

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.

Lt. Repetti, Station Commander provided the following report for the month of January:

Calls for Service	176
Motor Vehicle Stops	523
Motor Vehicle Accidents	7
Criminal Investigations	14
Burglaries/Thefts	1

Lt. Repetti stated there is nothing news worthy to report in the township. Lt. Repetti explained the car pulled from the creek does not appear to be criminal and the driver had been missing since November 24th. Lt. Repetti explained he had received an email asking for speed enforcement and that a speed monitoring sign is available to them but is first come first serve. Lt. Repetti explained that only equipment installed in the trooper’s cars can be used to issue violations. Cannot issue summons off of the speed monitoring signs even if they are digital or photo.

Mr. Dickinson, Leesburg, explained that the township’s speed monitoring sign has registered vehicle doing 61 mph in a 35 mph. Lt. Repetti explained that photo monitoring signs cannot be used to issue violations. Mr. Dickinson expressed his concerns about the speeding on Main and High and explained to Lt. Repetti what happened to his son with no violations being issued to the driver.

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

Bud Hughes, Chief LVFC, explained that 6 members of LVFC are being honored by Cumberland County on March 13th at 7:00 pm and he invited the Township Committee to attend.

Brian Griffiths, Leesburg, explained that the streetlight at the corner of Station Road and Route 47 is malfunctioning, Station Road needs a street sign and he questioned whether the county would be cleaning the ditch on Station. Mr. Whildin stated he would check with the county regarding cleaning of the ditch.

Ordinances

Ordinance 691

The clerk gave the second reading by title of Ordinance 691: An Ordinance Of Maurice River Township, Cumberland County, New Jersey Amending Ordinance No. 678 (Salary Ordinance 2019)

Mr. Whildin made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 691; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

There being not public comment regarding Ordinance 691 Mr. Whildin made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 691; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Mr. Whildin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 691; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Ordinance 692

The clerk gave the first reading by title of Ordinance 692: An Ordinance Of The Township Of Maurice River, Cumberland County, Adding Section 4-7 To Chapter Iv, Fees For Non-Consensual Vehicle Towing Authorized By Law Enforcement Authorities

Mr. Whildin made a motion to approve Ordinance 692 on first reading and to set the date and time for the public hearing for Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:30 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Ordinance 693

The clerk gave the first reading by title of Ordinance 693: Calendar Year 2020 Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Mr. Whildin made a motion to approve Ordinance 693 on first reading and to set the date and time for the public hearing for Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:30 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Ordinance 694

The Clerk gave the first reading by title of Ordinance 694: An Ordinance Of Maurice River Township, Cumberland County, New Jersey Amending Ordinance Section 14-3 Abandoned Properties, Registration And Maintenance

Mr. Whildin made a motion to approve Ordinance 694 on first reading and to set the date and time for the public hearing for Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:30 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Consent Agenda Resolutions

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. | 46-2020 | A Resolution Authorizing Submission Of A Grant Application To The Cumberland County Complete Count Committee For 2020 Census Materials |
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| *2. | Resolution No. | 47-2020 | A Resolution Supporting A Motorcycle Event To Be Held By Competition Dirt Riders On Private Property April 18th And 19th, 2020. |
| *3. | Resolution No. | 48-2020 | A Resolution Supporting A Motorcycle Event To Be Held By Competition Dirt Riders On Private Property June 27th & 28th, 2020. |
| *4. | Resolution No. | 49-2020 | A Resolution Supporting A Motorcycle Event To Be Held By Competition Dirt Riders On Private Property Oct. 3rd & 4th, 2020. |
| *5. | Resolution No. | 50-2020 | A Resolution Acknowledging Satisfaction In Full By James And Mary Jane Stiles Of The Bayshore Housing Program Mortgage Held By Maurice River Township And Authorizing The Execution Of A Discharge Of Mortgage |
| *6. | Resolution No. | 51-2020 | Resolution Authorizing Refund Of Overpayment Of Property Taxes Block 320 Lot 115 |
| *7. | Resolution No. | 52-2020 | Resolution Authorizing Refund Of Overpayment Of Property Taxes Block 221 Lot 36 |
| *8. | Resolution No. | 53-2020 | Governing Body Certification Of Compliance With The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964" |
| *9. | Resolution No. | 54-2020 | A Resolution Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20. |
| *10. | Resolution No. | 55-2020 | A Resolution Supporting The Raising Of The East Point Lighthouse By The New Jersey Department Of Environmental Protection And Collaboration To Maintain The Geotube Shoreline Protection Measure |

Routine Matters

*1. South Jersey Gas submitted a Street Opening Permit application for Olive Street 44' to 744' NW c/l High Street. The application fee is attached. This roadway is under a 5-year moratorium.

*2. Audrey Baumgarten submitted a Facility Use Request for Leechester on June 6th, 2020 (set up on June 5th. The purpose is a baby shower. The deposit and inspection fees were received.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to adopt the resolutions and approve the routine matters listed on the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Township Committee Reports

Bill Ashton

1. Mr. Ashton explained that the Comcast Franchise renewal process has begun and the township is compiling a list of residents who do not have Comcast service at their home or business; the deadline is February 28th to provide your address. The township may also seek grant funding to help offset cost to install new lines of service.
2. Mr. Ashton provided a breakdown of the various levels of speeding in the 25 mph zone on Route 616 and further explained that speeding was found even when the sign was moved to another section of the road posted as 25 mph.

3. Mr. Ashton explained that the baseball committee requested infield mix be placed on the ball fields and PW Supervisor reached out to Hanson who donated 100 tons.
4. Mr. Ashton explained that several entities attended a meeting here in the Municipal Building on February 14th to discuss the East Point Lighthouse and surrounding area. A representative of Senator Testa's was present who explained that Senator Testa is of the belief that our township has been overlooked. Mr. Ashton stated he has been in contact with her and she has been responsive to his inquires and concerns.
5. Mr. Ashton stated he was approached about the 'million-dollar road' being reviewed for installation at the school. Mr. Ashton stated that a grant in the amount of \$187,000 has been received for this project and the cost is not a million dollars.

Ken Whildin

1. Mr. Whildin explained he attended an ALS meeting and they are going back to the drawing board as they did not receive a grant to shore up the northwest reach. They are still pursuing.
2. Mr. Whildin stated Pinelands is talking about septic designs and the possibility that this may get stricter.
3. Mr. Whildin explained that the East Point Lighthouse meeting was very good and NJDEP is looking to lift the lighthouse and is hopeful to have this completed prior to the geotube expiration.
4. Mr. Whildin stated that Senator Testa and Sweeney are looking for a possible meeting to discuss dredging materials reuse, Centers Designation and CAFRA.

J. Roy Oliver

1. Free Newspapers

Mr. Oliver explained that he received a complaint about the 'free newspapers' being thrown about the township. Mr. Oliver explained that many of these papers are not being picked up by residents and are washing into storm drains. Mr. Oliver asked the Township Committee to consider sending a letter to the Daily Journal regarding the 'free' Cumberland Journal and littering.

Mr. Whildin made a motion that Mayor Oliver send a letter to the Daily Journal/Cumberland Journal regarding littering; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

2. Results of Wednesdays meeting.

Mr. Oliver explained that he and Mr. Kappeler met with Senator Testa on Wednesday and made it very clear that Maurice River Township is not in favor of consolidating school districts. Mr. Oliver provided that the per pupil cost is \$17,775 in MRT while it is \$21,000 in Millville. Additionally, the median salary for teachers is \$57,511 in MRT while it is \$74,000 in Millville. Standardized testing in language is 27.9% in Millville and 44% in MRT; Math is 18% in Millville and 30.5% in MRT and Behavior is 5.29% in Millville and 0.25% in MRT. MRT is a Choice School with 63 choice students enrolled this yar.

Mr. Oliver approached Senator Testa regarding the township's 58% tax exempt properties and setting benchmarks, in which, when this reached full taxes on full assessment will be paid. Mr. Oliver further explained to Senator Testa that 50% of Maurice River Township is located in the Pinelands which places further limitations on the township. Senator Testa stated he will work to enact legislation on this matter.

Mr. Oliver asked Senator Testa to also work on restructuring the Preservation funding that is received by the Townships. Presently Maurice River Township is 58% tax exempt properties and receives \$240,000 annually. If the township reaches 60% then a higher amount would be received per acre.

3. Surveyor's Contract

Mr. Oliver explained that Hal Noon was appointed as the 2020 Surveyor but has failed to supply the required BRC to the township. Mr. Oliver asked that the Township Committee allow Mr. Noon 2 weeks to supply the required documents and if not received the township would request proposals for a new surveyor.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to make notice to Mr. Noon that he has 2 weeks to supply the required documents; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Professional Reports

Engineer

Mr. Morrissey provided the following report:

2018 Road Program – there are punch list items pending for Carlisle Place Road which include a driveway apron that needs attention.

Newell Road Resurfacing – a change order request has been received for centerline striping, steel guiderail and a drainage inlet with a cost of around \$6,000. NJDOT will need to approve but the Township Committee also needs to authorize the Change Order #1. There is enough in the two grants to cover the change order. There is funding left after the change order and where additional paving will take place needs to be reviewed.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to approve Change Order request #1 for Newell Road; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None
(See Resolution No. 57-2020 at end of minutes)

Fox Street – a grant in the amount of \$188,530 has been awarded. A meeting with NJDEP and Pinelands has been scheduled for March 17th to discuss lifting of the easement on the Sapello property. A PDF sketch has been sent to NJDEP for evaluation. Development should be kept to under one acre.

Carlisle Place Truck Access – none of the side streets are ‘ideal’ for tractor trailer turning but it can be done. Restricting use will create problems for trucks utilizing GPS to reach the shipyard. Enforcement of any restricted use would also present a problem. Review for widening the access radius has been looked at but it would require cutting into private property. Mr. Morrissey stated he does not believe there is a good solution to solve all the problems and recommended the Township Committee look at this thoroughly. Any restriction to tractor trailer movement will need to go before the Commissioner at NJDOT and it must be substantiated. Mr. Morrissey does not believe there is enough information to substantiate any restriction and does not recommend putting obstructions in the cartway.

Deerwood Avenue - pending Dixon Associates scoping.

Mr. Oliver asked Mr. Morrissey to set up another meeting with the school prior to the March 17th meeting to discuss the access roadway. Mr. Morrissey added that he will establish estimated amounts to complete the entire project and possibly another grant can be applied for to complete the project.

Solicitor

Mr. DiDomenico provided the following report:

PSE&G Land Donation – Mr. DiDomenico contacted PSE&G with the information that the Township will provide the Title Search which will take 30 days to complete.

Unimproved Roadways – Block & Lots are needed to determine if these roadways are township owned

Announcements

1. A free rabies clinic is being held on Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 9 am to Noon at the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company.
2. The Senior Dance listed on the Township Calendar for Saturday, March 28th has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 9th, 2020.

New Business

1. The Cumberland County Department of Public Works & Property is requesting permission to apply pesticides by aircraft and ground unit in Maurice River Township during the 2020 spray season.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to authorize Mayor Oliver to sign the permission form to apply pesticides during the 2020 spray season; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

REPORTS

Treasurers Report	\$835,151.95
Road Dept. Report (January 2020)	
Ron's Animal Control Monthly Report January 2020	

Mr. Whildin made a motion to accept the above reports, seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ashley Criss	55.50
Amtrust North America	2,652.00
Amtrust North America	4,626.00
Amtrust North America	1,467.00
Amtrust North America	8,113.00
Accses New Jersey, Inc.	744.40
Allied Document Solutions &	137.50
Allied Document Solutions &	119.50
Alfred J. Verderose, Esq.	250.00
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AFA Protective Systems, Inc.	2,200.92
Atlantic City Electric	2,714.17
Atlantic City Electric	5,789.30
Atlantic City Electric	2,553.21
AFLAC	158.76
B.W. Stetson Co.	66.00
Buonadonna & Benson, P.C.	800.00
Buonadonna & Benson, P.C.	66.00
Barbara D. Sutton	85.00
Bottino Holdings, Inc.	15.04
Bottino Holdings, Inc.	73.23
Belleplain Emergency Corps	6,250.00
Berman Printing & Stamp Mfg.	21.95
Comcast Cable	176.49
Comcast Cable	574.94
Comcast Cable	263.34
Comcast Cable	574.94
Comcast Cable	176.49

CM3 Building Solutions	217.16
CM3 Building Solutions	733.00
CM3 Building Solutions	721.64
Cumberland County Treasurer's	838,362.91
Corrado Ruscica	250.00
Corrado Ruscica	250.00
Cumberland County SPCA	1,112.08
C.C.I.A.	650.00
Dixon Assoc Engineering, LLC	1,132.50
Dixon Assoc Engineering, LLC	67.50
Dixon Assoc Engineering, LLC	135.00
Dixon Assoc Engineering, LLC	135.00
Dixon Assoc Engineering, LLC	540.00
Dixon Assoc Engineering, LLC	1,447.50
Dixon Assoc Engineering, LLC	1,637.50
Dixon Assoc Engineering, LLC	100.00
Dixon Assoc Engineering, LLC	1,485.00
Daley's Pit	900.00
Donna M. Jacoby	288.26
Donna M. Jacoby	501.12
Donna M. Jacoby	175.64
Donna M. Jacoby	4.13
Donna M. Jacoby	322.78
Derek J. Leary	42.80
J.C. Ehrlich Co., Inc.	86.83
Frank DiDomenico	337.50
Frank DiDomenico	257.00
Frank DiDomenico	1,000.00
Frank DiDomenico	1,927.25
George's Pizzeria	101.45
Graphic Impressions Print'g Co	2,499.00
Grace Marmero & Associates LLP	552.20
G&M Printwear	274.50
Gold Medal Environmental of NJ	6,906.46
Gold Medal Environmental of NJ	19,323.33
Gold Medal Environmental of NJ	8,016.60
H.A. DeHart & Son	277.32
Heritage Business Systems, Inc.	41.00
Heritage Business Systems, Inc.	54.91
Heritage Business Systems, Inc.	41.00
Heritage Business Systems, Inc.	54.91
Harold E. Noon, Jr.	187.50
Harold E. Noon, Jr.	250.00
Jackie L. James	115.00
Jacqueline Pace	72.44
J. Roy Oliver	543.30
Jack's Auto Service, LLC	391.76
Jack's Auto Service, LLC	1,398.54
Leslie G. Fogg, Inc.	312.26
Linda Dedrick	150.00
Linda Dedrick	150.00
Maurice River Township BOE	451.91
Maurice River Township BOE	251,021.00
Maurice River Township BOE	188.38
Munic Clerk's Assoc – Glouc. Co.	50.00
Municipal Record Service	505.00
Monmouth Paper	129.00
Mansfield Oil Co – Gainesville	2,015.12
Mansfield Oil Co – Gainesville	1,422.08
MGL Printing Solutions	295.00
Michelle L. Behm	217.46
Major Petroleum Industries	1,300.02
Major Petroleum Industries	1,534.66
New Jersey SHBP	13,307.46
New Jersey SHBP	4,581.04

NJ State Dept. of Health & Sr	175.80
NAPA (Genuine Parts Company)	397.94
New York Life Insurance Co.	135.36
NJ Advance Media	50.89
NJ Advance Media	183.73
NJ Advance Media	53.39
NJ Advance Media	78.41
NJ Advance Media	16.68
NJ Advance Media	265.66
NJ Advance Media	49.71
NJ Advance Media	16.68
NJ Advance Media	16.68
NJ Advance Media	19.19
NJ Advance Media	115.12
NJ Advance Media	112.40
NJ Advance Media	15.02
NJ Advance Media	17.52
NJ Advance Media	18.35
New Jersey Planning Officials	370.00
NJ Civil Service Association	320.00
Prior Nami Business Systems	635.00
Positive Promotions	215.45
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	216.00
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	106.39
Prudential	67.07
Riggins Inc.	333.34
Riggins Inc.	270.63
Ricoh Americas Corp.	300.00
Ronald L. Sutton, Sr.	1,100.00
South Jersey Gas Company	2,706.61
Sheppard Bus Service, Inc.	650.00
Schwaab, Inc.	104.74
Seashore Asphalt Corp.	73.75
Seashore Asphalt Corp.	140.00
Seashore Asphalt Corp.	46.25
Staples Business Advantage	67.98
Staples Business Advantage	44.05
Staples Business Advantage	37.18
Sir Speedy Printing	98.00
Sir Speedy Printing	40.00
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	48.00
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	22.99
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	1,799.99
Treasurer, State of New Jersey	50.00
Testa Heck Testa & White, PA	225.00
TAASJ	40.00
Tri City Paper Co.	111.10
Tri City Paper Co.	28.90
The Home Depot	200.06
The Home Depot	44.73
U.S. Postal Service	1,000.00
United States Postal Service	463.68
Verizon Wireless	358.44
Verizon	35.76
Van Embden, Van Embden &	300.00
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	48.59
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	37.88
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	12.99
Woodard & Curran, Inc.	3,673.24
Woodard & Curran, Inc.	1,528.01
Woodard & Curran, Inc.	1,697.25
Woodard & Curran, Inc.	6,631.82
Woodard & Curran, Inc.	2,210.64
William R. Mints Agency	3,043.31
William R. Mints Agency	4,012.00

William R. Mints Agency	2,213.86
William R. Mints Agency	3,460.00
Woodruff Energy US LLC	139.00
Woodruff Energy US LLC	205.88
Woodruff Energy US LLC	207.56
Whibco of New Jersey, INC.	189.00

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 8:22 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Ray Morgan, Bricksboro, questioned whether raising the lighthouse was really going to happen. Mr. Oliver stated that it appears that NJDEP has the funds available for this project.

