

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC AGENDA
April 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. Approval of Minutes of prior meetings.

B. Presentations

1. New Jersey State Police

C. First Public Comment Session (Limit 30 Minutes Total)

D. Ordinances

1. Second reading by title of Ordinance #625 AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

E. Consent Agenda Resolutions

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| * 2. Resolution No. | 65-2013 | A Resolution Supporting S-1896/A-1503 Sharing The Burden Of Property Assessment Appeal Refunds. |
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- * 6. Resolution No. 69-2013 A Resolution Approving The Hiring Of Megan Swain As An Interim Part-Time Deputy Municipal Court Administrator On An As Needed Basis.
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- * 8. Resolution No. 71-2013 A Resolution Requesting Up To \$10,000.00 Community Forestry SPB Suppression Grant From The NJ Forest Service With 100% Match By In-Kind Contribution For Suppression Of Southern Pine Beetle.
- * 9. Resolution No. 72-2013 A Resolution Excluding Certain Line Items From Inclusion In The Annual Tax Sale Due To Tax Account Status.

Other Resolutions

F. Township Committee Reports

G. Professional Reports

OLD BUSINESS

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I. Correspondence

Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

J. Correspondence

K. REPORTS

L. PAYMENT OF BILLS

M. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Thursday, April 18, 2013 7:30 P.M.

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

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

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to approve the minutes of prior meetings, seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

First Public Comments Session

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to open the first public comment session at 7:34 P.M., 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 first public comment session, seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

Ordinances

The Acting Clerk gave second reading by title of Ordinance #625 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #625, 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 hearing on Ordinance #625, seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to adopt Ordinance #625, seconded by Mrs. Gross.

Roll Call: Ayes –Ireland, Sarclette Nays – None

Ayes – Mrs. Gross voted affirmatively on Ordinance #625, and abstained from an items referencing salary of Gordon Gross.

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Mrs. Ireland made a motion to adopt Resolutions #64-2013 through #72-2013 as contained in the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gross.

Roll Call: Ayes –Ireland, Gross, Sarclette

Nays – None

Township Committee Reports

Deputy Mayor Ireland reported she attended the GCAAD program which included reviewing of guidelines for the new Municipal Alliance grant for 2013. She met with NJDEP and Coastal Wildlife representatives today (April 18, 2013) regarding removal of rubble from Moore's Beach for shore bird populations.

Committeewoman Gross advised an Economic Development Committee meeting will be held in May on the same night as a Cumberland Development Corp. meeting in Maurice River Township. Following the CDC meeting she will hold a short meeting to establish a steering committee. She advised she would like to explore a business retention plan, conduct a survey of local business and determine short and long term goals for economic development. She advised she attended a dinner meeting hosted by CDC and thanked Tony Stanzone for his assistance.

Mayor Sarclette advised the 2013 Municipal Budget was adopted. The budget includes a 3.7¢ increase in local purpose tax which equates to \$62.50 for a home assessed at \$100,000.00. Mayor Sarclette commended Allen Foster and the Township Committee members for appealing to the State for aid and receiving funding relief through CMPTR. He noted tax bills should go out on time this year. He is pleased with the plans for the future.

Professional Reports

Engineer

Cormac Morrissey provided a report on the following projects. See end of minutes for a synopsis of his report.

1. Thompsons Beach Restoration – Have not finished road; more material needed. More material is on the beach but the Township wants to limit some areas. NJDEP interested in raising the road 6" if more rubble can be obtained. A meeting date is to be determined to discuss options.
2. Carlisle Place Road, Phase IV – Construction is completed. Project will be closed out in May.
3. Matts Landing Bike Path Grant Application
4. Matts Landing Dike – Completed.
5. Public Works Storage Shed – Reviewing design and pricing. Has met with the Mayor and reviewed alternative designs; concrete structure estimate \$65,000.00, wood structure approximately 35% less, and concrete pad with pole structure under consideration.

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to authorize the Engineer and Solicitor to proceed with preparation of bid specs for a salt shed structure once type is determined. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

6. Green Acres Trails Program
7. NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant
8. Fuel Tanks – Estimates have been sought for a split tank with pumps.
9. MRT Roadway Inventory – Inventory completed. Propose to bid projects by linear feet and attempt to piggy-back projects with County road improvement projects.
It was noted Matt's Landing Road is open but only temporarily. The plan is to allow the road to set-up and the surface will be repaved at a later date.
10. MRT 9-1-1 Fire District Map – Completed. Copies were provided to be distributed to Fire Districts.
11. Schooner Landing Road Dead End – A little progress has been made through conversations with a field supervisor and directed to contact NJDOT engineer.
12. Playground Shade Structure – Drawing is completed.
13. Waterfront Access Plan – Ongoing.
14. MRT Flood Control – Anticipate 2 ½ year study.

Mr. Morrissey advised Atlantic City Electric does not use solar street lights. He advised some communities have joined together to facilitate a shared service. Mrs. Ireland suggested providing this information to CDC.

Solicitor

1. RFP's for Ambulance Service – Mr. DiDomenico advised the proposals received are basically the same as provided earlier in the year. He noted Belleplain Ambulance Corp's cost is the same and documents were supplied. Millville Rescue Squad's proposal is the same however a contract was not provided. Mr. Sarclette commented that he would like all previously discussed issues finalized before awarding contracts.
2. Tax Appeals – Mr. DiDomenico advised Edward F. Duffy is available and will appear at Tax Court for a cost of \$110.00 per hour.
3. Tort Claim Form – Mr. DiDomenico advised a Tort Claim Form has been prepared for use by Maurice River Township.
4. Easements – Mr. DiDomenico advised he received one phone call regarding an easement for block 328, lots 11 & 12, however the owner agreed to sign and return.

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Correspondence

1. Public Information Package from Cumberland County Mosquito Control Division rec'd 03/25/13.
2. Letter from CC Mosquito Commission requesting permission to conduct spray activities in Maurice River Township during the 2013 spray season. Mrs. Ireland made a motion to approving the Cumberland County Mosquito Commission to conduct spray activities in Maurice River Township, seconded by Mrs. Gross.
Roll Call: Ayes –Ireland, Gross, Sarclette Nays – None
3. Memo from Lillian Johnson, LUB Secretary dated 04/04/13 re: Recommendation to grant 90-day extension of resource extraction license to US Silica Company. Currently license to expire May 30, 3013. Mrs. Ireland made a motion to approve a 90-day extension for resource extraction license to US Silica Company, seconded by Mrs. Gross.
Roll Call: Ayes –Ireland, Gross, Sarclette Nays – None
4. Renewal application rec'd 03/25/13 from English Sewage Disposal Inc. for Septic Tank Cleaner License. Mrs. Ireland made a motion to approve the renewal application for Septic Tank Cleaner License for English Sewage Disposal Inc., seconded by Mrs. Gross.
Roll Call: Ayes –Ireland, Gross, Sarclette Nays – None
5. Renewal application rec'd 04/12/13 from Elliott's Septic Service Inc. for Septic Tank Cleaner License. Mrs. Ireland made a motion to approve the renewal application for Septic Tank Cleaner License for Elliott's Septic Service Inc., seconded by Mrs. Gross.
Roll Call: Ayes –Ireland, Gross, Sarclette Nays – None
6. Receipt of Classification Exception Area/Well Restriction Area NJDEP Permit Fact Sheet from Pennoni Associates Inc. on behalf of Morie Company, Block 215, Lot 4 and Block 124, Lot 15 in Port Elizabeth.

7. Notice of Public Hearing re. Docket #GO13030202 Petition of So. Jersey Gas Co. to construct 24" Pipeline. PH will be held May 1, 2013, 7:00 PM, Upper Twsp. Municipal Hall.
8. Letter from Dixon Associates rec'd 04/17/13 re: Carlisle Place Road Phase IV recommendation to pay installment #4 to Jerry & Son Excavating for work completed through 04/16/13.

