

Thursday, March 19, 2020 - 7:30 pm

PRESENT: J. Roy Oliver, Mayor
Ken Whildin, Deputy Mayor
Bill Ashton, Committeeman
Frank DiDomenico, Solicitor
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 – a representative from the New Jersey State Police was not present.
2. Ambulance – North contract. (Added)

Mr. Jesse Hand, Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company addressed the Township Committee regarding their concerns on dispatch. Mr. Hand stated that both ambulances have WiFi and they will receive notice before it is transferred from the 9-1-1 center. Mr. Whildin thanked Mr. Hand for this reassurance. Mr. DiDomenico asked about the designation of EMT-D. Mr. Hand stated this is an ‘old classification’ and stated that all their EMTs were defibrillator qualified.

Mr. DiDomenico stated that the proposals were received and opened on March 3. Mr. DiDomenico added that there was only one (1) proposal received and it was from Dorothy Volunteer Fire. Mr. DiDomenico commented that their proposal was complete with all required documentation submitted; the proposal was for North-North \$5,244.25 and South-North \$10,889.08 for a total \$16,333.33 for the period of June 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to award the Ambulance-North contract to Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

First Public Comments Session

Mr. Whildin made a motion to open the first public comment session noting the time at 7:35 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Bud Hughes, Dorchester, stated the baseball fields look great and thanked the Public Works. Mr. Hughes advised the Township Committee that everything regarding the youth baseball season

had been postponed for 2 weeks due to COVID-19. Mr. Oliver commented that Opening Day scheduled for April 18th will need to be looked at again at the April Township Committee meetings.

George Kumor, Heislerville, commented on the request to allow access to Thompsons Beach for a wedding in October. Mr. Kumor suggested consideration of liability issued be addressed and suggested the Township Committee look at the Veterans Vending Park agreement for reference. Mr. DiDomenico stated that he had previously prepared this document. Mr. Kumor also suggested that requests for use (opening the gate for access) of Thompsons Beach be reviewed by the Township Committee on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, Mr. Kumor stated that research groups should not be included as they are already covered entities.

Ben Stowman, Delmont, explained to the public that the Township is working with the state on Centers Designation and Nodes for the working waterfront. In this process the Township is working on the impervious coverage issue. Mr. Stowman stated that the Township is currently working on the self-assessment stage of the process. Mr. Stowman explained that having the Centers Designation and/or Node will allow working waterfront industries such as wind industry support. Mr. Stowman commented that the state is being very helpful in getting this through and approved. Mr. Oliver thanked Mr. Stowman for all the work he is doing.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to close the first public comment session noting the time at 7:43 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Ordinances

Ordinance 692

The clerk gave the second 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. DiDomenico provided a synopsis on Ordinance 692.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 692; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

There being no public comment on Ordinance 692, Mr. Whildin made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 692; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Mr. Whildin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 692; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Ordinance 693

The clerk gave the second 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. DiDomenico provided a synopsis on Ordinance 693.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 693; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

There being no public comment on Ordinance 693, Mr. Whildin made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 693; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Mr. Whildin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 693; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Ordinance 694

The clerk gave the second 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. DiDomenico provided a synopsis on Ordinance 694.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 694; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

There being no public comment on Ordinance 694, Mr. Whildin made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 694; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Mr. Whildin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 694; 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. | 58-2019 | A Resolution Authorizing The Disposal Of Broken Or Antiquated Public Property And Removal Of Items From The 2019 Fixed Asset Inventory |
| *2. | Resolution No. | 59-2020 | A Resolution Establishing The Maurice River Township Forestry Management Committee And Appointing Members |
| *3. | Resolution No. | 61-2020 | A Resolution Certifying Submission of Expenditures for Recycling Enhancement Act |
| *4. | Resolution No. | 63-2020 | A Resolution Authorizing An Amendment To Resolution 27-2020 Which Awarded A One Year Extension To The Professional Services Contract For Environmental Consultant/Engineer To Woodard & Curran |
| *5. | Resolution No. | 64-2020 | A Resolution Authorizing Withdrawal From Cumberland County Cooperative Purchasing Program For The Purchase Of Gasoline |
| *6. | Resolution No. | 65-2020 | A Resolution Authorizing Maurice River Township To Enter Into An Agreement With Riggins Oil Inc. For Supplying And Delivering Of Gasoline Through The Period Ending November 30, 2021 |
| *7. | Resolution No. | 66-2020 | A Resolution Appointing Joseph Sterling, As Acting Emergency Management Coordinator For Maurice |

River Township

- *8. Resolution No. 67-2020 A Resolution Appointing Nathan Van Embden, Esquire, As Bankruptcy Counsel For Maurice River Township
- *9 Resolution No. 68-2020 A Resolution Approving An Extension To The Employment Contract With Ashley Criss As Municipal Court Administrator
- *10. Resolution No. 69-2020 A Resolution Approving An Amendment To Change Order No. 1 To South State, Inc., For Newell Road, Phase II

Routine Matters

- *1. English Sewage Disposal submitted an application for license for septic tank cleaner renewal for 2020. The fee and truck photos were attached.
- *2. South Jersey Gas submitted an Application for Street Opening Permit for an emergency street opening (40 Station Road 542' E c/l on Railroad). The fee was attached.
- *3, South Jersey Gas submitted an Application for Street Opening Permit for 16 Ward Avenue 180' N. c/l Station Road. The fee was attached.
- *4. South Jersey Gas submitted an Application for Street Opening Permit for Cedar St 24' S c/l Carlisle Pl Rd & Pine St 37' to 586' S c/l Carlisle Pl Rd. The fee was attached.
- *5. Heislerville United Methodist Church submitted a request to perform a road clean-up through the Clean Communities Program.

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

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

Township Committee Reports

William Ashton, Committeeman

- 1. He attended the Pinelands meeting last Tuesday and the main topic was PILOT funding and that the 2020 State budget would include restoration of this funding. Municipalities were urged to send letters of support regarding the restoration of this funding and to get in touch with legislators who were on the budget committee. The Township Committee commented that they were all in favor of this PILOT funding and sending a letter of support. Lands acquired by tax exempt entities between 2011 and present will not be included in the funding.
- 2. Mr. Ashton stated that a conference call was held by the county on Tuesday to address the COVID-19 pandemic and presently Maurice River Township is one of only a few that is completely open. Mr. Ashton stated the employees are going above and beyond to disinfect many times a day.

Ken Whildin, Deputy Mayor

- 1. Ambulance – North contract. (discussed above under Presentations)
- 2. Mr. Whildin addressed closing the municipal building to the public but all employees will report to work. A 'drop box' will be supplied for paperwork and a barrier will be emplaced to prevent the public from going past the vestibule area.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to close the municipal building to the public as well as the Senior Center; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

3. Mr. Whildin stated that clarification is needed regarding the extension awarded to Gold Medal and he will address the need to properly place trash cans back roadside.
4. Information has been received that homes that foreclosures are taking place are being rented without notification to the township.
5. The Bayshore Council will be sending a letter of support for the PILOT funding.
6. It appears that the federal government has approved the state's process regarding the Matts Landing Marina negotiations. The State Treasurer has questioned the Township's willingness to sign a contract; this will show the Township's obligation to the process. Mr. Oliver suggested that the state be responsible for the survey.

Mr. Whildin made a motion for the Township to sign a contract with the State regarding the Matts Landing negotiations; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

7. The project at East Point will be starting on March 23, 2020 which involves the boat ramp and the emplacement of rocks to break wave action. The bridge on East Point Road will be plated for the dump truck traffic.
8. Gary Finger, NJ Energy, has advised that the BPU has shut down due to COVID-19. Louann has sent over the information.

J. Roy Oliver, Mayor

1. The CMFO provided a preliminary review of the upcoming 2020 budget in January. Items of concern have been worked out which included the Ambulance-North contract. Mr. Oliver announced that there will be no increase to the local purpose tax for 2020 which accounts for 20% of the total taxes. The status of the school and county taxes has not yet been received. Mr. Oliver stated that the Township Committee is very astute about the local purpose taxes.
2. A meeting was held with the MRTES school representatives and the Fox Street Access has been redesigned. The meeting with state representatives has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A revised plan for Fox Street Access through the school will be developed.

