

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
BILL & AGENDA REVIEW MEETING
Monday, February 15, 2016 – 6:30 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. Public Comment Session
- D. Discussion Items
 - 1. Township Owned In-Rem Foreclosed Properties
 - 2. Leechester Hall bathroom sinks.
 - 3. Website update.
 - 4. CCPYDC proposal for presentation on 3/14/16 regarding Gun Safety & Violence.
 - 5. Budget Introduction date.
 - 6. SNJ marketing proposal.
 - 7. Belleplain Rescue negotiations status.
 - 8. Reappointment of Allen Foster.
 - 9. 2016 Road Improvement
- E. Misc. Report of Operations
- F. Township Committee Concerns
- G. Review of Agenda for February 18, 2016
- H. Review of Bills
- I. Adjournment

Monday, February 15, 2016 -6:30 P.M.
Bill Review & Agenda Meeting

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

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

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

Office of Emergency Management and Housing/Zoning Reports

1. Property Maintenance

Gordon Gross reported on property maintenance stating that there are still two unsafe structures that were discussed last month.

The first "Pirates Cove" located on Route 47 is moving along.

The second which is located at 31 MacDonald Lane and Mr. DiDomenico will get all the relevant information and will order a title report to make sure there are no lien holders and then notice will be given for a township hearing. Mr. Gordon stated that this property is bank owned. Mr. DiDomenico stated that a search must still be done to make sure there are no other lien holders.

Mr. Gross stated that he sent out another unsafe structure notice to 9 Broad Street in Leesburg; part of the roof blew off. Mr. Gross has contacted the bank twice and spoke to them and they are still sending crews out. Part of this roof is up in the air on a two story building and at this point he is not sure what to do with the rest of the building. He is going to have the fire company come in and take down the plywood that is up on the roof and get it down on the ground. This property is owned by Matthew Hoban, but is in the process of being foreclosed on.

2. Happy Street Status

Mr. Gross stated that it may be advantageous to wait for input from the engineer, Mr. Morrissey to see if they have done anything as far as having a survey completed. Mr. Gross has not received anything to date to indicate that it has been done. A notice was to be sent out after the last meeting granting the 30 days. Mr. Gross went there today and Mr. O'Doherty states he did not receive such a notice. Mr. Gross must verify with the secretary if this notice was sent.

3. Generator Grant

Mr. Gross reported that he attended the coordinators meeting this month and it looks like the generator should be installed by August in the Municipal Building. The previous estimate on the generator was \$86,000, however, since the county went in and did it as a group with all sites included, our township generator came in at a cost of \$42,000 complete. Mr. Gross had

previously supplied Mr. Foster, CMFO the paperwork regarding the match needed for \$86,000 but it appears the real numbers are \$42,000 which will require less “match” money.

4. Cumberland Tower

Mr. Gross reported that there has been no change from last month’s meeting and no clue when it will be ready; 9-1-1 will not supply an answer. The tower has been ready for service since September 9, 2015. A fire in Milmay the other night and the residents pretty much lost their home; communication was very poor if any contact with 9-1-1 center.

Mr. Gross did issue an unsafe structure notice for this house fire and issued a permit to allow for temporary disaster housing for the residents.

Mrs. Gross asked if there is anything the township committee can do to help with the tower situation. Mr. Gross stated that Mayor Sarclette has been working on resolving the situation but no one can get a direct answer out of the 9-1-1 center; possible contact with Freeholder Director Derella may be needed.

5. Flood Plain Ordinance

Mr. Gross stated that this is basic and the state supplied a template to use. He recommended to not use the higher standards; during Sandy the standards that we had before they were raised to these standards we had no structural damage to anything that was built with the flood ordinance. The state did impose a one foot free board on top of FEMA maps. A chance to challenge the FEMA findings and no one in the county did challenge. He recommended to keep to the normal updates only.

