

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP  
BILL & AGENDA REVIEW MEETING  
Thursday, October 15, 2015 – 6:00 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
  - 1. Best Practices 2015
- C. Public Comment (Maximum 15 minutes)
- D. Discussion Items
  - 1. Beck's Band For Wall of Honor dedication – May 16, 2016
  - 2. Competition Dirt Riders event at Ormond Farms on October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
  - 3. Court Attendee Shirts with MRT logo.
  - 4. Tennis Court Area – Green Acres
  - 5. Signage
- E. Misc. Report of Operations
- F. Township Committee Concerns
- G. Review of Agenda for October 15, 2015 - Regular
- H. Adjournment

**Monday, October 15, 2015, 6:00 P.M.**  
**Bill Review & Agenda Meeting**

PRESENT: Andrew Sarclette, Mayor  
Patricia Gross, Deputy Mayor  
J. Roy Oliver, Committeeman  
Frank DiDomenico, Solicitor  
Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk

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**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Sarclette, present  
Mrs. Gross, present  
Mr. Oliver, present

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

**Office of Emergency Management and Housing/Zoning Reports**

Mr. Gross was not present due to prior obligation to attend OEM meeting.

**Municipal Finance Officer Report**

Mr. Foster is out of town for business and not able to attend.

1. Best Practices 2015

Mr. Sarclette provided a synopsis of the Best Practices 2015 report stating that 88% score was obtained. One thing that was a negative was that the township was not a number nine on the flood rating and to obtain this score would require monetary costs and a CRF. Another line item that will be discussed in the future is taking classes for continued education. The Township is above the score needed to meet the standards of Best Practices.

**Public Comment (Maximum 15 minutes)**

Mrs. Gross made a motion to open the public comment session at 6:13 pm; seconded by Mr. Oliver.

Roll Call: Ayes – Gross, Oliver, Sarclette                      Nays - None

Mr. Stowman attended a resiliency café today at Atlantic Cape College from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and this was a good meeting of the various towns up and down the shoreline of New Jersey. There were 5 individual sessions for the categories. Topics were metrics, state law and policy, etc. Basically this was a scoring system regarding resiliency and post-Sandy.

Mr. Stowman stated regarding CRS that they are done with Getting to Resiliency and maybe able to get assistance to get qualified as an eight or a nine. Mr. Stowman asked if the township committee wanted him to continue working on this project. He stated that every number eliminates points for flood insurance.

Mr. Sarclette questioned whether a full time flood control manager is a requirement. Mr. Stowman will check because he is not sure it is a “requirement”. Further Mr. Stowman stated that Jenna Gatta had previously stated that MRT should be able to reach a seven or eight.

Maurice River Township's current rating is a zero. Mr. Stowman believes that we have gotten as far as we can without getting into the CRS. Mr. Sarcellette stated that if this is a matter of paperwork then to proceed but also check can we get there, initially taking cost into account, with a possibility one time cost to a consultant to maintain the score.

Mr. Stowman advised that he is attending the dredging forum on October 19, 2015. No response from Frank LoBiondo's office has been received. Mr. Sarcellette asked Mr. Stowman to double check a response from Frank LoBiondo's office and to let him know.

Mr. Tom Imbaratto asked if the township was going to proceed with the bamboo ordinance. Mr. Sarcellette stated that the bamboo ordinance was on the agenda for the regular meeting at 7:30 this evening.

Mrs. Gross made a motion to close the public comment at 6:22 pm; seconded by Mr. Oliver.

Roll Call: Ayes – Gross, Oliver, Sarcellette                      Nays - None

**Discussion Items:**

1. Beck's Band For Wall of Honor dedication – May 16, 2016

Mr. Oliver stated the date for the Wall of Honor dedication is May 14, 2016, not May 16, 2016. Mr. Oliver asked the Township Committee to consider paying for Beck's Band a Civil War Reenactment Band at a cost of \$1,300 to \$1,500 to attend the dedication ceremony. Mr. Oliver further stated donations could be requested to help offset this cost and he would donate \$200 from his business.

Mr. Oliver stated that the current tally is over 700 names for the Wall of Honor and Michelle is continuing to assemble the information which will be given to C&S signs to construct.

Mr. Sarcellette asked if approval was needed to book the band. Mr. Oliver affirmed this statement. Mr. Sarcellette asked for a motion to approve.

Mrs. Gross made a motion to approve the booking of Beck's Band for the May 14, 2016 dedication ceremony for the Wall of Honor; seconded by Mr. Sarcellette.

Roll Call:     Ayes – Gross, Oliver, Sarcellette                      Nays - None

2. Competition Dirt Riders event at Ormond Farms on October 17 & 18, 2015.

Mrs. Gross made a motion to approve the Competition Dirt Riders event at Ormond Farms on October 17 and 18, 2015; seconded by Mr. Oliver.

Roll Call:             Ayes – Gross, Oliver, Sarcellette                      Nays - None

3. Court Attendee Shirts with MRT logo.

Mrs. Gross asked that the Court Attendee's be provided with polo shirts to help distinguish them while court is taking place. Mr. Sarcellette agreed that this would be a good idea and asked the clerk to check into purchasing polo shirts for this purpose as well as for other uses.

Mr. Sarcellette added that Mr. Sutton can serve as a court attendant as he has taken the required sexual harassment course.

Mrs. Gross further requested that a proclamation be prepared for presentation to Judge Casarow due to his retirement.

4. Tennis Court Area – Green Acres

Mrs. Gross spoke to the Green Acres representative and was advised that the township has met their obligation regarding the tennis courts. Mrs. Gross would like to investigate another use for

this area. Green Acres requires a letter from the township advising of the investigated uses which must be of a recreational nature. Matt Pisarski from Cumberland County has offered to help to get this project planned and funded. Consensus was to proceed with this project.

#### 5. Signage

Mrs. Gross stated that the sign has been installed on Route 47 and Spring Garden Road; this sign provides 16 spaces for local business advertising. Mrs. Gross advised that the Maurice River Diner has offered to pay for the sign provided they can use the entire bottom portion for their advertising. Mr. Oliver questioned what if someone else wanted to do the same thing. Mr. DiDomenico advised that lawfully this should be bid out to provide fair opportunity for everyone. Mr. DiDomenico asked how the business signs are being sold to the businesses. Mrs. Gross stated that the businesses go to the sign maker to get their sign made. Currently there are only 5 spaces left. Mr. DiDomenico recommended an ordinance or resolution assessing fees for maintenance of the sign because of potential wear and tear or vandalism. Mrs. Gross stated the one-time fee to purchase the space is \$75 to \$100; this includes design and installation. Mr. Sarclette inquired if there was control over what is on the sign; purpose to promote businesses within the township. Mr. DiDomenico advised that the township is under regulations that must be abided by but a non-profit would not be under these regulations. Mrs. Gross stated there are a couple non-profits that could be considered such as Tri-County and the MR Historical Society. Mr. DiDomenico stated that an ordinance must be done stating the purpose and use to promote Maurice River Township businesses. Mr. DiDomenico stated that first amendment rights must be protected since the sign is under the Township's control. Mr. DiDomenico stated the ordinance must be very precise and not left to someone's subjective opinion. Non-profits would be private and allows for more discretion about what is permitted. Mrs. Gross has a goal of having 4-5 signs throughout the township.

Mr. Oliver asked Mr. DiDomenico about setting prices for t-shirts and sweatshirts; can this be a resolution or does it have to be an ordinance. Mr. DiDomenico stated at a minimum it should be a resolution. Mr. Sarclette stated that in addition to indicating that the fee charged was to recoup the cost the t-shirts and sweatshirts should a statement that some shirts may be issued to volunteers be included in the resolution. Mr. DiDomenico agreed that this could be included in the resolution.

Mr. Oliver also stated the pipe for the sluice gate has been received and that Port Norris Excavation will be onsite Monday to install. This should only take a day to a day and a half to complete.

#### **Misc. Report of Operations**

Mr. Sarclette asked if the Gas Boy demonstration had taken place. The clerk confirmed that the demonstration had taken place on October 14, 2015. Mrs. Gross stated that the demonstration went very well and that Mr. Gross would recommend the system. The Township Committee reviewed the quote for the Gas Boy system. The total quote for the Gas Boy system is \$15,263.92 which includes the \$4,500 installation fee. The quote is under the bid threshold but must check with the CMFO prior to proceeding. Mr. DiDomenico stated that a resolution of approval is needed. Mr. Sarclette will speak with Mr. Foster about both the canopy and the fuel system.

Mr. Sarclette stated that an estimate for the canopy was received which includes the concrete pad. The canopy and pad is just under \$20,000. Input from the CMFO, Mr. Foster is needed regarding the balance of the ordinance. Mr. Sarclette asked if the Township Committee would be interested in pursuing contingent on the CMFO recommendations. The consensus was to proceed.

Mr. Sarclette asked if the staff is satisfied with the new janitorial service. The clerk stated that no negative feedback has been received. Mrs. Gross added that the quotes for Leechester and the OEM building came in a little higher than anticipated. This will need to be evaluated for an "as needed" basis for both buildings.

Mrs. Gross announced the CDC and the Economic Development Committee would be hosting a Business Meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center in the MRT Municipal Building.

Mr. Oliver stated that during a recent meeting at Shamong Township that he and Deputy Mayor Gross attended a statement was made that future motorcycle races would not be permitted on NJDEP property. Cindy Randazzo indicated she was not aware of this action by the NJDEP. Mrs. Gross requested that Mayor Sarclette check into this with the township liaison, Cindy Randazzo. The clerk addressed an email from Michelle Behm which addresses the easement and restrictions.

#### **Township Committee Concerns**

Mr. Sarclette asked if there was a need to review the bamboo ordinance. Mr. DiDomenico stated that it can be reviewed but the first reading is this evening and the public hearing will be scheduled. Mr. Sarclette stated that public hearing and adoption can be scheduled for either November or December. Mr. DiDomenico stated that amendments will need to be published. Mr. Sarclette stated that the recommendations were received from Mr. Pantelidis today. Mr. DiDomenico and the Township Committee will review these recommendations for possible amendments needed.

#### **Agenda Review**

The Clerk next reviewed the agenda for the October 15, 2015 meeting – Regular

Mr. Oliver verified with the clerk that all monthly fees and taxes were up to date. Mr. Sarclette stated that the UST remediation must be budgeted for next year. Quote received for the LSRP is \$12,000 which is the minimum cost for this remediation.

Mrs. Gross made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Oliver.

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Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk