

Monday, December 14, 2015, 7:30 P.M.
Bill Review & Agenda Meeting

PRESENT: Andrew Sarclette, Mayor
Patricia Gross, Deputy Mayor
J. Roy Oliver, Committeeman
Frank DiDomenico, Solicitor
Allen Foster, Chief Financial Officer
Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk

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

ROLL CALL: Mr. Sarclette, present
Mrs. Gross, present
Mr. Oliver, present

Mayor Sarclette called the meeting to order; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Presentation by Mark Pietrucha for the 2016 USEPA Brownfields Clean-up Grant for Ackley Garage.

Mark Pietrucha stated he was there to provide information and answer questions regarding the 2016 USEPA Grant for the Ackley Garage Cleanup Grant. 2015 proposal was favorable but was not awarded. Proposals are due for this grant period on December 18, 2015. In 2013 a number of environment assessment were done on the Ackley Garage site which were funded by USEPA Community Wide Petroleum Assessment Cleanup Grant. The activities included removal of several underground storage tanks and a subsurface hydraulic lift system inside the repair bay which were abandoned along with the site. Ground water evaluations were performed once the storage tanks were removed and some soil and ground water contamination were found in the operational areas. Contaminates found were petroleum products. Cleanup proposal includes the draft analysis of Brownfields cleanup alternatives, includes remedial scenarios for the site. This includes remediation to soil to and remediation to soils that impact ground water. It is in the best interest to remove as much contaminated soil as possible especially soils directly threatening ground water supplies.

The proposal is a request for \$200,000 for to complete cleanup activities which will include removing contaminated soil and monitored natural attenuation program for brown water. Brown water concentrations are fairly low but they do exceed ground water quality standards but concentrations are not of great concern. We want to remediate the site and handle any ground water contamination as soon as possible but work is limited by the funds available this is why additional funds are being requested from EPA.

Mr. Pietrucha's discussions with NJDEP and NJ Economic Development Authority included requesting additional funds through Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Grant which is a state grant. The HDSRF Grant was reactivated. There has been discussion of modification to the investigation scope of work which will include local well samples. We will be seeking as much funding as is possible.

Draft application is available and is posted on the township website for community review, input and questions.

Mr. Sarclette questioned is there any way to track the contamination and how long will it stay there and leaching into the soil. Mark Pietrucha stated that there will be a need for continued evaluation of ground water but until soil is removed/treated there is a potential to leach into the ground water and the greatest leaching occurs when it rains.

Mr. Sarclette asked if anyone had questions pertaining to the Ackley Garage Site. There were no questions.

Mrs. Gross asked if there was a specific end use for the property after cleanup. Mr. Pietrucha there is a redevelopment plan in place for this property. Mr. Sarclette added that this property is not deed restricted by Green Acres which allows for greater future redevelopment opportunities.

Mr. Veasey, Port Elizabeth, questioned the map which was displayed. Mr. Pietrucha stated that the map is a conceptual idea of the property after redevelopment.

Mr. Stowman, Delmont, asked after monitoring wells and where they would be placed. Mr. Pietrucha stated that the wells would be placed in priority areas of the property.

Mr. Sarclette asked Mr. Pietrucha is he had objections to answering questions pertaining to other sites. Mr. Pietrucha had no objections.

Mr. Pietrucha advised the public that there is a 20% cost share to the township for this grant which would amount to \$40,000.

Mr. Gross, Housing Officer, asked about the house on the property and stated that he had received a complaint regarding its condition. He further stated that this house will need to be removed as soon as possible due to its deplorable condition.

Office of Emergency Management and Housing/Zoning Reports

Mr. Gross provided a report on property maintenance issues in the Township. Two structures have been deemed to be unsafe: 31 MacDonald in Heislerville and 3097 Route 47 in Port Elizabeth. Copies of the initial notifications were sent out and waiting on the 30 days which will be January 3. Hearings will need to be scheduled if non-compliant to the notices.

