

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
BILL & AGENDA REVIEW MEETING
Monday, May 12, 2014– 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. Gordon Gross, OEM & HO/ZO Report
- B. Allen Foster, CMFO Report
- C. Discussion Items
 - 1. Unsafe Structure – 49 High Street
 - 2. Inquiry – Sale of Township Owned Properties
Block 99, Lot 19.05 – Irrgang
4057 Route 47, Delmont – Highland Park Acquisitions
 - 3. Inquiry – Assignment of TSC 11-00034, 28 Oak Hill Rd.
- D. Misc. Report of Operations
- E. Township Committee Concerns
- F. Review of Agenda for May 15, 2014
- G. Public Comment
- H. Review of Bills
- I. Adjournment

Monday, May 12, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
Bill Review & Agenda Meeting

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

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

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

Gordon Gross, OEM & HO/ZO Report

Mr. Gross advised a demolition hearing is to be scheduled for 49 High Street. Mr. DiDomenico confirmed a title search has been ordered for Block 290, Lot 9 assessed to Katherine Murphy. He anticipates holding the hearing at the June 16, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Gross advised there are on-going violations at 3 Bay Avenue. There is still electric service running to the garage for which he has ordered a cut-off notice. Once the electric is cut-off the Township can proceed with demolition.

Mr. Gross stated the property at 1 Bay Avenue has been taken care of and a temporary fence has been installed.

Mr. Gross advised he has had a conversation with a property owner on East Point Road regarding property maintenance but to date has not started a paper trail.

Mr. Gross advised a representative from The Pinelands did a site visit at Elliott's Septic today. The Elliott's advised they are selling the van and will be reducing to two trucks. Mr. DiDomenico advised if they are in compliance their annual license may be issued noting they must remain in compliance or the license may be revoked.

Mrs. Ireland asked if Mr. Gross had any damage assessment reports available regarding FEMA's request for Hurricane Sandy issues. Mr. Gross provided copies to Mrs. Ireland. Mrs. Ireland stated Steve Hagemann is also working on information from the Road Departments end.

Mrs. Ireland advised there are concerns about parking violations at Glade Road, Thompson's Beach Road and the end of Main Street (Kozak's corner). It is suggested no parking within 50' signage be posted at the intersections.

Allen Foster, CMFO Report

Mr. Foster advised monthly financial reports were provided to the Township Committee. He advised resolutions will be on the agenda for Municipal Alliance grant funds and budget extensions.

A capital improvement ordinance for the purchase of a loader will be prepared for first reading at the May 15th meeting which will allow for the purchase to be completed by June 30th.

Mr. Sarclette is reviewing information regarding purchase of a backhoe.

Discussion Items

1. Unsafe Structure – This was discussed during Mr. Gross' report.
2. Public Bid – Mrs. Costello advised Mr. Irrgang of Milmay has advised he would like to make an offer for the property at Block 99, Lot 19.05 which was previously put up for public sale. Mr. DiDomenico advised the property must be put up for public sale and follow the same process. Consensus is to not put the property up for sale.

Mrs. Costello advised correspondence was received from Highland Park Acquisitions regarding interest in purchasing USPS properties. Consensus is to not put the property up for sale.

3. Mrs. Costello advised a verbal inquiry has been made regarding assignment of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00034, 28 Hall Road. Consensus is if the inquiry is valid the Township would be interested in proceeding with an assignment.

Misc. Report of Operations

Mr. Sarclette advised he authorized the new motor for the HVAC system in the Senior Center which was damaged by a fire. Mrs. Gross asked if this is covered by insurance? Mr. Sarclette responded it may be but is close to the deductible amount.

Road Projects – Mr. Sarclette stated he would like to go out for bid for Estell Manor Road with options which he has discussed with Mr. Morrissey. He noted the County has not provided its project list. Mr. DiDomenico will discuss bid specs with Mr. Morrissey for Estell Manor Road. Mr. Sarclette stated other road projects need to be considered and funding sources determined. Mrs. Gross stated River Road has chunks of pavement coming out. She also stated a resident on Railroad Avenue behind the cemetery asked if that portion of the road will be paved. Mr. Foster advised on various funding options noting Mr. Morrissey will need to provide an estimate based on the paving projects to determine best financial option: use of capital improvement funds vs. issuing debt.

Mr. Sarclette advised NJDOT grant funds were not awarded to Maurice River Township this year.

Township Committee Concerns

Mrs. Ireland advised funding is available through the County for acquisition of property for the Rails To Trails project. Mrs. Ireland advised the biggest part of the trail is the old railroad bed and runs from Matts Landing Road. Mr. DiDomenico stated it is almost impossible to talk with anyone regarding acquisition of the railroad bed. Mrs. Ireland needs to check to see if the acquisition is actual purchase of the property or purchasing an easement.

Mr. Sarclette advised Mr. Morrissey has provided an estimate of \$2,500.00 to do the fieldwork for the flooding issue at the entrance of Maurice River Elementary School. The School has agreed to pay 50% of the bill. Mrs. Ireland made a motion to accept the quote from Dixon Engineering of \$2,500.00 and split the cost 50/50 with Maurice River Township Elementary School. Motion seconded by Mr. Sarclette.

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

Mrs. Gross reported the Senior Spring Fling went very well. Forty-six persons attended plus there were seven members of the band present. She advised she did not have any help and no regulars from the Senior Center attended. The CATS bus was cancelled on Friday. She stated participants asked if another event will be held to which Mrs. Gross responded, next year.

Mrs. Gross suggested having a location for vendors to set up, possibly next to the Citgo Station where the old flea market was held. It was noted this property is owned by the State.

Mr. Sarclette advised he will be on Jim Quinn's TV Show on May 28th for one-hour. The show provides an opportunity to talk about Maurice River Township and residents are permitted to call in.

Mrs. Gross showed a sample package of the various awards and commendations presented to the winners of the Best of the West & South Contest for businesses. She noted three Maurice River Township businesses were recognized.

Review of Agenda

The Acting Clerk next reviewed the draft agenda for the upcoming May 15, 2014 meeting.

Public Comment

Mrs. Ireland made a motion to open the public comment session at 9:07 P.M., seconded by Mrs. Gross.

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

There being no public comment Mrs. Ireland made a motion to close the public comment session, seconded by Mrs. Gross

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

Review of Bills

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to the review of bills for approval at the May 15, 2014 meeting.

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

Linda L. Costello
Acting Municipal Clerk