

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
BILL & AGENDA REVIEW MEETING
Monday, June 17, 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. Security Camera Quotes
2. Status Ambulance Services Contracts
3. South Jersey Gas Street Opening Costs & Pending Line Extension
4. Matts Landing/Waterfront Beach Projects
5. Public Works Inquiries
Tree on Quaker Street
Abandoned Properties - Mowing
6. Senior Center Complaint
7. Personnel

D. Misc. Report of Operations

E. Township Committee Concerns

F. Review of Agenda for June 20, 2013

G. Public Comment

H. Review of Bills

I. Adjournment

**Monday, June 17, 2013, 7:30 P.M.
Bill Review & Agenda Meeting**

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

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

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

Mrs. Ireland called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Presentations

Gordon Gross, OEM Coordinator, reported the on planning progress of the table top exercise scheduled for August 21, 2013. Mr. Gross noted the drill will be approximately 3 hours long and recorded minutes are required. He requested Lillian Johnson be permitted to work the extra hours to act as secretary for the exercise.

Mr. Gross provided a list of letters that have been sent to problem properties noting three properties are bank owned, one property owner is not accepting certified mailings and one property is vacant. Frank DiDomenico recommended title searches be done on any properties which are deemed unsafe structures and notification to all interested parties of the condition of the property. Mrs. Gross made a motion to authorize title searches be done on two unsafe structures, seconded by Mrs. Ireland.

Roll Call: Ayes – Ireland, Gross Nays – None

Mr. Gross advised the owner of a property on East Point Road (Henderson property) is not accepting mail and numerous violations exist. He advised the house has been vandalized, illegal dumping is taking place and an abandoned boat was set on fire. He requested the property be boarded and secured.

Discussion Items

1. Security Camera Quotes – Frank DiDomenico provided information regarding potential shared service with Sterling High School.
2. Ambulance Service Contracts – Frank DiDomenico advised the bid specs and contracts are in order. He advised both contractors submitted letters agreeing to provide dispatch

to all structure fires within Maurice River Township. Mr. DiDomenico will prepare a resolution awarding ambulance service contracts to Millville Rescue Squad and Belleplain Ambulance Corp.

3. South Jersey Gas Street Opening Costs - Mr. DiDomenico advised South Jersey Gas has been in contact with Mayor Sarclette regarding negotiation of township fees for street openings relative to expansion of services in the Milmay area. South Jersey Gas advised it is cost prohibitive for them to install the line based on estimated street opening fees in excess of \$75,000.00. Mr. Sarclette suggested accepting a reduced rate to facilitate the project. Consensus was to have Mr. DiDomenico contact the representative for South Jersey Gas to negotiate a fee no less than \$35,000.00.
4. Matts Landing/Waterfront Beach Projects – Mrs. Ireland advised the first section of the Thompson’s Beach project is completed. Some rubble was missed in the original analysis and some rebar must be removed. The Environmental Committee will be doing a site visit on Thursday to review the progress. Additional easements have been sent out for signature.

Mrs. Costello advised numerous phone calls have been received regarding access to Moore’s Beach. She advised per NJDEP the area was closed to the public during the shorebird migration period.

5. Public Works Inquiries – Mrs. Costello advised a resident on Port Cumberland Road reported a problem tree on the unimproved portion of Quaker Street in the Township’s right of way which the Road Department can remove if it is determined the tree is the Township’s responsibility.

Mrs. Costello advised there are two properties which have had property maintenance done for multiple months by the Road Department and maintenance liens will be charged to the properties once approved by resolution.

6. Senior Center Complaint – Mr. DiDomenico advised he reviewed the complaint filed by Anna Mae Hoffman. He noted that the Supervisor of Senior Citizen Programs did not follow the procedure to eject a person from the Senior Center. He referenced the existing rules and regulations noting there are progressive discipline steps in place and that Mrs. Hoffman meets the criteria as a participant. Mrs. Gross will discuss the matter with the Supervisor of Senior Citizen Programs.
7. Personnel – Mrs. Costello advised there has been no word from NJDCA regarding reappointed as Acting Municipal Clerk.

Miscellaneous Report of Operations

Mrs. Gross advised some of the Economic Development Committee members would like institute a buy local program and hold a ‘kick-off’ event where businesses could display services they have to offer. The Committee is working on slogans to be incorporated on banners and brochures. She noted this project will also benefit the Sustainable Jersey program.

Frank DiDomenico advised he was contacted by the Solicitor for Cumberland County regarding the concept of piggybacking paving projects. The County would be interested in a written agreement indemnifying the County.

Mrs. Costello advised there have been requests from veterans to sell items along Route 47. Mr. DiDomenico advised a vendor ordinance needs to be generated and the regulations adopted in previous ordinances should be reviewed and updated. He noted that veterans can obtain a license to vend from the County, however the municipality can regulate where and when persons are allowed to do business.

Review of Agenda

The Clerk next reviewed the agenda for the June 20, 2013 meeting.

Public Comment

Mrs. Gross made a motion to open the floor for public comment at 8:27 P.M. Motion seconded by Mrs. Ireland.

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

Jim Veasey of Port Elizabeth questioned if the guys setting up on the side of the road are township residents. It was noted since they have not filed the necessary paperwork we do not know who they are. Mrs. Gross stated she has a problem with people competing with businesses that pay taxes and have overhead. Mr. Veasey suggested asking the new owners of the Citgo Station if they would like to hold a flea market on the property. Mrs. Gross stated she would check with the owner.

Mr. Veasey also asked if Port of Call had been purchased. Mrs. Costello advised we have not been made aware of a change of ownership.

Mr. Veasey asked who maintains the parking lot on Matts Landing Road. Mrs. Ireland replied that NJDEP maintains the property.

Mrs. Gross made a motion to close the public comment session at 8:38 P.M., seconded by Mrs. Ireland.

Roll Call: Ayes – Ireland, Gross Nays – None

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to the review of bills for approval at the June 20, 2013 meeting.

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

Linda L. Costello, Acting Municipal Clerk