Mr. Gross provided a draft letter intended to be sent to Mr. O'Doherty of 5 Quillan regarding the removal of his property from the township right-of-way on Happy Street. Mr. DiDomenico stated the letter is appropriate as drafted and to forward to Mr. O'Doherty. Mr. DiDomenico stated that this is a civil trespass and can file an action in court and get injunctive relief. A judge can order that encroachment onto the public property be removed. Mr. DiDomenico had suggested doing a criminal trespass which would be heard in the Municipal Court as well as proceeding to the next route of civil trespass if needed.

Mr. Gross stated the county is moving forward with this grant and a meeting is being held here in the Municipal Building at 3:00 pm on Wednesday with the contractor to go over the electric service. The meeting may take 3 hours. This generator will be for this building.

Mr. Gross announced that the annual firemen's dinner is on January 16, 2016; appetizers are at 6:00 pm and the dinner is at 7:00 pm. Mr. Gross invited the Township Committee to attend.

Mr. Gross stated that the Cumberland Tower project is still on a stand still. The County will not respond in writing or by email for status of the tower. The director will not give a straight answer regarding the status. Mr. Sarclette stated that he will make some calls to see what he can find out.

Mr. Foster asked if an award letter for the generator grant was available to Mr. Gross. Mr. Gross provided that the grant was obtained by the county but he will try to obtain something to provide the details of the grant. Mr. Foster stated he needs something to substantiate if there is any cost due by the township. Mr. Gross stated that the cost share amount due from the township is 10% and the approximate cost of the generator is between \$85 – 90 thousand dollars. Mr. Foster questioned if the county is obtaining the grant and pay for the generator and the township has to

contribute the 10% meaning there would be no grant funds coming into the township directly. Mr. Gross reiterated that each municipality would be responsible for the 10% match.

Municipal Finance Officer Report

Mr. Foster stated that this is the final budget status report for the year. There will be one transfer this month and other than that everything is in good shape.

Mr. Oliver asked about the quote from Barry Fisher for the Wall of Honor in the amount of \$4,825. He asked if additional informal quotes would need to be obtained. Mr. Foster stated that yes quotes would need to be obtained and Louann could obtain these. Mr. Oliver would like to get this underway as soon as possible. Mr. Oliver asked if this could be awarded in the third week of January. Mr. Foster did not see any problem with this and also verified it would not be a budget problem. Mr. Oliver is projecting to send out letters to professionals and businesses to chip in \$100 a piece to help offset the band and the plaques. Would accepting this donated money be a problem? Mr. Foster stated that this would not be a problem.

Public Comment Session

Mrs. Gross made a motion to open the public comment session, seconded by Mr. Oliver.

Roll Call: Ayes – Gross, Oliver, Sarclette Nays – None

Mr. Dorie Peterson, Heislerville, NJ stated that he was there as a representative for the veterans of Maurice River Township. Mr. Peterson explained that he had a signed petition with over 60 names of veterans and their relatives in the township asking that the Wall of Honor be placed in the Municipal Building versus the Leechester Hall because there would be limited access to viewing of the plaques. Mr. Peterson stated that he measured the wall to the left when entering the Municipal Building and it is sufficient for the plaques. Mr. Peterson also stated that the plaques should also accommodate space for future veterans names. Mr. Peterson did acknowledge that Mr. Oliver has volunteered to open the Leechester Hall for viewing and also will set a date quarterly to have the Leechester Hall open.

