

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP  
BILL & AGENDA REVIEW MEETING  
Monday, April 15, 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. Public Hearing – 2013 Municipal Budget

D. Discussion Items

1. Security Camera Quotes
2. RFP's Professional Services - Ambulance Services
3. Matts Landing/Waterfront Beach Projects
4. Employee ID's
5. Tax Appeal Hearings
6. Recreation & Parks – Facility Use
7. Personnel
8. National Day of Prayer

E. Misc. Report of Operations

F. Township Committee Concerns

G. Review of Agenda for April 18, 2013

H. Public Comment

I. Review of Bills

J. Adjournment

**Monday, April 15, 2013, 7:30 P.M.  
Bill Review & Agenda Meeting**

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

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

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

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

**Presentations**

Gordon Gross, OEM Coordinator, reported FEMA reimbursements have been received totaling \$33,643.86 for Hurricane Sandy. He also advised EMA funding was released to the County and the \$5,000.00 share will be forwarded to the Municipality which offsets salaries for emergency management coordinators.

Mr. Gross advised Maurice River Township OEM is backup for Greenwich for RERP regarding nuclear incidents and two new radios were received with an approximate value of \$2700.00.

Mr. Gross advised Matts Landing Road is reopened but does not think the road is completed, however enough work was done to provide access to the marinas for businesses opening in the spring.

Mr. Gross advised six property maintenance notices have been issued to date.

Roll Call: Ayes – Ireland, Gross      Nays – None

**CFO Report**

Allen Foster advised the budget status reports and monthly receipts report was provided to the Governing Body. He noted that the cost of repairs to the tennis courts will probably need to go out for bid based on the estimates.

## **Public Hearing – 2013 Municipal Budget**

Mrs. Gross made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2013 Municipal Budget, seconded by Mrs. Ireland at 7:43 P.M.

Roll Call: Ayes – Ireland, Gross Nays – None

Raymond Colavita, RMA, congratulated the Township Committee for their persistence in pursuing state aid over the past twenty years, noting there are still funding concerns regarding reductions in Garden State Preservation funding, lack of prison aid, and the berm projects. He noted that 2013 introduced budget includes a 3.5¢ tax increase for local purpose tax.

There being no public present, Mrs. Gross made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:45 P.M., seconded by Mrs. Ireland.

Roll Call: Ayes – Ireland, Gross Nays – None

Mrs. Gross made a motion to adopt the 2013 Municipal Budget as introduced with no amendments, seconded by Mrs. Ireland.

Roll Call: Aye – Ireland Nays – None  
Aye - Gross – Mrs. Gross voted in the affirmative but abstained on any line item relative to salaries of Gordon Gross.

### **Discussion Items**

1. Security Cameras – Mrs. Ireland advised the revised quote from CM3 for installation of security cameras on the municipal hall and in the recreation area exceeds the bid threshold. Drawings are pending for bid spec preparation.
2. Status RFP's Professional Services – Ambulance – Mr. DiDomenico advised he received the packets and will review and provide a report prior to Thursday's meeting.
3. Matt's Landing/Waterfront Beach Projects – Mrs. Ireland advised some debris has been picked up along the waterfront areas and she will be attending a meeting tomorrow regarding the waterway debris and an update on flood level elevations

Mrs. Ireland advised the State wants to restore the entire beach at Thompson's Beach but there is an issue with disturbing mussels on the existing rubble.

Mrs. Gross asked if there is an update on Moore's Beach. Mrs. Ireland advised Moore's Beach is on an emergency list and the plan is to replenish the beach. Mrs. Gross stated they are currently moving rubble to Moore's Beach Road.

\*Note: Mr. Sarclette arrived at the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Mrs. Ireland reviewed the discussions held for the benefit of Mr. Sarclette.

Ambulance Services – Mr. Sarclette advised that there is a concern regarding ambulance service to structure fires. The fire companies are recommending that it be a requirement that at least one ambulance be dispatched to all structure fires. Mr. DiDomenico will send a

letter to Millville Rescue Squad and Belleplaine Ambulance Corp. asking if they will include this service as a courtesy.

Waterfront Projects – Mr. Sarclette reported he has not heard from Bill Dixon or Cormac Morrissey regarding the status of waterfront projects. He noted he does not appreciate the State using Matts Landing Dike as leverage for completion of the Thompson's Beach project and the road should be completed as planned. Mrs. Ireland advised she reviewed the easement list and additional easements are required to do extend the beach project. Mr. Sarclette advised he is willing to proceed with obtaining easements but not to give any authorizations to the State until the proposed extension is reviewed. Mrs. Ireland advised she is in favor of cleaning the rest of the beach except the area where the mussels are. Mr. Sarclette added the former Ballato and Hickman properties should be excluded from the project.

Mrs. Ireland advised there is a problem with debris at Matts Landing that was tied down by marina owners for protection which prohibits the contractors from picking up if items are contained. Mr. Sarclette noted that a resident complained about a tree removed from his waterfront property that was in place for erosion control.

Mr. Sarclette noted he has not received a response to his request for a meeting on the status of waterfront projects. It was noted the road department will close off the Matts Landing Bike Path since the road has been reopened. It was suggested 8' metal gates be installed. Mrs. Sarclette asked if a gate will also be installed at Thompson's Beach.

Mr. Sarclette advised he has not received a response to his inquiries regarding elevation of houses and responsibility of 25% matching funds. The consensus was to submit a letter of intent in support of raising of all homes affected by the storm.

4. Employee ID's – Mrs. Costello advised the project has not been started yet. It was suggested that all staff, inspectors, and Land Use Board members be given the opportunity to have a photo ID for use when conducting township business.
5. Tax Appeal Hearings – Michelle Behm, Tax Assessor, advised appeal hearings are scheduled during Mr. DiDomenico's vacation. Mr. DiDomenico advised he has asked Ed Duffy to cover in his absence.
6. Recreation & Parks – Facility Use – Mrs. Costello advised she received a verbal inquiry regarding use of the baseball fields by a church group. It was noted the existing ordinance for use of public parks requires approval by the Recreation Committee.
7. Personnel – Mrs. Gross advised she has gotten a lot of complaints regarding personnel issues. Mr. DiDomenico advised there is a grievance procedure in place in the contract. The chain of command will be reviewed.

The hire of additional road department staff was discussed. Mr. Sarclette will meet with the Road Department Supervisor to discuss areas of concern.

8. National Day of Prayer - The consensus is to hold National Day of Prayer following the same procedure as past years.

### **Miscellaneous Report of Operations**

Mrs. Gross advised senior dances will not be held due to reduced participation. The senior center is planning to start holding Zumba classes.

Mr. DiDomenico advised he has prepared a general tort claim form.

### **Review of Agenda**

The Clerk next reviewed the agenda for the April 18, 2013 meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to open the floor for a second public comment session at 10:07 P.M. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

There being no public comment Mrs. Ireland made a motion to close the public comment session at 10:07 P.M., seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to the review of bills for approval at the April 18, 2013 meeting.

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

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Linda L. Costello, Acting Municipal Clerk