Mr. Gross stated that Mr. DiDomenico would need to address regarding the court for appeals; would this be Land Use Board? Mr. DiDomenico stated he believed so. Mr. Gross also stated that “fines” and “imprisonment” also needed to be addressed. Mr. Gross stated that some of the changes included a big change was a substantial improvement clause and if the house is 50% substantially damaged you would have to elevate the house at this point. More restrictive options were 40% which would be harder on the resident; this is only his recommendation from what he has encountered.

6. Flooding: Dike and Matts Landing, Moores Beach Roads

Mr. Gross reported that there has been a lot going on at Matts Landing Road involving the county and NJDEP. They were there the day after the first breach. The Township did go in last week and put concrete along the road. Mr. Gross stated that no matter who this belongs to, it must be maintained after the storms whether county, state or township. Letting the situation go for a week or two after a major event only hurts the road. Mr. Gross recommended getting clarification on “who” is responsible after a storm. Mr. Oliver stated that he believes the road in front of the marinas is township owned but no sure. Mr. Gross further stated that the dikes belong to NJDEP. Mr. Gross stated that it must be worked out who is responsible for which roads. It was discussed whether Matts Landing Road was township or county responsibility. Mr. Oliver questioned the township maintaining a portion of the Matts Landing Road and ownership rights. Mr. DiDomenico stated that maintaining does not affect ownership. Mr. Oliver questioned whether liability. Mr. Stowman stated that he was 99% sure that the section of Matts Landing Road in front of the marinas belonged to the township. Mr. DiDomenico stated that the joint services with county and township was to have the road paved. Mrs. Gross asked if there was 9-1-1 designation for Matts Landing marinas. Mr. Gross stated that 9-1-1 identifies the marinas by name. Mr. Gross advised that he is receiving a lot of calls regarding the increase in flood concerns/problems. Complaints have been received from Matts Landing, Moores

Beach, Schoolhouse Lane, and Delmont; there is not much that can be done but it seems to be an increasing problem. The inland berm may be an option to deter this flooding.

7. EMAA – PO sent to county \$5,000 salary reimbursement

Mr. Gross reported that he signed the purchase order for the salary reimbursement at any time.

8. Register abandoned property ordinance

Mr. Gross stated that property maintenance requires his court attendance all the time and writing letters all the time. Unfortunately, our town is getting to a point where we should do this registration of abandoned properties ordinance. A sample ordinance was supplied to the committee from Commercial Township; collection from this registration is between \$20,000 to \$30,000 a year. Mr. Gross provided a brief description of the registration and fees associated with the abandoned property. He stated initial registration is \$500, first renewal is \$1,500, second renewal is \$3,000 and subsequent renewals are \$5,000 per year. This may give incentive to get rid of the properties. Mr. Gross stated that there is an increase in bank owned properties and no body to bring to court to settle property maintenance issues. Mr. Gross asked that the Township Committee review the ordinance and consider enacting the ordinance. Mrs. Gross asked Mr. Gross if he had any suggestions or changes he recommended. Mr. Gross stated that it appears okay and that a lot of towns are doing this and the only drawback he sees that the properties must be posted with placards and this lets everyone know that the house is vacant or abandoned.

9. Public sale of Fire Truck stored in Delmont building

Mr. Gross recommended to hold a public sale on the 1981 Ford pumper fire truck that is stored in the Delmont building. He stated that this pumper has only been used a couple times in the last 6 to 7 years. This is a good working fire truck but the problem is the younger firemen do not know how to drive a stick shift. The truck is not being used and is requesting that it be placed for public sale. Mrs. Gross asked if the title was on file with the township. Mr. DiDomenico stated that previously there was a problem with a fire truck and not having the title because of a lien and needing a “release” letter from the lien holder. The clerk will check on the title for this truck.

Mr. Oliver asked Mr. Gross if Belleplain the situation presents itself would it be possible for them to use the Delmont building as a substation in return for lowering their quote to us. Mr. Gross stated that he had been talking to Mayor Sarclette about the Delmont building because there are a lot of things housed there and there is no room. Mr. Gross stated that originally the OEM equipment and then the road department stored a leaf blower in there and now two trailers have to be moved to get a light tower out as there is so much stuff jammed in there. Things had to be moved to put a 5 ton in there prior to the storm. Mr. Gross stated that the building is set up for an ambulance during a storm. No problem with Belleplain using the building but it needs to be cleaned up. Mr. Gross stated that every storm there is an ambulance staged at the Leesburg Volunteer Fire and the Delmont building; it has been cut back a little bit and the 5 ton is staged there. Mr. Gross also stated that the OEM building could be used. Mr. Oliver stated that he was looking at the “peak” travel season for this substation use because of accidents on Route 347. Mr. Gross stated that their building may be closer to Route 347.

