon' property will trigger a CAFRA and the center designation could be instrumental in the process.

Mr. Whildin made a motion that Mr. DiDomenico draft a letter to the state Planning Advocacy using Ms. CuvIELLO's suggestions and Mayor Oliver will sign; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Mr. Whildin made a motion to send a letter to the legislators requesting the designation centers expiration be extended; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

### **Adjournment**

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

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Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk