

Thursday, August 15, 2019, 2019 - 7:30 pm

PRESENT: J. Roy Oliver, Mayor  
Ken Whildin, Deputy Mayor  
Bill Ashton, Committeeman  
Frank DiDomenico, Solicitor  
Cormac Morrissey, Engineer  
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

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Whildin made a motion to approve the minutes of prior meetings, seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

### Presentations

1. N.J.S.P – No representative from N.J.S.P. was present.

### First Public Comments Session

Mr. Whildin made a motion to open the first public comment session noting the time at 7:38 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Bill Noe, Delmont, noticed that there are less cats in the Leesburg area recently and congratulated the volunteers on a job well done. Mr. Oliver also thanked the volunteers who worked on this trial program of TNVR. Mr. Oliver announced that additional funding has been received for \$1,700 from People for Animals. This money will be used in the trial program area and should cover another 30 cats.

Ron Sutton, Animal Control, reported that when investigating the Wawa report of feral cats, he only saw 2 cats. Mr. Oliver stated that the reported 30 cats was false and at most there are 5 cats at Wawa. Mr. Oliver stated that the purchase of twelve ‘no drop off’ signs was approved by the Township Committee on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Oliver stated that brush pick-up on demand is a problem. Mr. Oliver stated that the ‘tax insert’ explained what can be done and is done for brush pick-up in the township. Mr. Oliver explained that the township is 94.7 square miles and grass in the township right-of-way must be cut. Mr. Oliver explained that the township offers two pick-up times – spring and fall for tree debris/leaves, two Fridays a month the compost facility is open to accommodate dropping off of brush and this year there have been three Community Cleanup Days. Mr. Oliver asked Steve Hagemann, PW Supervisor, to speak on the subject and stated that public works is only a 5-man

crew and do an outstanding job. Mr. Oliver added that there is only so much that can be done with the equipment and manpower.

Mr. Hagemann, PW Supervisor, advised those in attendance that debris is also picked up by public works after major storms. Mr. Hagemann stated that in 2003 a monthly brush pickup was done but it takes a week to complete the entire township. A cost analysis for 2018 showed that for spring & fall pickup in addition to the man and equipment hours there was also the cost of \$6,800 to grind to brush. The cost factor must be taken into account. Mr. Hagemann stated that public works does try to accommodate residents if they show up with loads of brush but due to the work schedule it is not always possible. Mr. Hagemann pointed out that this program was initiated for storm pick-up. Mr. Oliver added that 'brush pick-up on demand' would also increase the depreciation of the equipment (loader and dump truck). Mr. Hagemann offered that the newest dump truck cost was \$170,000 and the newest loader cost \$95,000. Mr. Oliver stated that hiring another public works employee would not only be the salary but the benefits and that just to replace the loader and dump truck above would add 8 cents on a hundred to the local purpose tax.

Mr. Oliver explained that this year the local purpose tax went down by ½ cent on 100; the school, county and fire district taxes went up. Mr. Oliver pointed out that this Township Committee is very committed to no local tax increase. Mr. Oliver stated that instituting a brush pick-up on demand would increase the local purpose tax. Mr. Whildin added that the township compost facility is only approved to store up to 7500 cubic yards of material and when this maximum is reached the material must be ground at a cost of \$3,000 per day; a certified person must be onsite to ensure the material is wet.

Mr. Ashton stated he will reserve comments but believes the program can be tweaked to make it better. Mr. Oliver asked if public works was maxed out. Mr. Hagemann confirmed. Mr. Oliver added that in addition to the regular work that public works performs intermittent jobs require time.

Jane Ashton, Leesburg, stated that the township is 94.7 square miles but 58% is tax exempt properties and suggested that a log of brush pick-up calls be maintained as she does not believe it is a lot. Mr. Oliver clarified that there are a lot of roads running through taxable and tax-exempt properties and that he was referring to the number of roads to be maintained.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to close the first public comment session noting the time at 7:56 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

## **Ordinances**

### Ordinance 686

The clerk provided the second reading by title of Ordinance 686: An Ordinance Of Maurice River Township, Cumberland County, Authorizing A Lease Of The Maurice River Township Welcome Sign To Maurice River Township Heritage Society, A New Jersey Non-Profit Corporation

Mr. DiDomenico provided a synopsis of Ordinance 686 to the public.

Mr. Whildin motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance 686; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

As there was no Public Comment, Mr. Whildin motioned to close the public hearing on Ordinance 686; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Mr. Whildin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 686; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

#### Ordinance 687

The clerk provided the second reading by title of Ordinance 687: An Ordinance Of Maurice River Township, Cumberland County, Amending § 7-13 Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of Maurice River, Parking Prohibited At All Times On Certain Streets

Mr. DiDomenico provided a synopsis of Ordinance 687 to the public.

Mr. Whildin motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance 687; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

As there was no Public Comment, Mr. Whildin motioned to close the public hearing on Ordinance 687; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Mr. Whildin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 687; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

#### Ordinance 688

The clerk provided the second reading by title of Ordinance 688: An Ordinance Of The Township Of Maurice River, Cumberland County, Amending Chapter V, Animal Control And Licensing Regulations, Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of Maurice River, To Add Section 5-21 Free-Roaming Cat Management

Mr. DiDomenico provided a synopsis of Ordinance 688 to the public.

Mr. Whildin motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance 688; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Bill Tomlin, Leesburg, thanked the Township Committee for the efforts being made toward the feral cat problem. Mr. Tomlin also expressed that he hopes that upon expiration of the ordinance (sunset clause) in 5 years the only cats in the township are pet cats.