Mr. Gross stated that the LEPC meeting was held and the forest fire is trying to get together and do a few control burns organized for phragmites. They will be meeting to go over some areas that need a controlled burn. Mr. Gross provided pamphlets on how to control phragmites. Mr. Gross stated the controlled burns would be handled the same way they are handled for the wooded areas. Mrs. Gross asked that Mr. Imbarrato pass this information on to Penny Wells.

Mr. Gross stated that NJSP had a lot to say about the Mauricetown Causeway and the forest fire that took place in Port Norris last year which burned for two days in relation to phragmites.

Municipal Finance Officer Report

Mrs. Gross announced that Mr. Foster is not present. The clerk forwarded the reports supplied by Mr. Foster to the committee and stated that Mr. Foster requested that any questions or concerns for the budget be forwarded to him. The clerk also advised that Mr. Foster would like to schedule the budget introduction for March 14, 2016.

Public Comment Session

Mr. Oliver made a motion to open the public comment session; seconded by Mrs. Gross.

Roll Call: Ayes – Oliver, Gross Nays – None

Mr. Stowman, Delmont, contacted Heather Jensen indicated that regarding East Point Lighthouse that the state had several hurdles to overcome. The historical aspect of the lighthouse was discussed and how it should not be a hurdle but dovetail together. Mr. Stowman discussed the concern that during the recent storm the tides were up to the base of the lighthouse.

Mr. Stowman, Delmont, had contact with Dorrina Frizzera, planner/scientist, and she had a couple of different avenues that she was looking at for grants for the Mouth of Maurice River project. Additionally the Bayshore meeting was to continue working on previous projects. The website is now working –Bayshore. Ms. Frizzera is working on another NOAA grant.

Mr. Stowman stated that regarding the flooding issues in the southern part of the township and that the inland berm would fix the problem, however, the inland berm is third fiddle to the East Point Lighthouse and the Mouth of the Maurice River. The inland berm would solve the Delmont and Heislerville flooding problem all the way up to River Road; the expense would cost over 5 million dollars. This project would need other entities such as the state and Army Corps helping. The inland berm is not the highest on the priority list. Mr. Stowman stated that the moon and winds affect the tides and that the recent flooding was the worse since 2012.

Mr. Stowman announced that he will be attending a meeting at the Mosquito Commission office for ALS group combined with NFWF; a status of Moores Beach, Thompsons Beach and all the different projects up and down the Bayshore. Also the meeting with Van Drew meeting is taking place in March.

Mrs. Gross questioned the NJDOT grant was this for the restoration or the interior. Mr. Stowman stated the historical group obtained a grant for the inside of the building. Mrs. Gross asked was this for \$400,000. Mr. Stowman stated that this is one grant they received; the grant for the beach and all around the property is 1.8 million and the state is lining up with the Army Corps on how to proceed. Mr. Stowman told them if they don't protect the beach they will loss it all which would include archaeological findings/sites.

Mrs. Gross stated that Jerry Velazquez, CCIA told her that there was originally \$400,000 for one of the grants and now that grant is \$800,000. Mr. Stowman stated that grant is for internal restoration of the building. Mrs. Gross stated that both beach and interior will start in March.

Mr. Imbarrato questioned why the township seems to tread water on so many things; why does it take so long. Mr. Oliver replied that it is the layers of bureaucracy, dealing with personnel changes, dealing with different agencies and budgetary restraints. Mr. Stowman added that also the population of Maurice River is so low that we get pushed to the bottom; however now it is time to raise topics louder in a planned fashion.

Mrs. Gross stated that a meeting held a couple weeks ago, which was organized by Mr. Graviano, and several entities were represented was very beneficial. Mr. DiDomenico added that a good example is the Thompson Beach protection which took 18-19 years because it took there were so many entities involved such as Army Corps, NJDEP, Fish & Wildlife and each one has their own agenda. Mr. Oliver stated that on the county and state level and so cases the national level; everybody has their own territory and their own "to do" list. Mr. Imbarrato stated it seems that due to the lack of movement on projects there is a depression on the residents.

Mr. Oliver made a motion to close public comment; seconded by Mrs. Gross.

Roll Call: Ayes –Oliver, Gross Nays – None

Discussion Items:

1. Township Owned In Rem Foreclosed Properties

Mr. Oliver stated that in 2015 the township obtained several properties within the township. These properties have an assessed value for both land and building. Mr. Oliver asked the committee to authorize that these properties be put up for public sale after determining the minimum bid for each property. Consideration of the property whether it is unimproved or undersized for the zoning area then the adjacent property owners would have right of first refusal at the minimum bid for the property. If two adjacent property owners are interested than it would become a bidding contest. Mr. Oliver asked the committee to come with a minimum bid for each of these properties and do the proper advertising and notify the adjacent property owners of the public sale. Mr. DiDomenico stated that a resolution authorizing the sale would be required.

2. Leechester Hall bathroom sinks

Mrs. Gross stated that the sinks in the bathrooms need to be fixed before someone gets hurt. The sinks need some type of built in cabinets. Mr. Oliver asked that the repairs be made prior to the Wall of Honor Dedication. Mrs. Gross questioned whether there has to be so many sinks in the rest room; does it go by the occupancy of the building. It was recommended to contact Mr. Gross with this question. Mr. Gross believes there are too many sinks in the bathrooms. Mrs. Gross will check with the Public Works Supervisor regarding this repair.

3. Website update and SNJ Marketing Proposal

Mrs. Gross announced that SNJ is doing a proposal for branding and marketing the empty existing businesses and restaurants to reach potential investors; continue promoting the lighthouse and continue the Buy Local Program. SNJ recommended updating the website; not a full change just an update.

4. CCPYDC proposal for presentation on 3/14/16 regarding Gun Safety & Violence

Mrs. Gross is okay will this presentation. Mr. Oliver reviewed this evening and questioned whether it would be a presentation to children. Mrs. Gross stated she does not believe so; it is a resolution to promote gun safety. Mr. DiDomenico recommended viewing their website also. Mrs. Gross knows that Mayor Sarclette expressed concern that this was not pertaining to taking away gun rights. It appears it is for gun safety and violence. Mr. Oliver suggested listening to the presentation and then determine whether the Township Committee wants to pass a resolution prior to June.

5. Budget Introduction Date

The Budget Introduction date was set for March 14, 2016.

6. SNJ marketing proposal – discussed above

7. Belleplains Rescue negotiations status

Mrs. Gross stated that Millville proposal for the north was awarded. Belleplains proposal for 2016 was \$75,000. Belleplains explained that the increase was due to the loss of income because of not have the prison transports and also not getting reimbursed by residents or insurance companies. Also Millville proposed \$34,000 for the south; difference of \$41,000. It was discussed regarding concern for response times to the southern portion. Millville stated that their response time to the southern portion of the township would be an additional two minutes over their response time to the northern portion; Millville also stated a response time of 12 minutes to East Point Lighthouse. Mrs. Gross checked the travel time from both ambulance services to East Point Lighthouse; Belleplains was 19 minutes while Millville was 27 minutes at legal speeds. Millville stated that they would “soft post” if convenient but not guaranteed as they do not have crew to just sit around.

Mr. Oliver asked about “soft post” during the summer travel season and use the Delmont building. Mrs. Gross stated that she did not get a sense that this was something they would do. Additionally, Millville will charge a fee of \$75.00 per hour for special events such as Family Night Out. Mr. Oliver stated he does believe \$75.00 is excessive for special events; \$34,000 versus \$75,000 equates to 1 cent on the tax rate.