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence

1. Letter of request from David R. Irrgang Jr. to purchase Township owned property known as Block 99, Lot 19.05 in Milmay. The consensus is to do further investigation of the property before authorizing a sale.
2. Street Opening Permit requested rec'd from So. Jersey Gas vicinity of 31 Olive St., 272' W c/l High St. - Block 281, Lot 15. Mrs. Ireland made a motion to approve Street Opening Permit #2013-001, seconded by Mrs. Gross.
Roll Call: Ayes –Ireland, Gross, Sarclette Nays – None
3. Letter from Rev. Jocephus Guinn Jr., Bethany Baptist Church dated 04/04/13 requesting waiving of fees for annual electrical inspection for swimming pool. Estimated fee is \$100.00. Mrs. Ireland made a motion to approve waiving of electrical inspection fees for Bethany Baptist Church's annual swimming pool inspection. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gross.
Roll Call: Ayes –Ireland, Gross, Sarclette Nays – None
4. Copy of Cumberland County Transportation Plan adopted 03/06/13 by the Cumberland County Planning Board.
5. Letter from Port Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene dated 04/12/13 requesting use and set up of one Township owned tent for the period of 08/18 thru 08/24/13. Mrs. Ireland made a motion to approve use and set-up of a Township owned tent by Port Elizabeth Church of the Nazarene for the period of August 18, 2013 through August 24, 2013. Motion seconded by Mrs. Gross.
Roll Call: Ayes –Ireland, Gross, Sarclette Nays – None

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report of Cash Receipts – March 2013	\$225,608.48
Road Dept. Report – March 2013	
Ron's Animal Shelter Monthly Report – March 2013	
Cumberland County Summation of Activities – February 2013	
CCHD Exempt Compost Facility Inspection Quarterly Report	
Maurice River Twsp. OEM Quarterly Report	

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to accept the above reports, seconded by Mrs. Gross.

Roll Call: Ayes –Ireland, Sarclette Nays – None

Ayes – Mrs. Gross voted affirmatively on all reports except the OEM Quarterly Report on which she abstained.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

AFA Protective Systems, Inc.	67.95
Atlantic City Electric	4,273.82
Atlantic City Electric	1,847.73
Buonadonna & Benson, PC	968.00
Buonadonna & Benson, PC	1,089.00
Buonadonna & Benson, PC	209.00
Buonadonna & Benson, PC	22.00
Buonadonna & Benson, PC	154.00
Barbara D. Sutton	437.41
Belleplain Emergency Corps	5,625.00
Cumberland Vol Fire Company	722.50
Cumberland Valve, Inc.	23.33
Comcast Cable	235.94
Comcast Cable	120.55
Comcast Cable	466.75
CM3 Building Solutions	606.00
CASA Payroll Services	125.25
CASA Payroll Services	105.25
Cumberland County Assessor's	250.00
Cumberland County Treasurer's	814,313.01
Corrado Ruscica	225.00
C and S Signs	315.00
C and S Signs	100.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	210.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	461.25
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	532.50
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	1,350.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	500.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	235.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	517.50
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	3,925.08
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	202.50
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	67.50
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	352.50
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	405.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	652.50
Daley's Pit	1,890.00
J.C. Ehrlich Co., Inc.	615.60
J.C. Ehrlich Co., Inc.	478.80
Edward F. Duffy, Esquire	992.22
East Coast Flag & Banner Co.	514.80
Frank DiDomenico	220.00
Frank DiDomenico	728.21
Frank DiDomenico	991.25
FNA Jersey Lien Services, LLC	3,944.23
Gentilini Family Ford	1,444.85
Gann Law Books	105.00
Hess Corporation	1,591.63

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Hess Corporation	643.43
Health Mats Co.	77.05
Heislerville Volunteer Fire Co.	3,266.25
Jackie L. James	115.00
Jack's Auto Service, LLC	30.36
Jerry & Sons Excavating	20,817.85
Kathryn L. Karrer	74.02
Kathryn L. Karrer	245.00
Kmart	89.87
Keen Compressed Gas Co.	35.14
Leesburg Vol. Fire Co.	1,516.00
Linda L. Costello	402.00
Linda L. Costello	550.00
Laurel Lawnmower Service Inc.	359.30
Lawyers Diary and Manual	92.00
Lee Rain, Inc.	99.24
Millville Rescue Squad	5,749.98
Maurice River Township BOE	224,701.00
Maurice River Township BOE	161.48
Maurice River Township BOE	1,098.67
M.R.T. Payroll Account	27,907.62
M.R.T. Payroll Account	27,590.69
Megan Swain	54.33
Major Petroleum Industries	838.28
Mary C. Hagemann	101.96
New Jersey SHBP	13,722.65
New Jersey SHBP	7,683.02
NJ State Dept. of Health & Sr.	525.00
NAPA Auto Parts	13.02
NAPA Auto Parts	25.56
NJ Conference of Mayors	45.00
Old Dominion Brush	54.50
Port Elizabeth Vol. Fire Co.	613.75
Power of Production Studio	100.00
Prudential	76.64
Plymouth Park Tax Serv., LLC	31,630.50
Plymouth Park Tax Serv., LLC	3,600.00
QC Laboratories	92.50
Riggins Inc.	766.98
Riggins Inc.	1,290.36
Riggins Inc.	2,028.50
Riggins Inc.	274.01
Riggins Inc.	1,397.48
Ricoh Americas Corp.	677.00
Ricoh Americas Corp.	33.90
Ricoh Americas Corp.	134.25
Ron's Animal Shelter	300.00
Ronald L. Sutton, Sr.	950.00
Sir Speedy Printing	102.00
Shirley A. Goff	125.00
Seashore Asphalt Corp.	154.00
South Jersey Media Group	172.80
South Jersey Media Group	20.88
South Jersey Media Group	310.32
South Jersey Media Group	34.56
South Jersey Media Group	133.20
South Jersey Media Group	31.68

South Jersey Media Group	223.92
South Jersey Media Group	54.72
Stephen P. Kernan	350.00
Staples Advantage	192.64
Staples Advantage	152.39
Staples Advantage	124.16
Selective Insurance Company	8,432.00
Selective Insurance Company	7,015.00
Swanson Hardware Supply	80.11
Swanson Hardware Supply	34.54
Swanson Hardware Supply	194.12
Swanson Hardware Supply	23.83
South Jersey Pickup Truck	49.00
Treasurer, State of NJ	100.00
Treasurer, State of NJ	624.00
Tri City Paper Co.	219.80
The Home Depot	97.55
Verizon Wireless	337.87
Verizon	32.49
Waste Management of NJ, Inc.	300.00
Waste Management of NJ, Inc.	5.90
Waste Management of NJ, Inc.	13,430.00
Waste Management of NJ, Inc.	8,842.49
Woodard & Curran, Inc.	28,895.76
Woodard & Curran, Inc.	9,858.64
Woodard & Curran, Inc.	14,534.05
William F. Brash, Jr.	2,995.00
William R. Mints Agency	4,822.00
William R. Mints Agency	1,290.00
William R. Mints Agency	1,877.00
William R. Mints Agency	5,486.00
William R. Mints Agency	1,716.00
William R. Mints Agency	1,067.00
Whibco of New Jersey, Inc.	151.20

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to pay all properly signed bills, seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

Second Public Comment Session

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to open the second public comment session at 8:07 P.M., seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

Jim Veasey of Port Elizabeth questioned the status of fuels tanks and asked what the problem is with the existing tanks. Mr. Sarclette advised the tanks are old and undersized and are not completely on Township property. Deliveries are required every week and if there is an emergency deliveries are not guaranteed. Mr. Veasey suggested doing away with the tanks and have vehicles fill up at local gas stations and go somewhere else for diesel. Mr. Sarclette advised that it is not just municipal equipment, fire companies and school buses utilize the fuel tanks.

Mrs. Gross stated that considering previous quotes received for replacement of fuel tanks exceeded \$200,000.00, she did not think the current proposals were bad. She also stated that sometimes during emergencies quantities needed are not available for delivery.

Mr. DiDomenico commented that the Township cannot just choose to purchase fuels from a gas station, it would have to be bid.

Mr. Veasey expressed concern that fuel tanks should have a bulkhead and not just partitioned and thinks the quotes are wrong. He also suggested checking on quantities used. Mr. Sarclette advised this is done and reports are available. Mr. Sarclette stated functionality and serviceability of gas and fuel tanks will be checked out.

Ben Stowman of Heislerville stated he hopes the Township can convince the State to complete Thompson's Beach Road since a lot has been put into the project, also noting the project plan was prepared by NJDEP not the municipality.

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to close the second public comment session at 8:23 P.M., seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 P.M., seconded by Mrs. Gross.

Linda L. Costello, Acting Municipal Clerk

**GRANT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER**

**AND
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BY AND FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

GRANT IDENTIFIER:

GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION #64-2013

The governing body of the Township of Maurice River desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of approximately \$5,000.00 to fund the following project:

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Implementation

Therefore, the governing body resolves that Mayor Andrew Sarclette or the successor to the office of Mayor is authorized (a) to make application for such a grant, (b) if awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the State for a grant in an amount not less than \$1.00 and not more than \$5,000.00, and (c) to execute any amendments thereto any amendments thereto which do not increase the Grantee's obligations.

The Township Committee of Maurice River Township authorizes and hereby agrees to match \$5,000.00 of the Total Project Amount, in compliance with the match requirements of the agreement. The availability of the match for such purposes, whether cash, services, or property, is hereby certified. 100% of the match can be made up of in-kind services (if allowed by grant program requirements and the agreement).

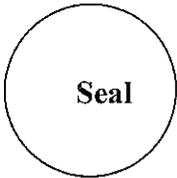
The Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable federal, State, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations in its performance pursuant to the agreement.

Introduced and passed April 18, 2013

Aye's: Ireland, Gross, Sarclette

No's: _____

Absent: _____



* The portion of this form between the asterisks should only be completed if matching funds are required under the terms of the agreement. Where in-kind services are allowed and are stipulated by the Grantee, an attachment must be provided and appended hereto, breaking out the in-kind services to be provided by the Grantee.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 65-2013

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S-1896/A-1503 SHARING THE BURDEN OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEAL REFUNDS

WHEREAS, when County Tax Board appeals are granted the municipality must reimburse the property taxpayer 100% of the appealed tax levy, which includes the municipal, school, county and any special districts tax; and

WHEREAS, the municipal tax collector makes the adjustment from the appeal as a credit on the 4th quarter tax bill resulting in the municipality's fund balance for the preceding year to diminished, if not completely depleted; and

WHEREAS, a League of Municipalities' survey measured the extent to which residents have filed and won tax appeals in 2010; and

WHEREAS, one hundred fifty (150) municipalities, representing both large and small municipalities in all 21 counties, that participated in the survey reported property value declines of more than \$87,900,000, which resulted from 19,788 tax appeals filed in 2010; and

WHEREAS, those responding to the survey indicated that 13,760 appeals were filed in 2009, compared to 19,788 in 2010, representing an increase of 43.7%; and

WHEREAS, a municipality often experiences an increase in tax appeals because it has conducted a revaluation, however, only 5 of the 150 municipalities, which participated in our survey, indicated that their 2010 appeals resulted from revaluations; and

WHEREAS, as a way of comparison, 23 of the participating municipalities conducted revaluations in 2009, when fewer tax appeals were presented to the County Tax Boards; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 spike in appeals should be attributed to the economic down-turn, which lowered property values and placed increased stress on the income of homeowners, all around our Garden State; and

WHEREAS, the survey also indicated that in 2010 the various County Tax Boards have granted average property value reductions of close to \$5,000, per appeal; and

WHEREAS, fifty-six percent of those responding indicated that the successful tax appeals would have an impact on fund balances and place additional pressures on local officials during 2011; and

WHEREAS, the reductions, which were granted by County Tax Boards in 2010, likely had a multiplier in subsequent years when neighbors learned of their neighbor's tax reduction; and

WHEREAS, successful tax appeals have a three-fold negative impact on municipal budgets. First, the municipality, as the collector of taxes for the School district, county and special districts, must fund the full cost of the legal defense of the assessment. Second, since State law guarantees to the county and the school district 100% of their levies, the municipality bears the full cost of any re-imbursements resulting from the appeal (as well as the full burden for any uncollected taxes). Third, the end result will be a further decline in the property tax base used to support Municipalities, County governments and School systems; and

WHEREAS, in light of the revenue limitations that have been placed on all levels of local government by the Legislature (2% cap), such declining values will compound and add additional stress to local public officials, as they grapple with the issues confronting the tax paying public; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bucco, Assemblyman Carroll and Assemblyman Bucco have recently introduced S-1896/A-1503, which requires fire districts, school districts, and county governments to share in burden of property assessment appeal refunds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of Maurice River Township hereby urges the swift passage and signing of S-1896/A-1503; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to New Jersey Governor Christopher Christie, to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, to Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, to State Senator Jeff Van Drew, to Assemblymen Albano and

Andrzejczak in the General Assembly, and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 66-2013

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REISSUE ON A STALE DATED CHECK DRAWN ON THE FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND ACCOUNT CHECK NUMBER 1126 ISSUED MARCH 16, 2012 TO NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, check number 1126, drawn against the Maurice River Township Federal & State Grant Fund Account, was issued to N.J. Economic Development Authority on March 16, 2012 in the amount of \$ 14,771.15; and

WHEREAS, check number 1126 has been returned to the Chief Municipal Finance Officer due to being stale dated; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that these funds are still due the N.J. Economic Development Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP, that our Chief Municipal Finance Officer is authorized to process the necessary transactions required to void check #1126 drawn on the Maurice River Township Federal & State Grant Fund Account, and issue a replacement check to N.J. Economic Development Authority in the amount of \$14,771.15.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 67-2013

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DEADLINE FOR WAIVING CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES FOR DAMAGE CAUSED TO STRUCTURES BY HURRICANE SANDY

WHEREAS, Hurricane Sandy struck the New Jersey coast including Maurice River Township on October 28, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Sandy destroyed or damaged numerous dwellings within Maurice River Township especially, along the Delaware Bay communities; and

WHEREAS, property owners within Maurice River Township will be required to obtain construction permits to rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy or to obtain demolition permits to demolish homes which are beyond repair; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that property owners should not be required to pay the Township's portion of construction permits or demolition permits; and

WHEREAS, certain property owners will be required to reside temporarily in recreational vehicles/trailers on their property sites during reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 159-2012 which waives construction permit fees for damage caused to structures by Hurricane Sandy; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that a deadline should be established for the submission of building permits resulting from damage caused by Hurricane Sandy.

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

- a) The owners of residential units or commercial buildings damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Sandy shall not be required to pay the municipal portion of construction permits or demolition permits until July 31, 2013.
- b) Commencing August 1, 2013 permit fees and demolition fees shall be reinstated.
- c) The provisions of Resolution 159-2012 are incorporated by reference into this resolution.