Mr. Oliver thanked Mr. Peterson for all of his assistance with veterans and events for veterans. Mr. Oliver explained his reasoning for having in the Leechester Hall: outside installation would expose the sign to the elements and the possibility of vandalism; the plaques will be installed on the South wall of the Leechester Hall between the pilasters which is 14' x 14' and this would present a Wow factor. The hallway of the Municipal Building will not have this Wow factor. Also there are to date 968 names on this list which would be distributed by War served on 6 plaques that are 3' x 4' size; may have to go bigger than this and may have to do a horizontal reach instead of a vertical. This would require a 24' spread; this amount of space is not available in the Municipal Building. Mr. Oliver added that he expects approximately 500 people at the Dedication Ceremony plus the band which can be accommodated at the Leechester Hall but not in the Municipal Building. Also the Leechester Hall is a community hall which is used by the children of the community and this may inspire in the youth the fact of being a veteran is an honorable profession. Mr. Oliver offered to have any open house once a quarter for 2 to 3 hours for viewing of the Wall in the Leechester Hall. Mr. Oliver also offered to open the Leechester Hall for out-of-town people.

Mr. Peterson stated that the biggest complaint is access to see the plaque; parents, etc. would be able to bring children in to see the plaque. Mr. Peterson offered for the dedication ceremony that Senator Van Drew, Assemblyman Andrzejczak and Assemblyman Land will be attending. Mr. Peterson offered to contact the singer who performed at the Veterans Park ceremony, the American Legion Motorcycle Honor Guard, USCG Color Guard and bugler to attend the ceremony. Also he can arrange for a 21 gun salute to be performed by the American Legion.

Mr. Oliver thanked Mr. Peterson for all of his help with veteran events. Mr. Sarclette stated that this is something good for the veterans but it is best to work together and everyone has valid points on both parties. Mr. Tom Imbarrato asked how many names were being placed on the plaques. Mr. Oliver responded to date 968 names. Mr. Imbarrato stated that maybe the families or veterans should weigh-in on the proposed location. Mr. Oliver stated that there have been approximately 20 local historians working on this project. Mr. Sarclette stated that this is about honoring the veterans. Mr. George Kumor stated that honoring veterans is by letting people know what they did; the names should have constant exposure. Mr. George Kumor stated constant exposure would be available at the Municipal Building. Mr. George Kumor said that Mr. Oliver stated that this is the way it is going to be and that Mr. Oliver took an Oath of Office and it should be about everybody. Additionally he stated that he is a voter and a taxpayer and should have consensus of everyone. Mr. Kumor offered that this is a great project but feels that the Municipal Building is a better location; the Leechester Hall would be appropriate if one of the offices is moved there for constant access of the public. Mr. Sarclette stated that from a safety aspect that it would not be practical to put one office in the Leechester Hall. Mr. Oliver offered a compromise: to have the Dedication Ceremony with the Wall of Honor temporarily installed in Leechester Hall which will accommodate the attendees and the band and after the ceremony the Wall of Honor would be permanently installed in the Municipal Building. Mrs. Gross thanked Mr. Oliver for his willingness to make this compromise because he has had it in his mind to have it at the Leechester Hall and she knows how excited he was at having the WOH at Leechester Hall. Mr. Peterson believes that this will satisfy the concerned veterans, family members and residents of the township.

Mr. Kumor stated that at a previous meeting it was discussed regarding the dredging of the river. It appears that the consensus of the Township Committee has changed because previously it was the Township Committee's opinion was against the dredging because of the large barges having access. Mr. Sarclette clarified that the Township Committee was not against it but there were other environmentally interested people who live in the township who were against it. Mr. Sarclette stated that this is not the thoughts of the Township but other individuals. Mr. Kumor stated that some entities believe the township is against the dredging. Mr. Sarclette asked who believes the township is against this dredging and who should be notified that the Township is interested in having the river dredged. Mr. Kumor stated that notification to Senator Van Drew and Congressman LoBiondo regarding the Township's interest in having the river dredged would be a start. Mr. Sarclette stated that having the river dredged is paramount and he knows that the Army Corps of Engineer is aware of the Township's interest of having the river dredged. Mr. Sarclette stated that letters will be sent out and asked Mr. Stowman to get a list together of who letters should be addressed.

Mr. Stowman stated that there has been a push regarding dredging of the river to allow for access of larger vessels on the river. The depth of the river needs addressing for the businesses such as Bivalve, Yank Marine and Dorchester Shipyard. Mr. Stowman stated that groups have been neutral to positive to have the river dredged because they know that if the salt water keeps intruding they know the wild and scenic will not have their wildlife anymore. Existing sites need a better draft to get the vessels in and if they do not allow the restoration they will lose more and more marsh land. Mr. Kumor stated that assurances need to be made that the Township is for the dredging of the river.

Mr. Stowman stated that he has heard nothing from Heather Jenson regarding the startup of the protection of the East Point Lighthouse beach; she has not gotten back to anyone but believes it is still going to happen. Mrs. Gross stated she believes is going to be in March.

Mrs. Gross made a motion to close the public comment session, seconded by Mr. Oliver.

Roll Call: Ayes – Gross, Oliver, Sarclette Nays – None

Discussion Items:

1. Garden State Preservation

Mr. Oliver explained that at the November meeting for Pinelands Municipal Alliance and during the public discussion Nancy Wittenberg, Executive Director of the Pineland Municipal Alliance made mention of the fact that they are looking to have more funding come in to buy additional lands. Mr. Oliver suggested to Mayor Pikolycky, Chairman of the Alliance, that we reintroduce the concept that once a municipality has say 40% of its lands tax exempt that a consensus of those township and put forth in a movement to present to the legislators in Trenton to champion a bill that any tax exempt entity, such as Nature Conservancy, Natural Lands Trust, NJDEP were to acquire any additional lands from any municipality who met the threshold whether it be 40%, 50% or 60%, then that entity would pay full tax on full assessment. Because quite frankly we have shown that we are responsible in terms of preserving land but unfortunately after 40, 50, 60 percent of tax exempt land we are conserving ourselves into the poor house, we cannot afford to give away any more land. Maurice River Township is currently at 54% tax exempt land. The truth is that once a resident sells their acreage to the NJDEP he can move to another state and the township is stuck with land that can never be developed and no ratables forever. Mr. Oliver asked the Township Committee for permission to proceed along those lines. Michelle has supplied a list of preserved lands in other municipalities and he believes Down Township is at 60% and he is unsure what Lawrence Township is at but he believes it is high. This threshold would be arbitrary but you need 40% to get any funding out of Garden State Preservation funding. Mr. Sarclette believes this was tried in the past and did not work but it does not mean it cannot be tried again. Mr. Oliver stated that yes it was tried in the past and there were 22 municipalities that met the threshold and the threshold was 40%, unfortunately a former Assemblyman Doug Fisher was in charge of spearheading the movement and by the time the environmental groups got done strong arming him, the number of municipalities that qualified went from 22 down to 3 and those three all belong in Doug Fisher's voting district. Mr. Oliver believes with the legislators we have in place now that legislation of this type can move forward. Mr. Sarclette and Mrs. Gross voiced support for moving forward.

2. Deputy Court Clerk

Mr. Sarclette stated that this discussion needs to be addressed to the incoming judge. Mr. DiDomenico stated that he did speak with Patti regarding this issue and advised that both the judge and court administrator should be included in this discussion. Mr. Sarclette addressed the public stating that there are certain actions by a certain court clerk that need to be addressed. Mr. Sarclette agreed to meet with the judge and court administrator.

3. CCPYDC presentation for March 14, 2016 meeting – follow up

Mrs. Gross stated she received the information and did not see it to be anything to do with gun control. Mr. Sarclette stated that concern is that it is gun control and he is not interested. Clerk will send information again to the Township Committee. Mr. Sarclette asked that it be tabled.

4. Discuss Reorganization date and the possibility of a pre-reorg meeting date to discuss Resolution 01-2016 Appointments.

Mr. Sarclette suggested setting the reorganization date for Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 pm; the prep reorganization will be the same date at 6:30 pm to review the appointments list. Mr. DiDomenico asked if he needed to attend the prep reorganization. Mr. Sarclette stated that he did not feel it was necessary.

5. 2016 RFP's Professional Contracts

Mr. DiDomenico reviewed the RFPs which were received on December 3, 2015 and returned the originals to the clerk. A review and recommendation letter was emailed to all Township Committee members and the clerk. Highlights of the review: the ambulance service was Millville was same bid as last year for the northern portion of the township and Belleplains contract for the past 5 years has been \$22,500 and this year they came in at \$75,000 which is \$52,500 more than last year. This poses a problem of being over the budget allowance. This may have to be bid out for the Southern portion again or do the entire township bid again. Mr.

Sarclette stated he spoke to a couple officers of the Belleplain Rescue a couple of months back and how the Township could help them financially. One suggestion from them was for fuel which cannot be done. Mr. Sarclette states that the issue resolves around insurance companies sending the payments for services directly to the insured not to the ambulance company which is not being sent to the company. Unfortunately their way to resolve this issue is to charge more money to the township but this is more than 3 times the amount previously charged. Mr. Sarclette stated that if this proposal is accepted than another entity may come in at the same amount. Mr. Sarclette stated that Belleplain has been an excellent provider who works with the fire companies as well as they can and there is no desire to hurt Belleplain Rescue but he is not sure that the township can help them to that level and also must evaluate the ramifications down the road.

Mr. DiDomenico stated that no submissions were received for surveyor and it must be rebid. Additionally there is a new court judge, Judge Duffy, who will start in January. Therefore a new prosecutor is needed and there were three proposals received. The proposals received were: Tom Corrigan who submitted an incomplete submission lacking signatures, notarization and no bid on the proposal form. The two remaining proposals were from the same firm Mazzoni Law Firm and Amanda Mazzoni and recommends awarding to either the Mazzoni Law Firm or Amanda Mazzoni.

The surveyor must be rebid. Mr. Sarclette questioned regarding the ambulance contract for the south can it continue until terminated by either party. Mr. DiDomenico will check into the language of the contract. The clerk was asked to contact Belleplain and ask that they extend their contract until the end of January and to contact Millville to submit a proposal for the southern portion of the township. It was discussed that areas of concern addressed by the Belleplain Rescue Squad were that the Prison does not use their services. Mrs. Gross stated that the captain at the Prison brought in the new services and he is not at the prison any longer. Mr. Sarclette asked Mr. Whildin who made the calls to the ambulance provider for service. Mr. Sarclette asked if this captain had the authority to made this call regarding having an ambulance provider from Dennis Township versus Belleplain who services Maurice River Township. Mr. Whildin was not able to provide an answer but did know that the captain at the prison was a Chief at the Dennis Township ambulance squad. Mr. Sarclette asked what the DOC rules were pertaining to this. Mr. DiDomenico stated that the contract for ambulance services is for one year and should contact Belleplain and ask them to continue their services until other arrangements can be made.

Mr. Foster stated that a contract can be renewed as long as both parties agree. Mr. Sarclette asked can the rebid for ambulance be done as North, South or Entire. Mr. DiDomenico stated that it can be rebid either south or Entire. Mr. Sarclette that it was made a point to offer North, South, Entire, but both entities maintained submitting as Millville bidding North and Belleplain bidding South and nobody bid entire. Mr. Sarclette asked the rebid be done as South and Entire. Mr. DiDomenico stated that if Entire is bid then the Millville bid would have to be thrown out. Mr. DiDomenico stated that the option to rebid is to throw out both bids and then rebid Entire, North and South or keep Millville's bid for the North and rewrite. Mr. Foster asked can't we just ask Millville what they would charge to do the South; we do not have to go out a bid as they are already giving a good price for the North. Mr. DiDomenico stated that yes it can be done for the South. Mr. Sarclette questioned Best Practices. Mrs. Gross expressed concern over the response time for Millville to the MRT-South. Mr. Sarclette stated that Millville currently stations a unit in Mauricetown for emergency and response time. The clerk was advised to contact Millville Rescue for a non-competitive bid on the South. The ramifications of accepting the bid of \$75,000 was Belleplain were discussed in length by the Township Committee. Mrs. Gross asked if someone can meet and discuss negotiating the southern ambulance contract. It was agreed that someone can meet with ambulance companies and discuss the proposals for servicing the Southern portion of the Township. Mrs. Gross supplied the Township Committee with information regarding the increase in Belleplain's proposal from the last few years: \$4,500 every two weeks for fuel, employees are paid \$11 per hour, cost \$250,000 for each ambulance per year to keep them running 24 hours 7 days a week, also scheduled runs to the hospital have been eliminated; this information is for servicing all areas not just Maurice River Township. Mr. Whildin offered that two ambulance companies in Egg Harbor Township have gone out of business in the last year because of the cost to run and staffing.

Mr. Oliver referred to the In Rem Foreclosure solicitor stating that there were almost 900 liens on the Township books, most be small with the majority of those being DeCarlo lots. He questioned foreclosing on the liens in a “group” versus individually. Mr. DiDomenico stated the current solicitor quoted a flat fee of \$150 per hour however Goldenberg, Mackler did quote a “package” rate of \$500 per tax sale certificate plus cost for at least 10 years Mr. Sarclette stated that a “group” quote could be done outside the contract. Mr. DiDomenico stated that the contract could be awarded to Long, Marmero and contact them to provide a price for “group” In Rem Foreclosures. The clerk was asked to contact Long, Marmero and ask them to provide a “group” rate. Mr. Foster asked if the Tax Collector, Terry Graff had supplied a lien list to be considered for In Rem Foreclosure, this would be beneficial for the budget. Mr. Oliver stated that Terry Graff is working on this list. Mr. Sarclette stated that a group of liens needs to be sent to the In Rem Foreclosure Solicitor in order to get liens resolved.

Mr. DiDomenico stated that the clerk can reach out to individual surveyors to get proposals. The clerk was asked to contact Hal Noon, Battistini and Fralinger. Mr. DiDomenico stated the minimum forms needed are Business Registration Form, Corporation Disclosure plus a proposal and the contract. Mr. Sarclette asked the clerk to ask for the Standard Bid Forms from the contractors. Mr. Oliver asked that if engineering firm employees a surveyor and we chose that surveyor are we obligated to contract with the engineering firm. Mr. DiDomenico stated that by statute engineer firms are three year contracts and surveyors are only one year contracts; so no we would not be obligated to contract with the engineer.

6. CM3 Heating and Cooling Contract

The clerk provided that the price increase for this contract was \$228 for the year. The consensus was to continue with this contract. The clerk added that the Barber Consulting contract stayed the same as last year. Mr. Sarclette asked who Barber Consulting is. The clerk explained that they are the computer technicians for the municipal building system.

Mrs. Gross asked the clerk to notify Barber that she cannot access her emails.

7. Trees on Front Street, Dorchester, NJ.

Mr. Oliver stated the big sycamore tree on the corner of Front and Church across from Andrews Lane needs to be considered to be removed. The two Elms that are really in question were the two that are further down on Front Street across the street from Dorchester Shipyard; these two trees are quite a bit into the right-of-way and the resident is afraid that the limbs will break off and land on her porch. Mr. Sarclette confirmed that the quote was \$1,600 for one tree. Mr. Oliver stated that the quote of \$1,600 is for a day whether one tree or ten trees are removed. The clerk stated that Mr. Hamann gave permission to have two trees removed. The consensus was to proceed with the removal of the trees on Front Street and Church Street in the Township right-of-way. Mr. Sarclette asked if the amount for tree removal was in the budget. Mr. Foster confirmed that the money is available.

Mr. Sarclette asked Mr. Foster if \$10,000 was being budgeted for crush rock for use as needed. Mr. Foster stated that this was budgeted in the capital line item such as streets and roads. Mr. Foster stated that it does not matter if this money is used this year or next as it will just roll into next year. Mr. Sarclette was not certain if this product should be stocked piled somewhere. Mr. Sarclette stated that the bike/walking path at Thompsons Beach is not an easy bike ride so his idea is to make it smoother for bike riding. Currently ALS is contemplating another project for the marsh elevation.

8. Support for Ewaste bills A4763 and S2973.

The clerk provided a brief description regarding the recycling of electronic because recycling facilities for electronics are becoming sparse because of cost effectiveness. The purpose of the bills is to put responsibility of recycling back on the manufacturers. Electronics covered under this bill are televisions, computers, etc. Mr. Sarclette asked if the request came from CCIA. The

clerk confirmed one request was from ANJR and the other was from CCIA through Louann, Recycling Coordinator. It was agreed to proceed with sending the letters of support.

9. Request from Kevin Maloney to change the Assessor hours from Thursday to Tuesday

It was clarified that currently the Tax Collector and Tax Assessor have hours on Thursday evenings. As there were no issues with this request, the consensus was to honor the request to change the Tax Assessor hours to Tuesday evenings.

Misc. Report of Operations

Mr. Sarclette asked if the clerk had the “application package” for the dredging project on file in her office; referencing the correspondence received from American Littoral Society dated November 25, 2015. The clerk stated that she had not received a copy of this application package. Mr. Sarclette asked the clerk to forward a letter in response to American Littoral Society’s letter stated that copies had not been sent to the clerk and that a request is made to have the entire length of the ditches dredged; also include his contact information.

Mrs. Gross asked about the sign on Route 47. Mr. DiDomenico forwarded a letter to the CDC; however the county solicitor has stated that CDC cannot manage the sign as it must follow the same statute as other governmental agencies. Mr. DiDomenico further explained that Bridgeton owns a billboard but they contracted out to bid the board but no stipulations regarding content were included. Mr. Sarclette stated that basically the sign advertising should be bid out and include what the intent of the sign is and if the proposals are not acceptable the bids can be rejected. Mr. DiDomenico stated that the bid specs can have restrictions on advertising such as no advertising of tobacco, alcohol, etc. However if the township has permitted unrestricted advertising in the past then there would be a problem. Advertising also depends on the type of forum and roadways are a public forum. A limit can be made on the size and appearance; also on the type of advertising ie: business only, no sexual content, no tobacco and no alcohol. Mr. Sarclette stated that bid specs can be drafted to meet the directives of the business advertising.

Mr. DiDomenico stated that the sign can be leased to a non-profit organization but must be done by ordinance. The ordinance must be specific stating what public service purpose is being served by leasing the sign to a non-profit, must name the number of persons benefiting from the public purpose, term of the lease, office or employee of the non-profit for enforcement of the conditions of the lease, content, etc. The non-profit must annually submit a report to the township stating the use of the lease, prior year activity, how they furthered the public purpose of the lease, approximate value of the cost of activities and file annually their tax exempt status.

Mr. DiDomenico questioned who would collect the money for the business advertising. Mrs. Gross explained that the EDC paid for the main sign and then the 16 panels of the sign were available to local businesses for advertising. The businesses would go to the sign maker and have their sign made. The cost for the business sign was approximately \$75 to \$120; the township was not involved with this transaction. The contract with CDC would involve two contracts; one from Maurice River to the CDC and one from CDC to each business. There would be a nominal fee of \$25.00 every two years for maintenance. Mrs. Gross explained that after she found out that the CDC was not an option she called Kevin at the Cumberland County Purchasing office and explained the situation; she is still waiting for a reply from him. Mr. DiDomenico stated that Kevin at the Cumberland County Purchasing recently bid out for sign space and would have bid specs that we could use. Mr. DiDomenico stated that if leased to a non-profit such as East Point Lighthouse Historical Society they could have businesses advertise. It was discussed whether they could collect a maintenance fee; Mr. DiDomenico stated that yes they could. Mrs. Gross stated that Nancy Patterson-Tidy did indicate she is willing to help if needed.

Mrs. Gross questioned if bid out that on the advice of Kevin, Cumberland County Purchasing, that the businesses must be permitted to obtain their signs wherever they want to have their panels done unless Barry Fisher bids for all the work; would this be two stages of bidding. Mr. DiDomenico stated that yes there would have to be separate bidding for the sign maker. Mr. Sarclette suggested that at a minimum the township could get the placards and indicate that they must be used for making the sign. Mrs. Gross asked if this would have to be the same if done under a non-profit. Mr. DiDomenico stated that under the non-profit it would work, so long as the township is not receiving money directly from the non-profit as the township is not looking to make money.

Mr. DiDomenico provided that based on NJDOT guidelines the advertisement cannot propose a commercial transaction that is false, misleading or deceptive. Information contained cannot promote an unlawful or illegal goods service or activity, the advertisement cannot indicate an endorsement by NJDOT, no obscene material, no graphic violence, no weapons that are aimed or pointed at the viewer, cannot be controversial, cannot promote vandalism, no tobacco or anything not in the best interest of New Jersey Transit.

Township Committee Concerns

Mrs. Gross explained that there is a Freeholder meeting tomorrow night which she will be attending for Maurice River and Commercial Township regarding the Open Space Funding. Maurice River Township has received nothing under this program as well as other municipalities. The committee is going to propose to the Freeholders that a 1 cent tax increase and that money is only to be used for recreation and historic preservation only. This would be a question on the ballot for 2016. Mr. Sarclette stated that the problem with this is steering it toward recreation and historic but this does not mean it will go to Maurice River or Commercial Township. Mrs. Gross stated that at least this would provide a chance for the township. Mrs. Gross stated that since 1995 Maurice River Township has contributed \$436,000 toward the Open Space Funding but has received nothing. Mr. Oliver suggested that we get our fair share out of this program but the other thing that concerns him is that over the years the township has held the line regarding tax increases, the school has held the line; all of the increases come from the county toward the taxes. Mrs. Gross stated that this question would be placed on the ballot for the November 2016 election. Mr. Oliver asked that specifics for the allocation per township would be on that. Mr. Sarclette explained that the Open Space Funding relates to farmers in the respect of preserving a working farm with no potential of selling for development purposes. Mr. Oliver further stated that if this is proposed that it should be stated of what Maurice River Township will definitely receive back. Mr. Sarclette also recommended that this could be done on a local level versus giving the 1 cent to the county; this would ensure the township use of the money instead of the county determining who gets money from the Open Space Fund. Mr. Foster provided that 1 cent would raise approximately \$30,000 for the township to use on recreation and historic.

Mrs. Gross added that Hooked on Fishing said that they have ALS wants to do an Outreach program so they are seeking to invest in the Fishtails program. The 4-H has a marine science major that wants to utilize the property, Tony Riviera from CCIA has Boy scouts waterway cleanup program to use the building, Purple Martin wants to do a banding program and Rutgers wants to plant a butterfly garden and Maurice River Historical Society would like to use the building for meetings.

Mrs. Gross stated that South Jersey Gas at the business meeting was asked by Ben if they had a 5 year plan. Abbey Greenberg, SJ Gas, provided contact information for residents inquiring about obtaining gas service, please forward to Ben. Mr. Sarclette stated that they were supposed to survey Heislerville and Milmay; they did survey Milmay but Heislerville was not done. Mrs. Gross also stated that paving projects should be reported to them so they can get in while the

street is open. Mr. Sarclette stated that an ordinance modification may be needed to keep control over the openings for new roads since the roadway project is starting. This would prevent them tearing up the new roads.

Agenda Review

The Clerk next reviewed the agenda for the Thursday, December 17, 2015 meeting.

Review of Bills

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to the review of bills for approval at the December 17, 2015 meeting.

Mrs. Gross made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Oliver.

Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk