

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
BILL & AGENDA REVIEW MEETING
Monday, July 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
Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance
Adoption of Preliminary Work Maps

B. CMFO Report

C. Discussion Items

1. Security Camera Quotes
2. Waterfront/Beach Projects
RREM/Blue Acres
NJ Future Resolution re: Recovery Planning Manager
3. Vendor/Solicitation Ordinance
4. Trash Collection Bid
5. EMEX/Utility Auction
6. Bayshore Housing Update
7. Personnel

D. Misc. Report of Operations

E. Township Committee Concerns

F. Review of Agenda for July 18, 2013

G. Public Comment

H. Review of Bills

I. Adjournment

Monday, July 15, 2013, 7:30 P.M.

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

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

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

Presentations

Gordon Gross, OEM Coordinator, provided a status report on property maintenance complaints.

Mr. Gross advised FEMA has approved another 15% on top of grant funding previously provided for Hurricane Sandy equating to 90% share. Maurice River Township will realize another \$5,046.60. Mr. Gross advised the table top training exercise scheduled for August 21st will be held between 6:30 – 10:00 p.m. The exercise will incorporate criteria supporting community hazard and NJEMA grants. Also the annual K-9 Training for the southern region will be held August 21st at Maurice River Township OEM Building.

Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance – Mr. Gross advised the local floodplain maps have been revised and are now in effect which include the best available data and can be found on-line. He advised the mapping changes can be appealed if supported by scientific data. Mr. Sarclette advised he has had conversations with reps from NJDEP and the County and both entities wish to continue to assist the waterfront property owners. Mr. Gross advised the State also instituted an additional one-foot free board above the FEMA regs which may require some properties to elevate to 10 feet. He advised properties that built in the past five years were compliant and will get a five-year grace period for flood insurance calculations. Mr. Sarclette advised he has meetings scheduled with the County and other Cumberland County Mayors will be going to Trenton.

Mrs. Ireland asked if affected properties will be eligible to apply for FEMA funding to elevate their home. She asked if the residents have been advised of the elevation changes. Mrs. Gross asked if the marinas will have to elevate also. Mr. Gross advised if they rebuild they will be required to elevate. Mrs. Ireland asked if flood insurance premiums have been increased for property owners. Mr. Gross advised it is between the property owner and their

insurance company. Mrs. Ireland asked if the elevation of the dike will be affected. Mr. Gross replied it is currently at 8.0' but should be 9.1' plus 1.0' for State regs.

Mr. Sarclette asked about Hurricane Sandy rebuilds. Mr. Gross stated any property with 51% or more damage may be eligible for FEMA funding. He has not gotten a firm answer whether properties with less than 51% damage are eligible for funding. Mr. Gross advised all homes that were built to code only had deck damage.

Mr. Gross advised he heard from the property owner of 3 Bay Avenue. He advised the property has been deemed unsafe and the attorney has filed for a title search. Mr. Gross advised other properties that need cleaning up and requested if waiving of permit fees are approved that stipulations include requiring the properties be cleaned up. He noted that he can issued zoning permits once the cleanup is completed and that will provide a 1-year period to start rebuilding.

Mr. DiDomenico will prepare letters stipulating time frame for cleanup to begin due to condemnation of properties advising structures must be demolished or removed based on Mr. Gross' recommendation.

Mr. Gross provided information regarding reasons to hire a local fire official versus utilizing state inspectors. He advised monies collected by the fire official are split 65% to municipality and 35 % goes to the state. If penalties are assessed the local fire company receives the amount of fines for use in fire prevention. Mr. Gross advised the state would not handle non-life inspection, ie. smoke certifications however he can do them. Mrs. Costello will reach out to a former fire official for additional information on procedures.

CMFO Report

Allen Foster advised monthly financial reports will be provided. He also advised Colonial Bank will be reducing current interest rates in half. He will prepare an RFP for banking services which should be done every three to five years.

Mr. Foster advised he has had conversations with the County regarding shared services for energy and will have more answers by Thursday. The EMEX on-line energy auction will take place Thursday.

Discussion Items

1. Security Camera Quotes

Mr. DiDomenico advised when the school contracted CM3 it was just a coincidence that timing was right for a shared service with Sterling High School. Mrs. Costello contacted Sterling High School and was advised they would go out for bid and tack on a fee for providing the service. Mr. DiDomenico advised we should do our own RFP and will check with Mrs. Powell at Maurice River Elementary School for specifications.

