

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP  
BILL & AGENDA REVIEW MEETING  
Monday, February 18, 2013– 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 Sarclette**

**Roll Call**

A. Presentations

1. Gordon Gross, OEM Coordinator

B. CMFO Report

C. Discussion Items

1. Public Sale – Equipment/Minimum Bids
2. Security Camera Quotes
3. Status RFP's Professional Services  
Environmental Engineer/Consultant  
Surveyor  
Ambulance Services  
Auditor
4. FEMA Mitigation Grant
5. Matts Landing

D. Misc. Report of Operations

1. Township Committee Concerns

E. Review of Agenda for February 21, 2013

F. Public Comment

G. Executive Session                      Resolution #34-2013                      A Resolution Providing For A  
Closed Session Not Open To The Public In Accordance With The  
Provisions Of The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.  
10:4-12.

The Purpose Of The Closed Session Is For Matters Relating To Collective Bargaining  
Agreement Negotiations. Specifically, The Township Committee Will Be Discussing Points  
Of Negotiation With Cumberland Council #18.

The Meeting Will Return To Open Session At The Conclusion Of The Discussion Action  
**Will/Will Not** Be Taken As Authorized. The Estimated Length Of The Executive Session  
Will Be Thirty-Minutes.

H. Review of Bills

I. Adjournment

**Monday, February 18, 2013, 7:30 P.M.**  
**Bill Review & Agenda Meeting**

PRESENT: Andrew Sarclette, Mayor  
Kathy Ireland, Deputy Mayor  
Patricia Gross, Committeewoman  
Frank DiDomenico, Solicitor  
Allen Foster, CMFO  
Linda L. Costello, Acting Municipal Clerk

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**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Sarclette, present  
Mrs. Ireland, present  
Mrs. Gross, present

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

**Presentations**

Gordon Gross, OEM Coordinator, reported FEMA reimbursement funds are still pending however we have been approved for \$39,000.00. He noted local fire companies will be reimbursed a net amount of \$6,000.00.

Mr. Gross advised the large breach in the Matt's Landing Dike was completed last week and it is anticipated the second breach will be completed by the end of the week. He will be checking with the County to see when repairs to Matt's Landing Road will be started.

Mr. Sarclette advised road repairs are anticipated to be completed by mid-March to early-April depending on the bidding process.

Mr. Gross advised he issued twenty-five property maintenance violations in 2012. He noted some areas really need to be worked on and he intends to start enforcement in targeted areas at the end of March. Mrs. Ireland asked to be copied on notices issued. Mrs. Gross advised she gets complaints regarding Port of Call property.

**Chief Municipal Finance Officer Report**

Allen Foster, CFO, advised reports were provided at the budget work session.

**Discussion Items:**

1. Public Sale – Equipment/Minimum Bids

Mr. Sarclette asked the Clerk to have the status of the Caprice checked prior to the sale.

2. Security Camera Quotes

Mr. Sarclette advised no additional quotes have been received. Mrs. Ireland advised she met with CM3 and they knew what areas to focus on and supplied additional quotations.

3. Status of Pending Professional Service Proposals

Mr. DiDomenico advised he has reviewed the proposals submitted for environmental engineer and surveyor. He will provide a letter to the Clerk reporting his findings.

Mr. DiDomenico advised the ambulance service contracts must be rebid for 2013 due to federal laws prohibiting agencies from agreeing to certain billing practices. He advised the 2012 contracts may be extended with Belleplain and Millville until the rebid process is completed.

Mrs. Costello advised the Auditor proposals are due March 20<sup>th</sup> and interviews will be scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>.

4. FEMA Mitigation Grant

It was noted discussions are being held to include a Marshland Upland Berm Project for submission to FEMA.

5. Matt's Landing

Mrs. Ireland advised she met with Cindy Randazzo and Mr. Wolfe of NJDEP, along with Matt's Landing marina owners. Concerns included the presence of an inspector on site during the dike repair project, the lack of providing information and updates, and the quickly approaching fishing season. NJDEP representatives ensured the timing is full speed ahead.

## **Report of Operations**

### **Township Committee Concerns**

Mrs. Ireland advised she and Mrs. Gross will be switching responsibilities; Mrs. Gross will oversee the Senior Center and Mrs. Ireland will oversee Recreation. Mrs. Gross advised a revised list of committee appointments will be provided.

Mrs. Gross advised residents asked if the intersection of Port Elizabeth Cumberland Road and Broadway/Weatherby could be a four-way stop. Mr. Sarclette advised it is a County road and a letter can be sent asking County Public Works to review and consider the request.

Mrs. Ireland advised she has been in contact with Bob Brewer of Cumberland County Planning & Development regarding recreation trail grant funding. The County was awarded grants and the Township must submit letters of interest for projects to be considered for grant awards in the amount of \$54,000.00. Additionally, in cooperation with NJDEP a mountain bike park is being considered to be established on NJDEP property. Green Acres and open space funding sources may be available.

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to authorize sending letters of interest to Cumberland County Planning & Development for \$54,000.00 in Green Acres grant funds and letters of interest for Green Acres Trail development. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to authorize sending a letter of interest for open space acquisition planning funding for development of rails to trails and acquisition of public access properties. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

Mrs. Ireland advise the County has \$160,000.00 to cover several projects which may require in-kind match.

Mrs. Ireland made a motion for a five-minute recess, seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

### **Review Of Agenda**

The Acting Clerk next reviewed the draft agenda for the upcoming February 21, 2013 meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to open the public comment session at 8:44 PM, seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

Ben Stowman of Heislerville advised George Kumor mentioned Hurricane Sandy did damage at the East Point boat ramp and it is being undermined. Mr. Sarclette advised the boat ramp is owned by NJDEP. Mr. Stowman was also advised the boat ramp at Thompson's Beach is losing it's roughness on the right side where dredged.

Mr. Stowman asked what the issue is with the County starting repairs to Matt's Landing Road since the marina owners are very concerned about losing customers and slip rentals. Mr. Sarclette advised the project is out for bid now and the hope is to award in mid-March with a 21-day turn-around. There is a concern regarding timing to hold the required meetings.

Tom Swayne of Heislerville asked who is responsible for removing fallen trees from wires. He noted there are several along Route 47, specifically near Port of Call. Mr. Sarclette advised a letter can be sent to the local NJDOT garage. He will also ask the NJSP to make contact with the State garage.

Mr. Swayne asked who pays for use of equipment and manpower for motorcycle events requesting OEM assistance. Mr. Sarclette advised the manpower is free (volunteers) and the fuel is paid by the agency requesting the equipment.

Mr. Swayne asked if the Township has checked on the off-site ATV park in Woodbine.

Mr. Sarclette advised that park is not the same as what Maurice River Township is looking to do. He noted there are a lot of regulations and the park in Woodbine is not meeting the intent of existing legislation.

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to close the public comment session at 8:57 P.M., seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

### **Executive Session**

Resolution #34-2013 A Resolution Providing For A Closed Session Not Open To The Public In Accordance With The Provisions Of The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

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Mrs. Ireland made a motion to adopt Resolution #34-2013, seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

Mrs. Gross left the meeting since the executive session was to discuss personnel negotiations.

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to move into executive session at 9:00 PM, seconded by Mr. Sarclette.

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

### **See Executive Session Minutes**

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to reconvene the public portion of the meeting at 9:17 PM, seconded by Mr. Sarclette.

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

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to the review of bills for approval at the February 21, 2013 meeting.

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Sarclette.

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Linda L. Costello, Acting Municipal Clerk