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 68-2013**

**A RESOLUTION PROVISIONALLY APPOINTING MARY ANN SHEPPARD
AS THE DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR**

WHEREAS the Township Committee of Maurice River Township has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to appoint a Deputy Municipal Court Administrator; and

WHEREAS Mary Ann Sheppard has the qualifications for said position; and

WHEREAS the Township Committee of Maurice River Township has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to provisionally appoint Mary Ann Sheppard as the part-time Deputy Municipal Court Administrator to cover the scheduled court sessions on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS the Township Committee of Maurice River Township has determined that reasonable and appropriate funds are available in the Budget of the Township for said purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) The designated appointing authority of the Township, may employ and hire as a provisional appointment Mary Ann Sheppard as the part-time Deputy Municipal Court Administrator to be effective retroactively to April 1, 2012;
- (2) Said individual shall be compensated at a pro-rated salary of \$1,989.00 for calendar year 2013;
- (3) Said individual is subject to a criminal background check including fingerprinting through the New Jersey State Bureau of Identification;
- (4) Said individuals shall not be governed by the terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township and its Collective Bargaining Representative due to her status as a part-time employee as per Article I (A) of said Agreement;
- (5) This hire is not in conformance with the Township's Residency Ordinance.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 69-2013

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF MEGAN SWAIN
AS AN INTERIM PART-TIME DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR
ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS**

WHEREAS the Township Committee of Maurice River Township has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to approve the hiring of Megan Swain as an interim part-time Deputy Municipal Court Administrator on an as needed basis to assist with functions pertinent to court sessions, and

WHEREAS Megan Swain would also cover the scheduled court sessions on an as-needed basis due to lack of availability by another assigned Deputy Municipal Court Administrator also hired by the Township of Maurice River, and

WHEREAS the Township Committee of Maurice River Township has determined that reasonable and appropriate funds are available in the budget of the Township for said purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP AS FOLLOWS:

(1) The designated appointing authority of the Township, may hire Megan Swain as a part-time Deputy Municipal Court Administrator on an as-needed basis retroactive to April 1, 2013.

(2) Said individual shall be compensated at an hourly rate of \$18.11 as provided in the Salary Ordinance under the title Part-time/Seasonal/Temporary Titles – Deputy Municipal Court Administrator which reflects a salary range for 2013 of \$10.74 to \$18.46 per hour.

(3) Said individual shall not be governed by the terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township and its Collective Bargaining Representative due to her status as a part-time interim employee as per Article I (A) of said Agreement.

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 70-2013**

A RESOLUTION PERMANENTLY APPOINTING WILLIAM ELLER TO THE NON-CLASSIFIED POSITION OF LABORER FOLLOWING WORKING TEST PERIOD.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Maurice River Township previously adopted Resolution No. 131-2012 appointing William Eller to the position of Laborer, a non-classified Civil Service position, and;

WHEREAS, said individual was originally hired as a part-time temporary employee and was approved for full-time service as of January 1, 2013, and

WHEREAS, William Eller has satisfactorily completed the required probationary period and now the Township Committee of Maurice River Township wishes to designate this prior appointment as a permanent appointment pursuant to and in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Personnel and to make said appointment effective April 1, 2013 and;

WHEREAS William Eller desires to be appointed to said position as a permanent appointee; and

WHEREAS the Township Committee of Maurice River Township has determined that reasonable and appropriate funds are available in the Budget of the Township for said purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP as follows:

- (a) William Eller is hereby permanently appointed as Laborer, a non-classified Civil Service position, effective April 1, 2013; and
- (b) Said individual shall be compensated at the rate consistent with the Council #18 Schedule B, Step 3 for the title of Laborer.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 71-2013

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING UP TO \$10,000.00 COMMUNITY FORESTRY SPB SUPPRESSION GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY FOREST SERVICE WITH 100% MATCH BY IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION FOR SUPPRESSION OF SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE

WHEREAS, NJ Forest Service Community Forestry Program has grant funding for Southern Pine Beetle suppression projects; and

WHEREAS, Maurice River Township has been identified to have infestations of the Southern Pine Beetle on publicly owned properties within the boundaries of the township; and

WHEREAS, Maurice River Township would benefit by suppressing areas of Southern Pine Beetle infestation; therefore preventing the spread of SPB into neighboring trees; and

WHEREAS, Maurice River Township will apply for a \$10,000 Community Forestry SPB Suppression Grant with 100% In-Kind contribution; and

WHEREAS, In-Kind Contribution will be assimilated by Public Works personnel "felling" of trees and properly disposing of the infested wood material; monitoring of suppressed areas for further infestation by volunteer and Public works periodic review; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township that the Township requests funding for up to \$10,000.00 from the New Jersey Forest Service with 100% match by In-kind contribution for suppression of Southern Pine Beetle infestation.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 72-2013

A RESOLUTION EXCLUDING CERTAIN LINE ITEMS FROM INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL TAX SALE DUE TO TAX ACCOUNT STATUS.

WHEREAS the annual tax sale for prior year delinquencies will be held on June 11, 2013 and

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 et seq. establishes that delinquent accounts which are under installment agreements or court orders may be excluded from the annual tax sale, and

WHEREAS the following accounts have unpaid 2012 tax balances due to bankruptcy claims or applicable deduction add-backs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP that the following accounts be excluded from the 2013 Tax Sale for 2012 tax delinquency due to statutory protection.

C.	Block	Lot	Owner of Record
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Reason

119	6	Frederick & Mame Schaaf	Bankruptcy
257	1	Christopher & Dawn Lawrence	Bankruptcy
261	40.01	William H. Brown	Bankruptcy
311	68	Jerry Pantelidis	Bankruptcy
316	25	Jerry Pantelidis	Bankruptcy
321	33	Lisa M. Chance	Bankruptcy
116	19	Robert & Dorothy Smith	Senior Addback
217	2	Goldie McGaha	Senior Addback
217	4.01	George D. Armstrong	Senior Addback
224	10	Judy Marie Green	Senior Addback
276	6	Patricia Mason	Senior Addback
289.01	15	Charles & Edith Busler	Senior Addback
312	9	William & Daniel Hayes	Senior Addback



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Township of Maurice River Engineer's Report April 18, 2013				
Item	Project Name	Project Number	Status	Budget
1	Thompson Beach Restoration	MR11008	Beach clean-up substantially complete. Additional fill needed to complete access road. DEP seeking to expand project scope to remove more debris from beach.	
2	Carlisle Place Road – Phase 4	MR11009	Project is complete. Final inspection and close-out pending.	\$170,000 Grant
3	Matts Landing Bike Path Grant Application	MR11037	Township has received a one-year grant extension from the NJDOT.	\$190,000 Grant
4	Matts Landing Dike	MR13001	Work on dike complete up to marinas. Additional extension to be completed with crushed stone from Thompson's Beach project if sufficient material exists.	
5	Public Works Storage Shed	MR11133	DA to work on pricing for final design alternative and site plan location	
6	Green Acres Trails Program	MR11132	Township currently seeking funding for trail construction as part of County Green Acres funding.	

7	NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant	MR12001	NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant awards pending.	
8	Fuel Tanks	MR11010	DA to work on pricing for final design and site plan location.	
9	MRT Roadway Inventory	MR12055	DA preparing report with recommendations on roadway rankings. No commitment from County on shared service arrangement for paving.	
10	MRT 911 Fire District Map	MR12017	Copies of 911 Map provided for distribution to Fire Districts.	
11	Schooner Landing Road Dead End	MR12001	Rt. 55 R.O.W. maps obtained. DA seeking field meeting with NJDOT officials for signage location.	
12	Playground Shade Structure	MR12001	OSK Architects authorized for design of shade structure. Public Works to construct.	\$500.00
13	Waterfront Access Plan	MR12001	Township has identified 20 sites for access to tidal waters. Matrix to be prepared regarding functionality (i.e. – boat ramp, fishing, wildlife viewing, etc.). Plan to be adopted by Land Use Board. Application to Sustainable Jersey to fund plan. Work is being coordinated by Township Planner.	
14	MRT Flood Control	MR12150	Project pending Army Corps review of dredge spoil utilization study.	