John Campbell, asked if there was a preliminary drawing of the Fox Street Access Road. Mr. Oliver explained there have been a few drawings done on this project. Mr. Campbell asked if this road was being extended onto the school property. Mr. Morrissey explained that the grant received was with the intention of extending the roadway onto school property; a second grant may be needed to fully complete the project. A NJDOT grant will pay for extending the roadway onto the school property. Mr. Campbell questioned whether the MRTES Board of Education would be providing funding for the roadway. Mr. Morrissey explained that grants must be applied for to get individual streets paved and there are qualifiers to be eligible. Mr. Morrissey explained that Estell Manor, Newell, and Carlisle Place were all done with Municipal Aid grants. Mr. Morrissey explained that Fox Street improvements would be done first with extension onto school property as grants funds are available. Mr. Morrissey explained that the ‘concept plans’ done to date were done in CAD and that no formal surveys have been done yet. Mr. Whildin explained that the township applied for Municipal Aid grants with Estell Manor being the first choice and NJDOT picked the Fox Street project to award. Mr. Oliver explained that with plans to redevelop the Sapello property NJDEP and Pinelands will need to sign off on the easement before the township can proceed.

Ben Stowman, Delmont, attended the East Point Lighthouse meeting and stated that the NJDEP seems committed to the lifting the lighthouse and also in protecting the parking lot. There also appears to be a commitment on the part of NJDEP for a long-term plan of protection. Mr. Stowman explained that NJDEP did a study of whether to move the lighthouse into Heislerville or raise it by 9-9 ½ feet to get it to 13.5 feet. They are trying to beat the 100-year flood plain. Mr. Stowman observed that it appeared promising that NJDEP will follow through with protection of the lighthouse. The cost is estimated at 1.3 million to raise the lighthouse and NJDEP wants to raise the lighthouse before the geotube expiration in 3-5 years. Mr. Oliver added that embankment maintenance and stabilization still needs to be addressed.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to close the second public comment session noting the time at 8:38 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

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

T O W N S H I P O F M A U R I C E R I V E R

O R D I N A N C E N O . 6 9 1

AN ORDINANCE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 678 (SALARY ORDINANCE)

WHEREAS, the Township previously adopted *Ordinance No. 678* setting forth the salaries adopted for employees within the Township of Maurice River; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to amend said Ordinance to include additional titles;

BE IT ORDAINED that The Township Committee of Maurice River Township, Cumberland County, New Jersey, does hereby ordain that *Ordinance No. 678* (Salary Ordinance) of the Township of Maurice River, Cumberland County, New Jersey, as adopted, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1 (A) is amended to include the following:

TITLE

SALARY RANGE

Construction Official (Job Spec #05045)	\$8,000 -- \$18,000
Building Inspector (Job Spec #00924)	\$3,750 -- \$10,250
Building Subcode Official (Job Spec #05048)	\$3,750 -- \$10,250
Housing Inspector (Job Spec #04921)	\$3,000 -- \$9,200
Code Enforcement Officer (Job Spec #01285)	\$3,000 -- \$9,200
Zoning Officer (Job Spec #04338)	\$2,500 -- \$8,500
Floodplain Manager	\$1,000 -- \$5,400

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all remaining portions of *Ordinance No. 678*, as amended and supplemented, are reaffirmed herein and shall remain in full force and effect.

SEVERABILITY

If any section, sentence, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall 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, provision or portion of this Ordinance.

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. 692

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER,
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, ADDING SECTION 4-7 TO CHAPTER IV, FEES FOR NON-
CONSENSUAL VEHICLE TOWING AUTHORIZED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT
AUTHORITIES**

WHEREAS, Chapter IV, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Maurice River, provides for general licensing within Maurice River Township; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Predatory Towing Prevention Act, *NJSA 56:13-7 et seq*, was enacted to protect the public from unconscionable fees related to the towing of automobiles; and

WHEREAS, *NJSA 56:13-16*, Unlawful Practices for Towing Company, permits towing companies to charge a reasonable fee for the towing and storage of automobiles which have been subject to non-consensual towing authorized by a law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, *NJSA 56:13-16(i)* permits a municipality to establish and authorize a fee schedule for non-consensual towing ordered by a law enforcement officer and said municipal authorized fee schedule shall be a rebuttable presumption that said fees charged in accordance with the municipal fee schedule are not unreasonable or excessive; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that a towing and storage fee schedule which establishes the maximum fees which a towing service can charge for non-consensual towing and storage of vehicles within Maurice River Township should be established in order to protect the public.

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 IV, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP SO AS TO ADD THE FOLLOWING:

(New) Section 4-7, Towing and Storage of Vehicles Which Have Been the Subject of Non-Consensual Towing Ordered by a Law Enforcement Authority.

- a) The maximum fees that a towing company may charge for non-consensual towing and/or storage of a motor vehicle within Maurice River Township, Cumberland County, shall be as set forth herein.
- b) Non-consensual towing shall be defined as the towing of a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner or operator of the vehicle and authorized by a law enforcement authority of the State of New Jersey or any Political Subdivision of the State of New Jersey.
- c) The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent unlawful and unconscionable practices of towing companies as set forth in the New Jersey Predatory Towing Prevention Act, *NJSA 56:13-7 et seq.*
- d) The maximum fees for towing or storage of vehicles which have been the subject of non-consensual towing are hereby established as follows:

SERVICE CALL	FEE
Light Duty Tow (Vehicle not to Exceed 10,000 pounds)	\$150.00 plus \$6.00 per mile
Medium Duty Tow (Vehicles weighing between 10,001 and 16,000 pounds)	\$250.00 per hour
Heavy Duty Tow (Vehicles in excess of 16,001 pounds)	\$500.00 per hour
Storage of Automobiles and Light Duty Trucks as defined above	\$45.00 per day for outside storage and \$90.00 per day for indoor storage
Storage of Trucks-Dual Wheel/ Single Axle	\$90.00 per day
Storage of Heavy-Duty Vehicles (Tractor/Dump Truck/ Tractor and Trailer Combinations/ Trailers)	\$125.00 per day
Light and Medium Duty Winch (As defined above)	\$350.00 per hour
Heavy Duty Winch (As defined above)	\$600.00 per hour
Recovery Supervisor	\$225.00 per hour
Recovery Technician	\$125.00 per hour
Manual Laborers	\$100.00 per hour
Vehicle/ Accident Clean-up	\$75.00 per hour – Minimum of one hour
Oil/ Liquid Clean-up – Oil Dry	\$25.00 per bag
Crash Wrap per Vehicle	\$90.00

Release Vehicle from storage after normal business hours	\$75.00
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VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES: Any person or corporation or entity violating, or refusing or neglecting to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction be liable for the penalties as stated in Chapter I, Section 1-5, of the revised General Ordinances of the Township of Maurice River.

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.

**TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND**

ORDINANCE NO. 693

CALENDAR YEAR 2020

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Township of Maurice River in the County of Cumberland finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2020 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$30,009.87 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Committee of the Township of Maurice River, in the County of Cumberland, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2020 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Maurice River shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$105,034.56, and that the CY 2020 municipal budget for the Township of Maurice River be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

The above ordinance #693 was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Maurice River on the 20th day of February, 2020, at the Maurice River Township Municipal Hall, 590 Main Street, Leesburg, New Jersey, and will be presented for public hearing and final consideration at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of

Maurice River to be held on the 19th day of March, 2020 at 7:30. pm.

Vote (Introduced Ordinance):	Ayes:	Nays:	Absent:
	Whilden	X	
	Ashton	X	
	Oliver	X	

TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER

ORDINANCE NO. 694

AN ORDINANCE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE SECTION 14-3 ABANDONED PROPERTIES, REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that Ordinance 651-2017, codified as Section 14-3 Abandoned Properties, Registration and Maintenance should be amended; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that Section 14-3.4 Schedule should be updated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Maurice River, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

1. SECTION 14-3.4 Fee Schedule (Ordinance NO.: 651-2017) is deleted in its entirety and amended to read as follows:

- a) The initial registration fee for each property shall be FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for one year. Said fee shall be prorated for the initial year of registration. All annual registration for abandoned properties together with the appropriate fee shall be due and payable by January 31 of each year. All fees will be processed through the Municipal Clerk's Office. The fee for the first annual renewal and for each renewal year thereafter shall be FIVE HUDNRED DOLLARS (\$500.00).

2. All other sections of Ordinance 651-2017 shall remain in full force and effect except as modified by this amendment.

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 adoption as prescribed by law.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 46-2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE FOR 2020 CENSUS MATERIALS

WHEREAS, the Township of Maurice River adopted Resolution No. 31-2020 recognizing the importance of the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Maurice River Township supports the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and will disseminate 2020 Census information to residents; and

WHEREAS, grant funding is available for promotional materials through the Cumberland County Complete Count Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP as follows:

1. Michelle Behm, Census Liaison, is authorized to apply for grant funding from the Cumberland County Complete Count Committee for census promotional materials at a cost of \$1,514.58.
2. The Municipal Clerk and Chief Municipal Finance Officer are authorized to complete the Agreement

documents.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 47-2020

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A MOTORCYCLE EVENT TO BE HELD BY COMPETITION DIRT RIDERS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
APRIL 18th and 19th, 2020.**

WHEREAS, Maurice River Township has been approached by Competition Dirt Riders, 1221 Utopia Lane, Vineland, NJ 08361, requesting permission to hold a motorcycle event on Saturday, April 18th and Sunday, April 19th 2020 at Ormond Farms, Hesstown Road, in Maurice River Township, and

WHEREAS, the private property to be utilized lies within a section of Maurice River Township zoned Pinelands Village Centers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP that the Township Committee hereby consents to the request of Competition Dirt Riders to hold a motorcycle event on April 18th & 19th, , 2020 and acknowledges that this event will be held on private property within a Pinelands area of the municipality.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 48-2020

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A MOTORCYCLE EVENT TO BE HELD BY COMPETITION DIRT RIDERS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY JUNE 27th & 28th, 2020.

WHEREAS, Maurice River Township has been approached by Competition Dirt Riders, 1221 Utopia Lane, Vineland, NJ 08361, requesting permission to hold a motorcycle event on Saturday, June 27th, 2020 and Sunday, June 28th, 2020 at Ormond Farms, Hesstown Road, in Maurice River Township, and

WHEREAS, the private property to be utilized lies within a section of Maurice River Township zoned Pinelands Village Centers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP that the Township Committee hereby consents to the request of Competition Dirt Riders to hold a motorcycle event on June 27th & 28th, 2020 and acknowledges that this event will be held on private property within a Pinelands area of the municipality.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 49-2020

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A MOTORCYCLE EVENT TO BE HELD BY COMPETITION DIRT RIDERS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY OCT. 3rd & 4th, 2020.

WHEREAS, Maurice River Township has been approached by Competition Dirt Riders, 1221 Utopia Lane, Vineland, NJ 08361, requesting permission to hold a motorcycle event on Saturday, October 3, 2020 and Sunday, October 4, 2020 at Ormond Farms, Hesstown Road, in Maurice River Township, and

WHEREAS, the private property to be utilized lies within a section of Maurice River Township zoned Pinelands Village Centers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP that the Township Committee hereby consents to the request of Competition Dirt Riders to hold a motorcycle event on October 3rd & 4th, 2020 and acknowledges that this event will be held on private property within a Pinelands area of the municipality.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2020

**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING SATISFACTION IN FULL
BY JAMES AND MARY JANE STILES OF THE BAYSHORE HOUSING PROGRAM
MORTGAGE HELD BY MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP AND
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE**

WHEREAS, James and Mary Jane Stiles 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 Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$2,820) on November 26, 2001 and a mortgage lien evidencing said indebtedness was recorded with the Clerk of Cumberland County in Mortgage Book 2741, Page 327 on February 5, 2002, 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 James and Mary Jane Stiles 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. 51-2020

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND of
OVERPAYMENT of PROPERTY TAXES
Block 320 Lot 115**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Maurice River collected from the property owner or it's designee an excess amount on 2020 property taxes; and

WHEREAS, an overpayment was created for the reason listed below, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Maurice River has determined the said overpayment should be refunded accordingly as indicated below:

<i>Block/Lot:</i>	320/115
<i>Assessed to:</i>	Christopher & Christina Dermott
<i>Address:</i>	3 Langley Rd
<i>2020 Tax Amount:</i>	\$1,224.09
<i>Payor:</i>	Corelogic & SJS Title LLC (Both paid 2020 1 st quarter)
<i>Refund Overpayment to:</i>	SJS Title LLC 20 Brace Rd, Ste 112 Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township that the above refund be made.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

Resolution No. 52-2020

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND of
OVERPAYMENT of PROPERTY TAXES
Block 221 Lot 36**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Maurice River collected from the property owner or it's designee an excess amount on 2019 property taxes; and

WHEREAS, an overpayment was created due to a Tax Appeal Judgment issued from the Cumberland County Board of Taxation, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Maurice River has determined the said overpayment should be refunded accordingly as indicated below:

<i>Block/Lot:</i>	221/36
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Assessed to: Christine Friello-Fini
Address: 3219, 3221 Route 47
2019 Tax Amount: \$560.37
Payor: Christine Friello-Fini
Refund Overpayment to: Christine Friello-Fini
3198 Route 47
Millville NJ 08332

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township that the above refund be made.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 53-2020

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE
UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S
"Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions
Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the *Committee of the Township of Maurice River*, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

**TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER
2020 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET**

RESOLUTION NO. 54-2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO
N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20.**

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect of the need to provide additional budgetary funds for 2020 and no adequate provision has been made in the 2020 temporary budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of emergency temporary appropriations for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2020 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$938,201; and

WHEREAS, it is considered necessary for the health and welfare of the community to continue to provide necessary services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with N.J.S. 40A:4-20,

1. Emergency temporary appropriations are hereby made for:

Census Grant	\$1,515
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Total **\$1,515**

2. That said emergency appropriations will be provided for in full in the 2020 budget under the title as listed above.

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NJ**

RESOLUTION NO. 55-2020

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RAISING OF THE EAST POINT LIGHTHOUSE BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND COLLABORATION TO MAINTAIN THE GEOTUBE SHORELINE PROTECTION MEASURE

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has deemed the East Point Lighthouse in peril of future flooding; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has performed an elevation feasibility study with results showing the best course of action to save/protect the lighthouse is by raising it; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has determined the cost for this endeavor to be 1.3 million which can be allocated from their capital budget; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has already invested funds to protect the East Point Lighthouse shoreline by installing the interim measure geotube; and

WHEREAS, sand erosion around the geotube occurs naturally due to wave action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP, OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, the following:

1. Supports the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection raising the East Point Lighthouse.
2. The Township will collaboratively work with the NJDEP and Cumberland County to maintain the interim measure geotube installation for shoreline protection of the East Point Lighthouse and immediate area.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 57-2020

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER No. 1 TO SOUTH STATE, INC., FOR NEWELL ROAD, PHASE II

WHEREAS, the Township of Maurice River awarded a contract to South State, Inc. for Newell Road, Phase II in the amount of \$187,262.39; and

WHEREAS, the Maurice River Township Engineer has recommended that Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$19,821.00 reflecting 4-inch yellow striping, steel guiderail and a seepage inlet be awarded to South State, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has deemed that Change Order No. 1 is appropriate and required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township that the Newell Road, Phase II contract awarded to South State, Inc., is hereby amended to include Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$19,821.00.

All other provisions of the original contract shall remain unchanged except as modified by this Resolution.



Township of Maurice River

Engineer's Report

February 20, 2020

Item	Project Name	Project Number	Status
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1.	2018 Road Program	MR17-111	Harriet/Taylor Road paving pending. Punch list items pending for Carlisle Place Road
2.	Newell Road Resurfacing Grants	MR17-001	Approval requested for Change Order #1 for centerline striping, steel guiderail and drainage inlet at low point.
3.	Fox Street Paving	MR19-044	Municipal Aid Grant for Fox Street access awarded by DOT for \$188,530. Scope of improvements to be determined pending resolution of Sapello conservation easement.
4.	NJDOT Bike Path Grant Applications	MR19-001	Bikeway grant application pending DOT review.
5.	Carlisle Place Road Truck Access	MR19-001	Engineering field evaluation completed to assess truck turning movements.
6.	Sapello Property	MR19-044	Meeting with Green Acres and Pinelands tentatively scheduled for March 17 th .
7.	Deerwood Avenue	MR19-001	Application for Local Aid Infrastructure Fund (Discretionary Funding) to be submitted to DOT on SAGE pending DA scoping.