Professional Reports

Engineer

Mr. Morrissey was not in attendance but supplied a report to the Township Committee. Copies of the report were supplied to the public. A copy of the report is at the end of the minutes

Mr. Oliver explained that Mr. Morrissey is requesting authorization to proceed with a field survey for the paving of Fox Street in Port Elizabeth.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to get bids for the field survey prior to paving Fox Street; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

Solicitor

Mr. DiDomenico reported:

1. The Title Search on the PSE&G properties has been delayed due to the County Clerk's office being closed due to COVID-19.
2. The letter approving use of Thompsons Beach for a wedding as well as the waiver are complete.
3. Regarding the Mullica Hill interest in acquiring township properties located on Hunters Mill, the 'relationship' is remote and therefore is not a conflict. Additionally, the larger lot is too large and there is no road frontage; this could be put up for auction. The other

two lots are small but can be sold but must offer to contiguous property owners as ‘right of first refusal’.

Announcements

1. A free rabies clinic scheduled for Saturday; March 21, 2020 has been postponed.

The clerk questioned the late fee assessment. The Township Committee discussed extending the late fee since it is a municipal fee.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to extend the late fee by 30 days (April 30th); seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

2. The Senior Dance listed on the Township Calendar for Saturday, March 28th has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 9th, 2020.

REPORTS

Treasurers Report	\$1,100,548.36
2019 Annual Report – Tax Collector	
Road Dept. Report (February 2020)	
Ron's Animal Control Monthly Reports February 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	50.00
Acces New Jersey, Inc.	744.40
Atlantic City Electric	5,321.29
Atlantic City Electric	2,391.53
AFLAC	158.76
B.W. Stetson Co.	59.00
Buonadonna & Benson, P.C.	462.00
Buonadonna & Benson, P.C.	22.00
Buonadonna & Benson, P.C.	484.00
Bottino Holdings, Inc.	76.08
Bridgeton Trophy and Engraving	23.80
Belleplain Emergency Corps	6,250.00
Comcast Cable	263.34
Comcast Cable	574.94
Comcast Cable	176.49
CM3 Building Solutions	106.00
CM3 Building Solutions	1,742.00
CM3 Building Solutions	217.16
CM3 Building Solutions	733.00
Cumberland County SPCA	1,112.08
City of Bridgeton	1,333.33
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Christine Friello-Fini	560.37
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	270.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	202.50
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	1,740.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	1,231.25
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	1,025.00

Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	2,078.75
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	877.50
Denise L. Peterson	227.12
DOR Fire Equipment, LLC	340.00
J.C. Ehrlich Co., Inc.	86.83
Eurofins QC, LLC	179.00
Frank DiDomenico	1,024.50
Frank DiDomenico	1,090.30
Frank DiDomenico	1,000.00
Frank DiDomenico	1,739.10
Grace Marmero & Associates LLP	1,409.50
Gold Medal Environmental of NJ	19,323.33
Gold Medal Environmental of NJ	8,419.25
Gann Law Books	156.00
Heritage Business Systems, Inc.	41.00
Harold E. Noon, Jr.	250.00
Joseph A. Sterling	42.80
Kathryn Karrer	108.00
Leslie G. Fogg, Inc.	193.00
Linda Dedrick	150.00
Lisa R. Fisher	46.58
M.R.T. Recreation Assoc.	2,100.00
Maurice River Township BOE	251,021.00
Mansfield Oil Co – Gainesville	545.28
Mansfield Oil Co – Gainesville	1,257.81
Marketing Directions	213.67
Michelle L. Behm	500.00
Michelle L. Behm	598.00
Major Petroleum Industries	948.90
Major Petroleum Industries	1,418.35
New Jersey SHBP	11,505.98
New Jersey SHBP	6,056.33
New Jersey Shade Tree Federation	190.00
NJ State Dept. of Health & Sr	109.80
NAPA (Genuine Parts Company)	397.94
New York Life Insurance Co.	90.24
NJ Advance Media	19.19
NJ Advance Media	19.19
NJ Advance Media	16.68
NJ Advance Media	20.02
NJ Advance Media	225.40
NJ Advance Media	613.80
NJ Advance Media	110.24
NJ Advance Media	92.94
NJ Advance Media	13.35
NJ Advance Media	10.01
NJ Advance Media	15.02
NJ Advance Media	15.85
New Jersey State League of	75.00
NJ Civil Service Association	320.00
Presenta Plaque	183.49
Prudential	52.69
Riverside Shells, Inc.	900.00
Riggins Inc.	117.27
Riggins Inc.	542.41
Riggins Inc.	163.50
Rutgers, The State Univ. of NJ	1,509.00
Ronald L. Sutton, Sr.	1,100.00
South Jersey Gas Company	2,665.14
Shirley A. Goff	10.00
Sandpiper Embroidery	81.70
Seashore Asphalt Corp.	110.00
Staples Business Advantage	44.99
Seeley Law Office, LLC	732.45
South State, Inc.	357,439.73

South State, Inc.	168,026.36
South State, Inc.	175,945.49
South State, Inc.	20,821.00
SJS Title LLC	1,224.09
Tractor Supply Credit Plan	10.92
Tiffany A. CuvIELLO, PP, AICP	100.00
Tiffany A. CuvIELLO, PP, AICP	850.00
Tiffany A. CuvIELLO, PP, AICP	200.00
Testa Heck Testa & White, PA	275.00
Testa Heck Testa & White, PA	275.00
Testa Heck Testa & White, PA	275.00
The Home Depot	397.78
The Home Depot	224.68
The Home Depot	150.71
Verizon Wireless	358.44
Verizon	36.31
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	162.64
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	86.62
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	14.33
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	60.70
Woodard & Curran, Inc.	2,314.17

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 8:13 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

John Campbell, Leesburg, stated that South Jersey Gas has been doing a lot of work on Station Road and asked when this road is slated to be repaved. Mr. Whildin stated he would check with the county engineer. Mr. Whildin added that Carlisle Place Road (between Main and Route 47) is scheduled to be repaved this year.

Ben Stowman, Delmont, asked how Township meetings will be held due to the coronavirus pandemic and ‘social distancing’ guidelines. Mr. Whildin stated that teleconference is an option and public comment will be permitted per state statute.

Ben Stowman, Delmont, asked about the support for PILOT funding. Mr. Ashton replied that all affected municipalities are supporting PILOT funding reinstatement back to 2011 figures and that the funding be included in the state’s budget. Mr. Stowman stated that Bayshore Council is supporting that this be included in the state budget and to include lands acquired from 2011 to present. Mr. Ashton stated that they were cautioned to ‘tread lightly’ as the initial goal is to get the PILOT funding included in the budget then fight on the other topics in the future.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to close the second public comment session noting the time at 8:19 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

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

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

Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk

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 froth 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

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 p.m.

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

Vote (Adopted 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. 58-2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF BROKEN OR ANTIQUATED PUBLIC PROPERTY AND REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE 2019 FIXED ASSET INVENTORY

WHEREAS, the Township of Maurice River has needed to replace various items that no longer work or are broken, stolen, or antiquated that are listed in the 2018 Fixed Asset Inventory, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that these items have been or must be disposed of.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP that the following items have been or shall be recycled, disposed of and removed from the 2019 Fixed Asset Inventory.

Qty	Description	Schedule	Serial Number	Cost
1	13 cu. ft. Beverage Cooler	General		1,250.00
1	M.B. Model 53T Traction Sweeper	2	343031	5,930.00

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 59-2020

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP FORESTRY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND APPOINTING MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Maurice River Township finds it necessary to establish a committee to oversee the continued monitoring and updating of the Community Forestry Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, there are annual reporting requirements to sustain the Community Forestry Management plan; and

WHEREAS, Core Training and Continuing Education are required to maintain the Community Forestry Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Maurice River Township wishes to appoint various community members to the Maurice River Township Forestry Management Committee, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP that the Maurice River Township Forestry Management Committee is established and the following members are appointed:

Ken Whildin, Chair
Ben Stowman
Eric Wood
Robert McCarter
Steve Hagemann

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
County of Cumberland**

RESOLUTION NO. 61-2020

**A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING SUBMISSION OF EXPENDITURES FOR
RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT ACT**

WHEREAS, The Recycling Enhancement Act, P.L.2007, chapter 311, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, there is levied upon the owner or operator of every solid waste facility (with certain exceptions) a recycling tax of \$3.00 per ton on all solid waste accepted for disposal or transfer at the solid waste facility; and

WHEREAS, whenever a municipality operates a municipal service system for solid waste collection, or provides for regular solid waste collection service under a contract awarded pursuant to the "Local Public Contracts Law," the amount of grant monies received by the municipality shall not be less than the annual amount of recycling tax paid by the municipality except that all grant moneys received by the municipality shall be expended only for its recycling program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP that Maurice River Township hereby certifies a submission of expenditure for taxes paid pursuant to P.L.2007, chapter 311, in 2019 in the amount of \$3,795.39. Documentation supporting this submission is available at 590 Main Street, P.O. Box 218, Leesburg, N.J. 08327 and shall be maintained for no less than five years from this date.

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND**

RESOLUTION NO. 63-2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 27-2020 WHICH
AWARDED A ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO THE PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES CONTRACT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT/ENGINEER TO
WOODARD & CURRAN**

WHEREAS Resolution No. 27-2020 awarded a one-year extension for Environmental Consultant to Woodard & Curran covering the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, under Resolution No. 27-2020 set a Max Value for services at \$25,000 utilizing general funds; and

WHEREAS, Maurice River Township has received an award of grant funds from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority in the form of an HDSRF grant for the Sapello Foundry for ongoing site investigations in the amount of \$205,183.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP as follows that Resolution No. 27-2020 is amended to set the Max Value at \$231,000 which is inclusive of general funds and the HDSRF grant award in the amount of \$205,183.

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND**

RESOLUTION NO. 64-2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL FROM
CUMBERLAND COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM
FOR THE PURCHASE OF GASOLINE**

WHEREAS, Maurice River Township participates in the Cumberland County Cooperative Pricing System (CCCPS) as a member, and

WHEREAS, membership to participate in any contract is optional and unconditional to members, and

WHEREAS, Maurice River Township adopted Resolution No. 35-2020 to participate for the purchase of gasoline from Mansfield Oil. Co. under the CCCPS, and

WHEREAS, Maurice River Township has opted to withdraw from the CCCPS for the purchase of gasoline, only under Resolution No. 35-2020, but continue to purchase Diesel Fuel from Major Petroleum under said CCCPS participation as a member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP that Maurice River Township will no longer purchase gasoline under the CCCPS.

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND**

RESOLUTION NO. 65-2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO AN
AGREEMENT WITH RIGGINS OIL INC. FOR SUPPLYING AND DELIVERING OF
GASOLINE THROUGH THE PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2021**

WHEREAS, Maurice River Township has withdrawn its participation in the Cumberland County Cooperative Pricing System (CCCPS) only in the purchase gasoline from Mansfield Oil Co., and

WHEREAS, quotes were obtained from Major Petroleum and Riggins Oil Inc. for the purchase of gasoline independently from the CCCPS, and

WHEREAS, Major Petroleum provided a quote of \$0.15 per gallon for delivery added to the

average Newark, New Jersey Posted Tank Car Price in effect on the date of delivery, and Riggins Oil Inc. provided a quote of \$0.1185 per gallon for delivery added to the Oil Price Daily Index in effect on the date of delivery.

WHEREAS, Maurice River Township is unable to determine the costs of gasoline using the average of costs method proposed by Major Petroleum, and

WHEREAS, Riggins Oil Inc. uses the Oil Price Daily Index which is posted on the NJ Department of the Treasury, Division of Purchase and Property's website as NJ State Contract Fuel and Gas Prices, and therefore can be verified, and

WHEREAS, the Major Petroleum quoted \$0.15 per gallon for delivery and Riggins Oil Inc. quoted \$0.1185 per gallon for delivery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP that Maurice River Township authorizes the purchase of gasoline from Riggins Oil Inc., PO Box 150, Millville, NJ 08332 for the term beginning with the adoption of this resolution through the period ending November 30, 2021 for the price of \$0.1185 per gallon for delivery added to the Oil Price Daily Index in effect on the date of delivery

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 66-2020

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSEPH STERLING, AS ACTING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Maurice River Township has determined there is a need and a requirement for an acting OEM Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Sterling currently serves as Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator #2 and meets all qualifications required for an Emergency Management Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes it is in the best interest of the Township to appoint Joseph Sterling as Acting Emergency Management Coordinator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township as follows:

1. Joseph Sterling is appointed as Acting Emergency Management Coordinator effective March 19, 2020.
2. The term of employment shall be until December 31, 2020.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 67 -2020

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING NATHAN VAN EMBDEN, ESQUIRE, AS BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL FOR MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Maurice River Township has determined there is a need and a requirement for an attorney who is knowledgeable in the field of bankruptcy law; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Van Embden, Esquire is a licensed attorney for the State of New Jersey and is an experienced bankruptcy attorney; and

WHEREAS, the services of the Bankruptcy Counsel will be on a 'as needed" basis at an hourly rate of \$120.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township as follows:

1. Nathan Van Embden, Esquire is hereby appointed as Bankruptcy Counsel for Maurice River Township.
2. The services of the Bankruptcy Counsel shall be on a “as needed” basis to be paid at the rate of \$120.00 per hour.
3. The term of employment shall be from March 19, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020.
4. This appointment is made in accordance with *NJSA 40A:11-1*, et seq, which provides that a public body may enter into a contract for legal services not awarded after a “fair and open” process.
5. Award of this professional service agreement is subject to a mutually agreeable Professional Services Agreement to be entered into between Maurice River township and Nathan Van Embden, Esquire.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 68-2020

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXTENSION TO THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH ASHLEY CRISS AS MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, Ashley Criss is the full time Municipal Court Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the current employment agreement between Maurice River Township and Ashley Criss expires March 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Maurice River Township has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to extend said employment contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Maurice River as follows:

1. The employment contract of Ashley Criss is hereby extended for a period of three (3) years effective March 20, 2020 and expiring on March 20, 2023.
2. Ashley Criss shall be compensated at an annual salary of Forty Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars plus any increases provided in the Council 18 negotiations for 2020; with 2021 and 2022 salary increases pursuant to the contract with Council 18 union.
3. Said compensation shall be paid in semi-monthly payments for twenty-six (26) pay periods.
4. Said employee shall be eligible for those benefits provided to full time employees of the Township and subject to the provisions of the written contract between Maurice River Township and Ashley Criss.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 69-2020

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO 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, Change Order #1 in the amount of \$19,821.00 was approved by the Township Committee by Resolution No. 57-2020 on February 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Maurice River Township Engineer has recommended an amendment to Change Order No. 1 for a total amount of \$20,821.00 which

constitutes an increase of \$1,000.00 to the original amount allowing for an additional 10 feet of steel guiderail; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has deemed that the amendment to 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 the amendment to Change Order No. 1 for a total amount of \$20,821.00.

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



Township of Maurice River
Engineer's Report
March 19, 2020

Item	Project Name	Project Number	Status
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	Request for amended Change Order #1 to add 10 feet of guide rail. Additional paving limits being calculated and will be included under Change Order #2.
3.	Fox Street Paving	MR19-044	Meeting held with school to discuss bus loop. Recommend initiating survey work to take advantage of school closure.
4.	NJDOT Bike Path Grant Applications	MR19-001	Bikeway grant application did not receive an award.
5.	Sapello Property	MR19-044	Meeting with Green Acres and Pinelands to be rescheduled.
6.	Deerwood Avenue	MR19-001	Application for Local Aid Infrastructure Fund (Discretionary Funding) to be submitted to DOT on SAGE pending DA scoping.