Mrs. Gross explained that regarding the prison; Lower Township does the transport work and Belleplains only gets 9-1-1 calls; transport work is the work that pays. Currently Medicaid only pays \$58.00 for 9-1-1 calls. Mrs. Gross believes Millville provided the quote of \$34,000 thinking they would get the prison transports.

Mrs. Gross expressed that the fire companies have concerns with dealing with Millville Rescue because they will have to wait longer for the ambulance to arrive. Additionally, concerns are that Millville only sends one unit while Belleplains always send two to a scene. Historically in 2015 Belleplains responded to 294 calls while Millville responded to 184 calls; this is not how many ambulances just the number of calls.

Mr. Oliver asked who provides the ambulance service to Middle Township; consideration for a Shared Service agreement with Belleplains can be considered. This would help offset the cost.

Mayor Sarclette arrived at 7:49 pm.

Mr. Oliver explained that a shared service agreement with Middle Township for services of Belleplains could be potentially create a better cost situation for both municipalities for next year. Mr. Oliver explained that Millville quoted \$34,000 while Belleplains is \$75,000 (cost differential of \$41,000) while on the flip side the response time for Millville to service the southern part of the township is a concern and a majority of the Belleplains responses are due to accidents on Route 347 during the summer season. Mr. Oliver believes we should lock in the \$34,000 with Millville for the remainder of 2016 and in the meantime see what Middle Township is doing with Belleplains and possibly do a shared service agreement to have Belleplains for next year at a more reasonable rate. Mr. Sarclette expressed that problems with Millville is the response time and that the only send one ambulance to a scene. Millville only sends one ambulance and then they do not send two when requested at house fires. Mr. Sarclette would like to see Belleplains’s price come down but, unfortunately, when compared to other communities cost for ambulance, they

are paying over \$100,000 a year. Mr. Sarclette stated he has not come to a definitive conclusion on this subject but safety of residents should be the priority.

Mr. Sarclette added that proposals for buying of equipment such as an ambulance that can be done with capital which can be bonded. Under this proposal the municipalities purchase the ambulance under the capital budget which is bonded out over years; the ambulance company would own the ambulance and would be responsible for insuring the equipment. Mr. DiDomenico stated believes bonding life is 7 to 10 years but a long term service agreement would have to be executed.

Mr. Oliver stated the extension from Belleplain expires at the end of March so a decision needs to be made soon. Mrs. Gross provided the details of the Millville Rescue Squad with Mayor Sarclette. Mrs. Gross further explained that it appears that Belleplain is pretty firm with the \$75,000 proposal but they did express interest in going with a 3 to 5 year contract and raising their prices gradually where they want to be; purchasing of an ambulance this year was also included. It was discussed that the township does not want the responsibility of insuring an ambulance. Mr. Sarclette asked if there had been any clarification regarding the certification that is stated to be required of Belleplain to perform the transports at the prison. Mrs. Gross said Belleplain said this is not true, Mr. King said Belleplain has the only certification that is required of the state. Belleplain Emergency already has state contracts such as the Veterans Home, the Blind organization, etc. Mrs. Gross stated that she is handling the prison situation separately from the township contract.

Mrs. Gross conferred with Allen Foster, CMFO, regarding the \$75,000 proposal and the purchasing of the ambulance and he said that whatever is decided he can make it doable in regards to the budget. Mr. Sarclette knows he can make it work, but how it affects the tax rate is the question.

Deputy Mayor Gross turned the meeting over to Mayor Sarclette.

8. Reappointment of Allen Foster

Mr. Sarclette corresponded with Mr. Foster and he is appreciative of the job and would like to continue in this service if the township so desires and Mr. Foster is requesting no changes in his contract. Mr. Sarclette recommended that Mr. Foster be offered a new contract for the same criteria as the last one. The clerk will prepare a resolution for a three year contract January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019.

9. 2016 Road Improvement

Mr. Sarclette informed the committee that Mr. Morrissey has been working on the list of roads for the next group of roads to be considered for improvement. Mr. Morrissey estimated the cost at \$378,701.40. