

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
BILL & AGENDA REVIEW MEETING
Monday, July 16, 2012– 7:30 P.M.**

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

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Ireland

Roll Call

- A. Public Hearing – 2012 Budget Amendment
- B. Presentations
 - 1. Gordon Gross, OEM Coordinator
- C. CMFO Report
- D. Discussion Items
 - 1. Public Sale of Township Owned Equipment
 - 2. Small Cities Grant – Bayshore Housing Shared Grant with Commercial
 - 3. ANJEC Dues
 - 4. Fuel Tank Relocation
 - 5. Partnership for the Delaware Estuary – Take Action Statement
 - 6. Consolidated Health Depts. – Downe Township/CDC Initiative
 - 7. Deer Carcass Removal – Shared Service Contract Extension
 - 8. Cell Phones
- E. Misc. Report of Operations
 - 1. Website – Fire District Data
 - 2. OEM Computer/Website
 - 3. Resident Complaint – Speeding on Port Elizabeth Cumberland Rd.
 - 4. Township Committee Concerns

F. Review of Agenda for July 19, 2012

G. Public Comment

Motion to open public comment.

Motion to close public comment.

H. Review of Bills

I. Adjournment

**Monday, July 16, 2012, 7:30 P.M.
Bill Review & Agenda Meeting**

PRESENT: Kathy Ireland, Mayor
Andrew Sarclette, Deputy Mayor
Kevin Langley, Committeeman
Frank DiDomenico, Solicitor
Allen Foster, Chief Financial Officer
Linda L. Costello, Acting Municipal Clerk

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ROLL CALL: Mrs. Ireland, present
Mr. Sarclette, present
Mr. Langley, present

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

PUBLIC HEARING – 2012 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mayor Ireland advised Resolution #97-2012, 2012 Budget Amendment, was advertised in the July 12, 2012 issue of The News and copies are available if requested. The tax increase will be 5.5¢ which was reduced from 12¢, based on receipt of \$265,000.00 in transition aid and utilizing surplus funds.

Mr. Sarclette made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2012 Budget Amendment, seconded by Mr. Langley.

Roll Call: Ayes –Sarclette, Langley, Ireland Nays – None Abstentions - None

Mrs. Patricia Gross of Leesburg asked if the tax increase includes the school budget. The response was no it does not.

There being no further public input, Mr. Sarclette made a motion to close the public hearing on the 2012 Municipal Budget Amendment, seconded by Mr. Langley.

Roll Call: Ayes –Sarclette, Langley, Ireland Nays – None Abstentions - None

Mr. Sarclette made a motion to adopt the 2012 Municipal Budget as amended per Resolution #97-2012, seconded by Mrs. Ireland.

Roll Call: Ayes –Sarclette, Ireland Nays – Langley Abstentions - None

PRESENTATIONS:

Office of Emergency Management Report

Mr. Gordon Gross, OEM Coordinator, provided a report on recent activities in the areas of Maurice River Emergency Management and Zoning. A copy of his report is included at the end of the minutes.

Mr. Sarclette advised there is a public concern regarding vacant houses in the Port Elizabeth area with respect to yard maintenance and potential mosquito infestation in a swimming pool. Mr. Gross advised he is aware of the properties and has made contact with the appropriate responsible parties.

Mr. Sarclette thanked Mr. Gross, the OEM personnel, and Road Department for the countless hours spent during the recent storms.

Mrs. Costello asked Mr. Gross the results of the recent meeting held regarding the planned road closure of Port Elizabeth Cumberland Road. Mr. Gross advised not much was accomplished and another meeting will be scheduled.

REPORTS:

Certified Municipal Finance Officer Report

Allen Foster provided a copy of the budget status and cash receipts reports. There were no questions at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Public Sale of Township Owned Equipment – Mr. Sarclette advised he needs to meet with Steve Hagemann to review a couple items on the proposed list.
2. Small Cities Grant/Bayshore Housing Shared Grant with Commercial – Mrs. Ireland advised she met with Mayor Donna Moore of Commercial Township and Triad Engineering regarding the 2013 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant. Triad Engineering provided a quote of \$14,400.00 to complete the grant application (\$7,200.00 per municipality) and advised recaptured funds can be utilized for the cost of the application and the 5% cash match. The administration of the grant would come out of the grant funds. She advised Jud Moore is also interested in submitting a proposal. Commercial Township currently has five housing projects on a waiting list.
3. ANJEC Dues – Mrs. Ireland reported that the annual dues for ANJEC membership is low and recommends payment. Mr. Sarclette made a motion to approve payment of the annual ANJEC membership dues for Maurice River Township, seconded by Mr. Langley.
Roll Call: Ayes –Sarclette, Langley, Ireland Nays – None Abstentions – None
4. Fuel Tank Relocation – More information is needed from the Engineer.
5. Partnership for the Delaware Estuary/Take Action Statement - Mayor Ireland asked if the Township Committee would be interested in adopting a resolution supporting the Take Action Statement. Mayor Ireland will personally endorse the provided statement.

6. Consolidated Municipal Health Departments – Mr. Sarclette advised he would be interested in the information. Mayor Ireland advised Cumberland Development Corp. is gathering information and scheduling a meeting to assist with providing information.
7. Deer Carcass Removal - Mrs. Costello advised the County of Cumberland provided negotiated pricing with the same company and is extending the contract by one-year. Municipalities may extend the shared service contract as well.
8. Cell Phones – Mr. Sarclette advised there are still questions about the services that can be provided with switching cell phone providers.
9. Relocation of Utility Poles – East Point. Frank DiDomenico advised he spoke with Cormac Morrissey and he has no issues with the relocation of the poles on Bay Avenue. Mr. DiDomenico also spoke with Dan Galletta and the Solicitor for Atlantic City Electric and determined that an easement is not necessary. Mr. DiDomenico received a letter from Atlantic City Electric’s attorney which he suggests be signed by the Mayor since there is an August 1st deadline. The letter will satisfy the parties involved and should an easement be necessary it can be accomplished at a later date. Mr. Sarclette made a motion to authorize the Mayor and Solicitor to sign the required documents to facilitate relocation of the utility poles along Bay Ave. Motion seconded by Mr. Langley.
Roll Call: Ayes –Sarclette, Langley, Ireland Nays – None Abstentions - None

REPORT OF OPERATIONS:

1. Website – Fire District Data - Mrs. Costello advised the local fire districts have been advised they must comply with providing the public with budget and meeting information on a website. Mr. Sarclette made a motion to offer the four Maurice River Township Fire Districts a page linked to the municipal website for the purpose of providing the required public information. Motion seconded by Mr. Langley.
Roll Call: Ayes –Sarclette, Langley, Ireland Nays – None Abstentions - None
2. OEM Computer/Website – Mr. Gross has requested the computers at the Office of Emergency Management be updated to clean off stale data and increase the speed. Mr. Sarclette made a motion to authorize Edmunds & Assoc. maintenance representative to update the computers at the OEM, seconded by Mr. Langley.
Roll Call: Ayes –Sarclette, Langley, Ireland Nays – None Abstentions - None
3. Resident Complaint – Speeding on Port Elizabeth Cumberland Road - Mrs. Costello advised a recent was in the office complaining about excessive speeding on Port Elizabeth Cumberland Road between Route 47 and Broadway St. Mrs. Costello suggested contacting the NJSP for enforcement and possibly installing a mobile speed check unit.

It was noted that the residents of Bay Avenue in East Point are requesting Children At Play and speed limit signage. It was suggested Mr. Morrissey advise on this matter.

Mr. Sarclette asked if we have received response on inquiries to the County Public Works regarding prior complaints. Mrs. Costello will follow-up with the Director of County Public Works.

REVIEW OF AGENDA FOR JULY 19, 2012:

The Acting Clerk next reviewed the draft agenda for the upcoming July 19, 2012 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Sarclette made a motion to open the public comment session at 8:18 P.M., seconded by Mr. Langley.

Roll Call: Ayes –Sarclette, Langley, Ireland Nays – None Abstentions - None

Mr. George Kumor of Heislerville, asked if Children At Play signs are illegal. Mr. DiDomenico advised that the State used to control road signage however the Engineer has indicated the State has lightened up. Mr. Sarclette stated that insurance companies interpret that signage gives kids the right to play in the road.

Mr. Kumor advised on the dredging project and noted the east side of the spoils containment area breeched. He fears the spoils will run back into the ditch and causing silting issues. He suggested the engineers look into it to protect the area.

Mr. Sarclette made a motion to close the public comment session at 8:22 P.M., seconded by Mr. Langley.

Roll Call: Ayes –Sarclette, Langley, Ireland Nays – None Abstentions – None

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to the review of bills for approval at the July 19, 2012 meeting.

Mr. Sarclette made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Langley.

Linda L. Costello, Acting Municipal Clerk