2. Waterfront/Beach Projects

RREM/Blue Acres – Mr. Sarclette advised Cindy Randazzo has inquired as to what the Township has in mind for beachfront properties. Mr. Watson with Cumberland

County wants to know our vision on housing and structures. He noted we have a resolution for restoration and improvement with federal assistance through Bob Brewer. Mr. Sarclette advised he has had conversations with our Liaison to the Governor and NJDEP. The purpose of Blue Acres is to get people out of harms way if the resident is interesting in selling. Mrs. Ireland commented that if properties are purchased with Blue Acres funds no one can rebuild on the property. Mrs. Gross stated FEMA wants residents to put money out and get reimbursed.

A resolution will be prepared for Thursday's meeting re: New Jersey Future Resolution re: Recovery Planning Manager.

3. Vendor/Solicitation Ordinance

Mr. DiDomenico advised he will review sample ordinances for next months meeting.

4. Trash Collection Bid

Mrs. Costello advised the curbside collection of household waste expires at the end of the year. Mr. DiDomenico will review the specs used for the current contract. Mrs. Costello advised a representative from Waste Management suggested an option for alternate bid for use of carts by the contractor. Mrs. Costello also advised there may be interest from Commercial Township to go out to bid jointly. The consensus is for Maurice River Township to contract on their own.

Mr. Sarclette noted a problem with Waste Management not emptying a dumpster at Matts Landing.

5. EMEX/Utility Auction

It was noted the on-line utility auction is scheduled to be held Thursday by EMEX. The Township is not obligated to accept the bids.

6. Bayshore Housing Update

Mrs. Costello advised there are currently seventeen applications which have been approved for the program, all of which are from Commercial Township. An emergency well project is in the works.

7. Personnel

Mr. Sarclette acknowledged additional help is needed in the Road Department. Full-time versus part-time was discussed. It was decided to hire one employee for a six-month temporary position.

Mr. DiDomenico advised he reviewed the issues with the time clock. He stated the employee manual states vacation will be used in one-half or one-hour increments. He has prepared a resolution for adoption Thursday, reinforcing that sick time and personal time will be recorded the same as vacation.

Mrs. Gross stated she tried to address the senior center complaint. She feels there are other issues that need to be discussed.

Misc. Report of Operations

Mrs. Costello asked if the Township Committee would want to review man and equipment charges established for municipal maintenance liens since the current rate is \$75.00 per hour. Data will be gathered for review.

Mrs. Costello asked if the Township Committee is interested in establishing a list to start new foreclosure actions. A list will be prepared for review.

Mrs. Costello asked if the Township Committee wishes to consider the public sale of Block 99, Lot 19.05. It is still under consideration.

Mrs. Costello advised the RFP for the material shed was extended to July 25th.

Public Comment

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to open the public comment session at 9:14 PM, seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

Jim Veasey of Port Elizabeth stated he has heard that the seniors miss the music at Leechester Hall. He stated there are not any other activities for seniors that he is aware of.

Kathy Ireland made a motion to close the public comment session at 9:17 PM, seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

Township Committee Concerns

Mr. Sarclette advised the air conditioning is to be fixed tomorrow in the Senior Center and Tax Collector's office.

Mr. Sarclette asked that the desk from the tax collector's office be moved to the Township Committee office.

Mrs. Gross advised she spoke with the School and they will allow use of the sign for the Buy Local campaign. She also has a list of promotional items to be purchased. A directory listing all businesses is being worked on. Mr. DiDomenico advised the township cannot solicit money for business ads in the directory unless the funds go to a non-profit entity. Mrs. Gross reported she is secretary for the Commercial Township Chamber of Commerce however Maurice River Township is not joining at this time but she encourages businesses to join.

Mrs. Ireland advised that per conversations with Laurie Pettigrew of NJDEP the permits for the Bike Path Phase II won't be that bad. Mr. Sarclette stated he does not want to do the bike path on the existing dike. Mrs. Ireland stated she want to check to see if the grant money can be diverted to another project.

Mr. Sarclette advised the pre-construction meeting held by the County for all county road projects for the year includes Glade Road and Matts Landing Road.

Mrs. Gross advised of road signs that are missing.

Mrs. Gross advised a township resident is doing a survey of trees that need to be cut or trimmed. It was noted a forestry plan is being created.

Review of Agenda

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

Review of Bills

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

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

Linda L. Costello, Acting Municipal Clerk