Mr. Whildin motioned to close the public hearing on Ordinance 688; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Mr. Whildin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 688; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

#### **Consent Agenda**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** All matters listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Township Committee and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a committee member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

## Resolutions

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| 1. | Resolution No. | 95-2019 | A Resolution Extending The Grace Period For 2019 Third Quarter Taxes  |
| 2. | Resolution No. | 96-2019 | A Resolution Authorizing Maurice River Township To Issue A Refund Of Monies For A Rental Deposit For Leechester Hall Use On Saturday, July 27, 2019   |
| 3. | Resolution No. | 97-2019 | A Resolution Authorizing Maurice River Township To Enter Into An Agreement With Rpm Landscape Contractors, LLC For Tree-Trimming And Removal Services Pursuant To Its Participation As A Member Of The Cumberland County Cooperative Pricing System |
| 4. | Resolution No. | 98-2019 | Tax Exemption Granted To 100% Permanently And Totally Disabled Veteran And Cancels Part Of 2019 Taxes Billed Block 119, Lot 7 (Owner: Charles L. Costello)  |
| 5. | Resolution No. | 99-2019 | A Resolution Acknowledging Satisfaction In Full By John Turner Of The Bayshore Housing Program Mortgage Held By Maurice River Township And Authorizing The Execution Of A Discharge Of Mortgage   |

## Routine Matters

1. Approval is needed for the following Street Opening Permit applications from South Jersey Gas
  - a.) Ferry Lane 33 feet north to 653 feet west of the centerline of Delsea Drive (MRT Permit #2019-001). The application fee for the permit was attached.
  - b.) Quaker St (45' W to 512 W c/l Port Elizabeth-Cumberland Road) Stable 16' E c/l Delsea Dr) & Fox St (50' E to 495' E c/l Port Elizabeth-Cumberland Road (MRT Permit #2019-002). The application fee for the permit was attached.
  - c.) Church St (56' to 302' W c/l Academy Street. The application fee for the permit was attached.
  - d.) 9 Broad Street (159' N c/l Station Road. The application fee for the permit was attached.
  - e.) Market St (66' W to 653' W c/l Delsea Drive). The application fee for the permit was attached.
2. Acceptance is needed for a resignation letter submitted by Nancy Hamilton dated July 29, 2019. Ms. Hamilton regrettably resigned from the Brownfields/Landfill Review Committee.

Mr. Whildin motioned to adopt the resolutions and approve the routine matters listed in the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

## **Township Committee Reports**

### William Ashton, Committeeman

Mr. Ashton reported the following:

1. Gold Medal is new to the township and learning the routine. Complaints are still being received but the number of complaints is coming down. Gold Medal is responsive to the complaints received.
2. Questioned extending the time for road-closure' to settle after street opening for utility work to be extended to 6 months. Mr. Morrissey stated this would seem logical

especially on roadways that receive a lot of traffic. Mr. Morrissey stated that open trenches would be patched for closure and then six months later they would come back and top. Mr. Morrissey further explained that for moratorium roads when closing the road must be milled and repaved.

Ken Whildin, Deputy Mayor

Mr. Whildin reported the following:

1. Mr. Whildin recently received word that a resident applied for Verizon Fios service (TV, Internet and Phone). Verizon took the application but only supplied internet and phone to the Milmay resident. Verizon stated that FIOS TV service is NOT available to the residents in the township. Mr. Whildin wanted to make residents aware that if considering FIOS service they will not be able to get the TV service and in some cases, they may not be able to get phone or internet.
2. Family Night Out was a huge success. Mr. Whildin thanked everyone who helped with the event.
3. Mr. Whildin, Mr. Ashton and the clerk attended a meeting with NJDOT and the county to discuss the Route 47/55 jug handle conditions. Fixes to the area are signage upgrades/installation and rumble strips are easy and fast to do; NJDOT engineers will come up with solutions and then the fixes will be instituted.
4. The geotube installation at East Point has a target date of October 1<sup>st</sup>. The job was sent out for bid by NJDEP and a contract has been awarded.
5. A meeting with Congressman Van Drew took place regarding dredging of the mouth of the Maurice River. The Township Committee is drafting a letter to him with all the particulars and benefits that dredging will have on the residents and marine businesses in the area. Congressman Van Drew will then forward the information up the chain to get the project complete.

J. Roy Oliver, Mayor

Mr. Oliver reported the following:

1. Family Night Out turnout was around 800 attendees. Mr. Oliver thanked everyone. No complaints were received but a request for more adult activities, such as horseshoe pitching was received.
2. Mr. DiDomenico has drawn up the letter to the NJ Planning Advocacy. Mr. DiDomenico added he spoke with Rick Brown, Planning Advocacy, who provided insight into the contents of the letter for reauthorization of the centers designation.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to approve the letter to the Office of Planning Advocacy to be signed by Mayor Oliver; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

3. Mr. Oliver stated the county is requesting a resolution of support for the Downe Township wastewater plan. Mr. DiDomenico stated that he spoke with the county solicitor who supplied copies of the county plan (copies were supplied to all Township Committee members). Mr. DiDomenico explained that the county currently does not have a list of the owners of septic systems and septic cleaning services are required to

report when they pump out systems. The plan provides for accountability of all septic systems.

Mr. Oliver questioned if there were any negative repercussions to Maurice River for supporting the Downe Township plan. Mr. DiDomenico stated not that he sees. Mr. DiDomenico further explained that information he received is that the Downe Township plan does not meet environmental sensitive needs of NJDEP and will not be approved by the state.

Mr. Ashton stated that are too many things that are questionable listed in the plan and that he is not in favor of support. Mr. Whildin stated he supports Mayor Campbell in this endeavor. Mr. Oliver re-iterated the question of negative impact to Maurice River. Mr. DiDomenico stated there was no negative impact seen by his review. Mr. Oliver stated if there are no down sides then he agreed with support the endeavor by Mayor Campbell of Downe Township.

Mr. Oliver stated a draft resolution has been prepared supporting the Downe Township plan and the Resolution Number will be 100-2019 and asked for a motion.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 100-2019; seconded by Mr. Oliver.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Oliver Nays – Ashton

(Resolution No. 100-2019 can be found at the end of minutes)

4. A letter has been drafted to Congressman Van Drew regarding dredging of the Maurice River. Mr. Oliver asked for a motion to approve the draft and signatory.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to approve the letter as drafted and for Mayor Oliver to sign; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

5. Mr. Oliver asked Mr. Morrissey to address the questions presented by Kerry Kirk-Pflugh, NJDEP, regarding the Sapello conceptual Plan.

Mr. Morrissey stated he sent an email addressing all the questions to Ms. Pflugh. Mr. Morrissey explained the compost facility will require less than one acre for the relocation. A full-size official soccer field, parking and access road are all proposed on the concept plan. A new revised plan was also done to show the area needed for the compost site. Mr. Morrissey offered to send the revised plan to Ms. Pflugh and Pinelands if approved by TC. Mr. Morrissey stated the stormwater basin was defined as for the soccer field and other improvements. Mr. Morrissey explained that only one building will remain on the property and all others will be demolished once they have been characterized. The NJDOT applications for Municipal Aid are currently under review which includes Fox Street as an access drive.

Mr. Morrissey stated that the Township Committee needs to meet with Green Acres to discuss the amount of acreage required in exchange for rescinding the partial section of the lot for the compost facility relocation. A list has been developed of possible properties the township has to offer. Mr. Morrissey clarified that access to the compost facility will be Weatherby Road.

The clerk will reach out regarding setting up a meeting with NJDEP, Green Acres, Mr. Morrissey and the Township Committee.

6. Mr. Oliver clarified that the 6.1 cent per 100 tax increase was 4 cents -county, 2.5 cents – school. The local purpose tax actually went down. Mr. Oliver suggested that if residents

have complaints regarding the increase in taxes they should address the county as the bulk of the increase was due to their increase.

## **Professional Reports**

### **Engineer**

Mr. Morrissey reported the following:

Bricksboro Bulkhead – The area under contract with the township is nearly complete and the contiguous properties are also almost done. Mr. Morrissey stated the contractor has submitted a bill and stated it can be approved by the Township Committee contingent on the Engineers approval.

2018 Road Program – Mr. Morrissey will be meeting with the contractor next week to walk the streets and do a preliminary review.

Newell Road (Phase I & 2) – These will be done at the same time. Some contract juggling is being done. Money will be left over after both phases are complete and will be used to pave adjacent side streets to Newell Road. It appears this money will cover 1800 feet and streets being looked at are Quail and Central. Drainage work will start next week. Mr. Morrissey stated there will be occasion to close down in sections for the project.

Picnic Area Restroom – Mr. Morrissey stated the restrooms at the concession stand are not ADA compliant. The current septic system has a pump which may allow for another restroom construction to happen. A county health permit will be needed.

Cumberland Volunteer Fire Septic – Waiting for fire company determination on appealing.

Sapello (Conceptual) – above

School Access - above. The Municipal Aid grant has been submitted and is under review by NJDOT.

Ackley (redevelopment) – The wetlands line delineation was confirmed to have been determined under the investigation by Mark Pietrucha, Woodard & Curran. Buffers have been determined also. Wetlands line is 50 foot in favor; a new concept plan showing this has been submitted to the Township Committee. A septic system can be done on this property.

Deerwood – Discretionary rolling grant funds are available and an application can be submitted at any time. Mr. Morrissey will let the clerk know when to ‘open’ this application.

### **Solicitor**

Mr. DiDomenico stated that a conference call with PSE&G has been scheduled for next week. Mr. DiDomenico has informed them that clarification on the maintenance responsibilities is needed.

### **New Business**

1. Notice was received from South Jersey Gas that on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> an emergency street opening occurred at 141 feet west of the c/l Broad Street and 159 feet north of the centerline Station Road. The application for permit with fees will be received in the mail.

## Announcements

1. The Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day.

## Reports

Treasurers Report	\$379,033.74
Road Dept. Report – July 2019	
Ron's Animal Control Monthly Reports July 2019	

Mr. Whildin made a motion to approve the above stated reports; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

## PAYMENT OF BILLS

Amtrust North America	1,073.00
Amtrust North America	1,784.00
Acces New Jersey, Inc.	744.40
Allied Document Solutions &	209.25
Allied Document Solutions &	156.75
AFA Protective Systems, Inc.	90.51
Atlantic City Electric	5,441.74
AFLAC	158.76
Beacon Title Services Agency	277.00
B.W. Stetson Co.	73.00
B. W. Stetson Co.	73.00
Buonadonna & Benson, PC	66.00
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Buonadonna & Benson, PC	33.00
Buonadonna & Benson, PC	250.00
Bayshore Center at Bivalve	825.00
Bottino Holdings, Inc.	36.06
Bob Dubois	200.00
Belleplain Emergency Corps	6,250.00
Custom Graphics Inc.	243.30
Comcast Cable	246.01
Comcast Cable	533.82
Comcast Cable	163.81
CM3 Building Solutions	708.00
CM3 Building Solutions	210.00
Cumberland County Treasurer's	859,030.75
Cumberland County SPCA	988.33
Caprioni Portable Toilets Inc.	580.00
City of Bridgeton	1,333.33
C and S Signs	285.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	135.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	1,147.50
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	202.50
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	1,552.50
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	540.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	180.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	5,580.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	540.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	86.25
Dominion Title Services, Inc.	290.00
Dominion Title Services, Inc.	260.00
Dominion Title Services, Inc.	280.00
Donna M. Jacoby	670.19



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Dorchester United Meth Church	200.00
EarthTech Contracting, Inc.	1,650.00
J.C. Ehrlich Co., Inc.	83.50
Enforsys, Inc.	250.00
Frank DiDomenico	3,796.15
Frank DiDomenico	151.30
Frank DiDomenico	991.25
G&M Printwear	2,304.50
Gold Medal Environmental of NJ	19,323.33
Gold Medal Environmental of NJ	4,308.11
Garden State Highway Products	775.65
Garden State Highway products	110.00
Garden State Highway Products	70.00
Heritage Business Systems, Inc.	41.00
Heritage Business Systems, Inc.	54.91
ICC	44.25
Jack's Auto Service, LLC	155.14
Jack's Auto Service, LLC	1,438.65
Kathryn L. Karrer	200.00
Kaeser and Blair, Inc.	3,209.64
Kaeser and Blair, Inc.	471.50
KG Marine Contracting, Inc.	84,150.00
Leslie G. Fogg, Inc.	168.12
Leslie G. Fogg, Inc.	175.70
Linda Dedrick	150.00
Lotza Entertainment	2,219.96
Lisa R. Fisher	44.08
Maurice River Township BOE	251,021.00
Municipal Court Association of	75.00
Major Petroleum Industries	566.06
Major Petroleum Industries	721.98
Major Petroleum Industries	923.10
Microsoft Corporation	1,560.00
New Jersey SHBP	14,683.04
New Jersey SHBP	5,470.81
NJ State Dept. of Health & Sr.	18.00
NAPA (Genuine Parts Company)	105.41
New York Life Insurance Co.	90.24
NJ Advance Media	116.22
NJ Advance Media	129.69
NJ Advance Media	125.16
NJ Civil Service Association	320.00
Positive Promotions, Inc.	1,184.84
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	80.74
Prudential	67.07
Pyrotecnico	3,800.00
Pride Products Distributors	677.90
Patrick Phillips	71.87
Ron's Locksmith Service	130.00
Rudco Products Inc.	2,118.00
Robert McCarter	800.00
Robert Heulings	100.00
Ruth Dramis	275.00
Rental City	620.00
Ronald L. Sutton, Sr.	950.00
South Jersey Gas Company	160.37
Sheppard Bus Service, Inc.	650.00
Seashore Asphalt Corp.	157.50
Staples Business Advantage	119.46
Staples Business Advantage	193.69
Sir Speedy Printing	276.00
Sterling Mosquito & Pest Control	140.00
South Jersey Elec. Vehicles	550.00
Treasurer, State of New Jersey	1,092.00

The Gallery Collection	172.57
Testa, Heck, Testa & White, PA	225.00
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Travelers CL Remittance Center	6,927.90
Tri City Paper Co.	8.90
Tri City Paper Co.	83.03
The Home Depot	538.87
The Home Depot	282.27
The Home Depot	301.01
The Home Depot	142.43
Universal Computing Services,	417.00
United States Postal Service	235.00
Verizon Wireless	365.66
Verizon	37.58
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	192.99
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	57.39
Woodard & Curran, Inc.	19,203.27
Woodard & Curran, Inc.	698.34
Woodard & Curran, Inc.	407.59
William Eller	7.50
William R. Mints Agency	3,303.00
William R. Mints Agency	2,122.00
William R. Mints Agency	3,816.00
William R. Mints Agency	3,183.00
Whibco of New Jersey, Inc.	63.30
Western Pest Services	223.00

Mr. Whildin made a motion to pay all properly signed bills, seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

### **Second Public Comment Session**

Mr. Whildin made a motion to open the second public comment session noting the time at 8:46 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Joseph Sterling, Leesburg, thanked Mr. Bill Tomlin for helping with a cat that was dropped off at his house. Mr. Sterling stated that Mr. Tomlin is going above and beyond with the TNVR trial program.

James Marcheski, Port Elizabeth, asked if the Township Committee was going to revisit the sale of the vacated portion of Stable Street that took place on Monday. Mr. Whildin replied only if needed.

Ben Stowman, Delmont, announced there is a stakeholder meeting next Monday regarding the mouth of the Maurice River and the ALS project of protection of basket flats and the northwest reach. The breakwater at the lighthouse will also be discussed.

Ben Stowman explained that Mayor Campbell, Downe Township, has had assurance ‘up the line’ that this sewerage plan will go through. Mr. Stowman added that he does not believe it will hurt the township by supporting the Downe Township project.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to close the second public comment session noting the time at 8:51 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Mr. Whildin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ashton

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Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER**

**ORDINANCE NO. 686**

**AN ORDINANCE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY,  
AUTHORIZING A LEASE OF THE MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP WELCOME SIGN TO  
MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP HERITAGE SOCIETY, A NEW JERSEY NON-PROFIT  
CORPORATION**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 40A:12-14(c), permits a municipality to lease personal property to a non-profit corporation for a public purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, Maurice River Township, hereby authorizes a lease with Maurice River Township Heritage Society, a NJ non-profit Corporation for the Maurice River Township Welcome Sign; and

**WHEREAS**, the lease to Maurice River Township Heritage Society will promote a public purpose, by permitting the non-profit corporation to utilize the Maurice River Township Welcome Sign Located at Mauricetown Causeway, for uses which will benefit Maurice River Township. The Maurice River Township Heritage Society will utilize the sign to promote Maurice River Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Welcome Sign will be located on Cumberland County Route 670 at the Mauricetown Causeway on property owned by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has issued a special use permit for the Maurice River Township Welcome Sign on NJDEP property; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of said lease shall be a period of five (5) years with renewable five (5) year terms and shall be at a nominal rental of ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR per year; and

**WHEREAS**, a written lease shall be required between the Township and Maurice River Township Heritage Society; and

**WHEREAS**, Maurice River Township Heritage Society shall be responsible to designate one of its officers or employees to insure that the requirements of this ordinance, as well as the written lease, are honored. Furthermore, said officer or employee shall, on an annual basis, submit a report to the Clerk of Maurice River Township, which report shall set forth the following:

1. The use to which the rental property was used during the preceding year.
2. Any activities taken by Maurice River Township Heritage Society to further the public purpose as set forth in this Ordinance.
3. The approximate value or cost, if any, of such activities in furthering the public purpose of the lease.
4. Proof of the continued tax-exempt status of Maurice River Township Heritage Society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND**, that the Mayor is authorized to sign a lease with the Maurice River Township Heritage Society, a New Jersey non-profit corporation of the State of New Jersey, said lease to contain, as a minimum, the relevant terms as set forth herein and as required by NJSA 40A:12-14(c).

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Maurice River, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the adoption and publication of notice of adoption as prescribed by law.

ATTEST:

**TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER**

**ORDINANCE NO. 687**

**AN ORDINANCE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP,**

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY, AMENDING § 7-13  
OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER, PARKING  
PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS**

**WHEREAS**, § 7-13, Parking Prohibited At All Times on Certain Streets, of the revised General Ordinances of the Township of Maurice River was previously adopted by the Township Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, § 7-13 reserved the streets within Maurice River Township where parking is to be prohibited or restricted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has determined that § 7-13 should be amended to reflect no parking along certain portions of Front Street as parking along certain portions of Front Street is unsafe due to the fact that Front Street is only 20 feet wide with structures on both sides of Front Street located close to the paved portion of Front Street and parking in those areas is unsafe and not in the public interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Maurice River, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, does hereby amend § 7-13, Parking Prohibited At All times on Certain Streets, as follows:

<u>NAME OF STREET:</u>	<u>SIDES:</u>	<u>LOCATION:</u>
Front Street	East Side	From the intersection of Carlisle Place Road and Front Street on the east side for a distance of 50 feet south along Front Street.
Front Street	West Side	From the Intersection of Front Street and Carlisle Place Road on the westside for a distance of 372 feet south along Front Street.

All other provisions of Chapter 7, Traffic, as set forth in the revised general Ordinances of the Township of Maurice River, shall remain in full force and effect except as amended by this Ordinance.

Severability: Severability: Should any section, sentence, clause or provision or a portion of this Ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect or impact upon any other section, sentence, clause or provision or portion of this Ordinance and the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Maurice River, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the adoption and publication of notice of adoption as prescribed by law.

**TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER**

**ORDINANCE NO. 688**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER,  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, AMENDING CHAPTER V, ANIMAL CONTROL AND LICENSING  
REGULATIONS, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
MAURICE RIVER, TO ADD SECTION 5-21 FREE-ROAMING CAT MANAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter V Animal Control and licensing regulations, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Maurice River, was previously adopted by the Township Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, free-roaming or feral cats have become a serious problem within Maurice River Township and the current Chapter V does not address free-roaming or feral cats; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of Maurice River Township has determined that it is in the best interest of Maurice River Township and its residents to regulate and control free-roaming cats.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, THAT THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DOES HEREBY AMEND CHAPTER V, ANIMAL CONTROL AND LICENSING REGULATIONS SO AS TO ADD A NEW SECTION 5-21, FREE-ROAMING CAT MANAGEMENT, AS FOLLOWS:**

- A. **DEFINITIONS.** Animal Control Officer or ACO: a person 18 years of age or older who has satisfactorily completed the course of study approved by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services of the State of New Jersey and the Police Training Commission as prescribed by paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection a. of section 3 of N.J. P. L.1983, c. 525 (C.4:19-15.16a); or who has been employed in the State of New Jersey in the capacity of, and with similar responsibilities to those required of, a certified animal control officer pursuant to the provisions of N.J. P.L.1983, c. 525 for a period of three years before January 17, 1987.

Free-Roaming Cat: Any free-roaming or feral cat that may be cared for by one or more residents of the immediate area and which has no discernible form of ownership identification.

Free Roaming Cat Caregiver: A person who provides care, including food, water, shelter or medical care to a free-roaming cat. A free-roaming cat caregiver shall not be considered to be the owner, custodian, harbinger, controller, or keeper of a free-roaming cat.

Free Roaming Cat Colony: A group of outside cats that congregates, more or less, together as a unit.

Free Roaming Cat Management: A program in which any person, known or unknown, who engages in Trapping, Neutering and Returning (TNR) a free-roaming cat to a colony. Management of the colony shall include, but not be limited to, trapping, sterilizing, vaccinating, ear-tipping, microchipping, and returning a free-roaming cat to its colony of origin, from which it was trapped. Managing shall also include, providing adequate food, water, medical care and shelter for the cats within the colony being managed. Assuming temporary custody of any cat within the colony from time to time may also be necessary to providing adequate care.

Continuously (Or Persistently): Non-stop utterances for 30 consecutive minutes with interruption of less than 30 seconds at a time.

Ear Tipping/ Ear-Tipped: The removal of the ¼” tip of free-roaming cat’s left ear, performed while the cat is under anesthesia by a licensed veterinarian and designed to be an indication that the free-roaming cat has been sterilized and vaccinated for rabies.

Feral Cat: A cat that (i) is born in the wild or is the offspring of an owned or feral cat and is not socialized or (ii) is a formerly owned cat that has been abandoned and is no longer socialized.

Foster Home: Placement of a cat after the 7 day holding period by an animal rescue organization with a caretaker, who may be an individual or group, for the purpose of providing temporary care for a cat, without the caretaker assuming ownership, and with the intent that the caretaker relinquishes the cat to the animal rescue organization or a suitable owner upon one being located. {A foster home may provide care to a cat without the effect of the fostered cat counting toward a municipality’s household pet limit (should one exist); however, a foster home must comply with all other provisions of this ordinance.}

Harbor: The act of caring for and keeping an animal or the act of providing a premises or residence to which the animal returns for food, shelter, or care, where the caregiver is providing the primary source of sustenance for the animal for at least 7 days. Free-roaming cat caregivers do not harbor free-roaming cats for the purpose of this ordinance but are subject to the provisions of the ordinance pertaining to free-roaming cats.

Microchip: An electronic identification device inserted into an animal, typically on the back between the shoulder blades, by a veterinarian in accordance with professional medical standards.

Municipality: Maurice River Township, Cumberland County, New Jersey.

Neuter or Spay: To have a licensed veterinarian surgically sterilize the animal.

Persistently (Or Continuously): Non-stop utterances for 30 consecutive minutes with interruption of less than 30 seconds at a time.

Nuisance: Disturbing the peace by:

1. Habitual Howling, crying or screaming continuously for at least 30 minutes, occurring at least three separate times within a period of eight hours.
2. Disturbs the peace by habitually or repeatedly desecrating or soiling, destroying public or private property or directly or detrimentally affecting a person shall constitute a public nuisance.

Owner: Any person, household, firm, corporation, or other organization who, except a foster home, possesses a legal title to, a property interest in, or permanent custody of any animal regulated by this ordinance.

A person must be age 18 or older to be considered the legal owner of an animal. If a person under age 18 is considered the custodian or caretaker of the animal, the parent or legal guardian shall be considered the legal owner of the animal. A free-roaming cat caregiver is not an owner of free-roaming cats for the purposes of this ordinance but is subject to the provisions pertaining to free-roaming cat caregivers.

Pound: Establishment for the confinement of dogs or other animals seized either under the provisions of this act or otherwise.

Proper Shelter: a structure that:

1. It provides at all times:
  - a) adequate ventilation to allow the free-roaming cat, domestic companion animal, or service animal to remain dry and maintain a normal body temperature.
  - b) Access to water in a sanitary and liquid state.
  - c) Exposure to natural or artificial light according to a regular cycle of day and night.
  - d) Sufficient space so that the free-roaming cat, domestic companion animal, or service animal can easily turn around in a full circle and lie down on the animal's side with limbs outstretched.
  - e) When the animal is in a normal sitting position in the proper shelter, the top of the head of the animal cannot touch the ceiling of the proper shelter;
2. It is maintained in a manner to minimize the accumulation of any waster, other debris, precipitation, or other moisture inside, surrounding, and underneath any area or structure providing proper shelter, and to provide reasonable protection from flooding;
3. It is soundly constructed to prevent the sagging or collapse of any part of the structure or protection, and is maintained in a good repair with no exposed sharp points or edges;
4. It remains in an upright position at all times;
5. In the event of adverse environmental conditions, it is an enclosed structure that has:
  - a) A solid roof, solid walls with a single opening no larger than necessary to allow the free-roaming cat, domestic companion animal, or service animal to comfortably enter and exit the structure, and a floor that is not the ground.
  - b) Insulation, dry bedding, and a windbreak at the entrance that are sufficient to keep the free-roaming cat, domestic companion animal, or service animal dry and maintain the animal's normal body temperature.
6. In the event of adverse environmental conditions, it provides free-roaming cat, domestic companion animal, or service animal with adequate shade or other cooling area by natural or artificial means to allow the animal to maintain a normal body temperature.

Severe Injury: Any physical injury that results in one or more broken bones or one or more lacerations requiring sutures, or an injury requiring reconstructive or plastic surgery.

Stray: Any animal found to be at-large, whether lost by its owner or otherwise, or that is on the common areas of apartments, condominiums, trailer parks or other multi-residential premises, and that does not have identification tag and for which there is no identifiable owner. The term "stray" shall not be applied to free-roaming cats managed in accordance with this ordinance.

## **B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CAREGIVER:**

1. The caregiver shall provide free-roaming cats with sufficient food; sufficient water; proper shelter and protection from weather; veterinary care as needed to prevent suffering; and humane care and treatment.

2. The caregiver shall exercise reasonable care to guard against the animal creating a nuisance.

C. **FREE- ROAMING CAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:** Maurice River Township believes that the safest place for pet domesticated cats is indoors. Maurice River Township also recognizes that feral and free-roaming cats, as defined in this chapter, are not, in the majority of cases, suitable to be taken indoors and kept as pets because their home is outdoors. The Township further recognizes the need for innovation in addressing the issues presented by feral or free-roaming cats. To that end, the Township finds that properly managed free-roaming cat colonies are part of the solution to reducing the numbers of feral cats in the Township and the rate of cats euthanized in area shelters.

Free Roaming Cats colonies shall be permitted in the Township as part of a free-roaming cat management program in accordance with the following provisions:

1. Free- Roaming Cat Caregivers must ensure free-roaming cats are sterilized, vaccinated against the threat of rabies, ear-tipped, and microchipped, and must cooperate with the Municipality to abate any nuisance.
2. The location of free-roaming cat colonies must be maintained in compliance with property laws.
3. To be exempt from certain provisions of this Chapter all cats that are part of an approved free-roaming cat management program pursuant to this Chapter must be sterilized, vaccinated against the threat of rabies, ear-tipped, and microchipped for easy identification. If these requirements are met the free-roaming cat is exempted from licensing, if applicable, stray and at-large provisions of this ordinance.
4. Free-Roaming cat caregivers shall make reasonable attempt to remove young kittens from the field for domestication as well as not add additional cats to their existing colony.

D. **EAR-TIPPED FREE- ROAMING CATS:**

1. An ACO who has trapped a cat whose ear has been tipped or which bears some other distinguishing mark indicating that it belongs to a free-roaming cat colony shall transport the cat to the contracted municipal shelter, where the cat will be scanned for a microchip. If a registered microchip is found, the registered owner or caregiver will be contacted and advised that the cat is located at the Cumberland County SPCA.
2. The owner or caregiver shall be responsible for retrieving the cat from the municipal shelter within 7 days or advising the shelter if the owner or caregiver does not intend to retrieve the cat. If no identification, microchip or information of caregiver is available to receiving shelter at the minimum of stray hold period of 7 days; then it is at the sole discretion of the receiving shelter to determine the outcome of the cat retrieved which may include transfer, euthanasia, foster care, and/or adoption.

E. **RESOLUTION OF COMPLAINTS-PROCEDURES:**

1. The requirements of this article notwithstanding, ACOs and law enforcement may investigate any nuisance complaint. If an ACO or law enforcement officer determines that an ear-tipped free-roaming cat is causing a nuisance as defined by this article, the ACO or law enforcement officer shall attempt to contact the caregiver or owner. The caregiver or owner shall begin nuisance abatement procedures within 48 hours of notification and make all reasonable efforts to resolve the nuisance as quickly as possible, not to exceed thirty (30) days. If the caregiver or owner fails to resolve the nuisance or the caregiver cannot be identified, the animal control officer may remove the cat.
2. Factors to be considered during the nuisance abatement process shall include:
  - a) Recognition of the value of wildlife;
  - b) Recognition of the value of free-roaming cat management program;
  - c) The availability of equipment and strategies to minimize nuisance behavior.

F. **ENFORCEMENT OF FREE-ROAMING CAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:** The Township shall have the following rights:

- a) The right to seize or remove cats from a colony which is demonstrating signs of a life-threatening disease.
- b) The right to seize or remove a cat from a colony which is creating a nuisance as defined in this ordinance, after the free-roaming cat caregiver has been given thirty (30) days to abate the nuisance or remove and relocate the cat and failed to do so.
- c) The right to seize or remove a cat or colony of cats when the free-roaming cat caregiver regularly fails to comply with the requirements of this Chapter and the caregiver has not been able to obtain a replacement or substitute caregiver within thirty (30) days of the



Township or animal control officer having given notice to the caregiver. If one or more cats are in danger due to a caregiver's lack of compliance, the caregiver or owner may work with other local caregivers to find a suitable replacement caregiver or relocate the cats.

- G. ABANDONMENT OF CATS:** No person may desert or abandon any cat at any public or private location. The practice of caring for a free-roaming cat in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance do not constitute desertion or abandonment of the free-roaming cat. However, the placement of a cat at a free-roaming cat colony by a person other than the free-roaming cat caregiver constitutes abandonment. Any person who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 for each offense of abandoning one cat and \$100.00 per additional cats.
- H. DURATION OF ORDINANCE:** This ordinance shall remain in full force and effect for a period of five (5) years from its formal adoption by the Maurice River Township Committee. Thereafter, this ordinance shall have no further force or effect.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Maurice River, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the adoption and publication of notice of adoption as prescribed by law.

## **MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 95-2019**

#### **A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD FOR 2019 THIRD QUARTER TAXES**

**WHEREAS** PL 1997 Chapter 72 provides for a twenty-five (25) day grace period for payment of third quarter taxes without interest penalty for those municipalities operating on a calendar year who have mailed out tax bills late and,

**WHEREAS** the lateness in the Cumberland County Board of Taxation in setting a tax rate for Maurice River Township has resulted in the tax bills being mailed out late in 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP** that tax payments received by the tax office on or before August 28, 2019 will not be subject to interest charged for the 2019 third quarter taxes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any payments for the third quarter taxes for 2019 received on or after August 28, 2019 will be subject to interest charges retroactive to the statutory due date of August 1, 2019.

## **MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

### **RESOLUTION NO. #96-2019**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP TO ISSUE A REFUND OF MONIES FOR A RENTAL DEPOSIT FOR LEECHESTER HALL USE ON SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, on June 3, 2019 the Municipal Clerk received \$100.00, for Leechester Hall rental deposit from Florence Rosado for the rental request for Leechester Hall for the date of

Saturday July 27, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Supervisor has inspected the Leechester Hall after the above use and reported the hall was left in satisfactory condition; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 601 section 3 (a) regulates that deposits for the use of Leechester Hall shall be returned after use with a satisfactory inspection/; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP** that the Finance Officer issue a refund of \$100.00 of the deposit from the Current Fund to Florence Rosado for the rental use of July 27, 2019.

**M A U R I C E R I V E R T O W N S H I P**  
**R E S O L U T I O N N O . 9 7 - 2 0 1 9**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RPM LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS, LLC FOR TREE-TRIMMING AND REMOVAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO ITS PARTICIPATION AS A MEMBER OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a Cooperative Pricing System Contracts to the following company for tree-trimming and removal services and its participating members of the Cumberland County Cooperative Pricing System; and

**WHEREAS**, Maurice River Township is a participating member of the Cumberland County Cooperative Pricing System; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of Maurice River Township to enter into an agreement with the following company for tree-trimming and removal services with Maurice River Township for the contract period of August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2021. Rates payable will be pursuant to Attachment A as provided with the bid package of the Cooperative Pricing System Identifier #181-CCCPS, Bid #19-24,

RPM Landscape Contractors, LLC	Tree-Trimming and
125 Pomona Road	Removal Services
Galloway, NJ 08205	

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP** that the Township shall enter into an Agreement with RPM Landscape Contractors, LLC, 125 Pomona Road, Galloway, NJ 08205, for the tree-trimming and removal services to Maurice River Township through the Cooperative Purchasing Award of the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the contract period shall be August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2021 at the rates indicated above per commodity pursuant to the Bid Tabulation Sheet for participating members Of The Cooperative Pricing System Identifier #181-CCCPS, Bid #19-24 (attachment A); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Maurice River are hereby directed to execute and sign the Agreement and all related documentation to effectuate this contracts.

**Attachment A**

**YEAR ONE BID COST**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated Quantities</u></b>	<b><u>Extended Amount</u></b>
Tree Trimming	<u>\$160.00</u> crew hour	0-40 Crew hours	<u>\$6,400.00</u> (A)
Tree/Stump Removal Under 10" DBH	<u>\$200.00</u> each	0-20 trees	<u>\$4,000.00</u> (B)
Tree/Stump Removal 10" to 20" DBH	<u>\$525.00</u> each	0-30 trees	<u>\$15,750.00</u> (C)
Tree/Stump Removal 20" to 30" DBH	<u>\$1,200.00</u> each	0-10 trees	<u>\$12,000.00</u> (D)
Tree/Stump Removal Over 30" DBH	<u>\$1,800.00</u> each	0-5 trees	<u>\$9,000.00</u> (E)
Total Bid Year One (A+B+C+D+E_	=		<u>\$47,150.00</u> (1)

**YEAR TWO BID COST**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated Quantities</u></b>	<b><u>Extended Amount</u></b>
Tree Trimming	<u>\$160.00</u> crew hour	0-40 Crew hours	<u>\$6,400.00</u> (A)
Tree/Stump Removal Under 10" DBH	<u>\$200.00</u> each	0-20 trees	<u>\$4,000.00</u> (B)
Tree/Stump Removal 10" to 20" DBH	<u>\$525.00</u> each	0-30 trees	<u>\$15,750.00</u> (C)
Tree/Stump Removal 20" to 30" DBH	<u>\$1,200.00</u> each	0-10 trees	<u>\$12,000.00</u> (D)
Tree/Stump Removal Over 30" DBH	<u>\$1,800.00</u> each	0-5 trees	<u>\$9,000.00</u> (E)
Total Bid Year One (A+B+C+D+E_	=		<u>\$47,150.00</u> (2)
Total Lump Sum Bid Year One Plus Two (1+2)	=		<u>\$94,300.00</u>

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

**Resolution No. 98-2019**

**TAX EXEMPTION GRANTED TO  
100% PERMANENTLY and TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN  
and CANCELS part of 2019 TAXES BILLED**

**Block 119, Lot 7**

*(Owner: Charles L. Costello)*

**WHEREAS**, Charles L. Costello has submitted an application and all required documentation for tax exemption as a 100% Permanently and Totally Disabled Veteran on his residence located at 699 Port Elizabeth Cumberland Road, Block 119, Lot 7, and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs has certified that Charles L. Costello is eligible for this tax exemption in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30.

**THEREFORE**, the Tax Assessor is granting tax exempt status to the residence and two (2) acres effective February 28, 2019. The total assessed value eligible for tax exemption is \$206,900, leaving the remaining \$8,900 assessment fully taxable.

**FURTHERMORE**, due to the tax exemption, the Tax Collector wishes to cancel a portion of property taxes in the amount of \$4,944.92.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township that a 100% Permanently and Totally Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption be applied against Block 119, Lot 7 as referenced above.

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-2019**

**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING SATISFACTION IN FULL  
BY JOHN TURNER OF THE BAYSHORE HOUSING PROGRAM  
MORTGAGE HELD BY MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP AND  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE**

**WHEREAS**, John Turner previously qualified for participation in the Small Cities Grant known as the Bayshore Housing Program for the rehabilitation of housing units and received the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Three Dollars and Zero Cents (\$23,893.00) on October 29, 2013 and a mortgage lien evidencing said indebtedness was recorded with the Clerk of Cumberland County in Mortgage Book 4112, Page 1796 on December 4, 2013 and

**WHEREAS**, said mortgage has been paid in full or otherwise satisfied and is to be discharged of record.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township that the mortgage held by the Township of Maurice River and given by John Turner as set forth above shall be discharged.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute and deliver a Discharge of Mortgage.

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. #100-2019**

**STATEMENT OF CONSENT**

**A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED LOWER DELAWARE  
COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT (WQM) PLAN AMENDMENT AND  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (WMP) FOR THE  
DOWNE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CHAPTER AND COUNTY SEPTIC  
MANAGEMENT PLAN WMP COMPONENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Maurice River desires to provide for the orderly development of wastewater facilities within Cumberland County; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires that proposed wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities and wastewater treatment service areas, as well as related subjects, conform with an approved WQM plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDEP has established the WQM plan amendment procedure through the

WQMP rules at N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5 as the method of incorporating unplanned facilities into a WQM plan; and

**WHEREAS**, a proposed WQM plan amendment publicly noticed in the New Jersey Register on August 5, 2019, for the LOWER DELAWARE COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT (WQM) PLAN and CUMBERLAND COUNTY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (WMP) for the DOWNE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CHAPTER and COUNTY SEPTIC MANAGEMENT PLAN WMP COMPONENTS has been prepared by Cumberland County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED ON THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2019 BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP** that:

1. The Township of Maurice River hereby consents to the Lower Delaware County Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Amendment and Cumberland County Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) for the Downe Township Municipal Chapter and County Septic Management Plan WMP Components publicly noticed on August 5, 2019, prepared by County of Cumberland for the purpose of its incorporation into the applicable WQM plan(s).
2. This consent shall be submitted to the NJDEP pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-3-5(g)6.



**Township of Maurice River**  
**Engineer's Report**  
**August 15, 2019**

Item	Project Name	Project Number	Status
1.	Bricksboro Flood Prevention	MR16-045	Contractor expects to be complete next week. Payment request submitted and review pending
2.	2018 Road Program	MR17-111	Construction anticipated to start this month. Preliminary mark-out to be performed next week.
3.	Newell Road Resurfacing Grants	MR17-001	Drainage work anticipated to start next week. Milling and paving to follow. Anticipate expansion of project scope to include Central Ave. and Possibly part of quail Street.
4.	Picnic Area Septic System	MR19-001	Existing septic system reviewed in the field. Pumping into existing components from a new restroom location without modification to field may be possible.
5.	Cumberland Fire Hall Septic	MR11044	Next step pending fire department direction.
6.	Sapello Property Development	MR19-001	Preliminary correspondence with Kerry Pflugh. Meeting with Green Acres to be set up. Plan modifications to be consistent with Minor Diversion standard.
7.	School Access Drive	MR19-044	Slight plan modification to address Green Acres concerns.
8.	NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Funding	MR18-001	Grant application for Estell Manor Road and Fox Street access pending DOT review.
9.	NJDOT Bike Path Grant Applications	MR19-001	Bikeway grant application pending DOT review.
10.	Ackley Property	MR19-001	Wetlands permit favorable to site layout. Conceptual plan adjusted accordingly. Remediation work on the site sufficient to determine that a septic system would be viable.
11.	Deerwood Avenue	MR19-001	Application for Local Aid Infrastructure Fund (Discretionary Funding) to be submitted to DOT on SAGE.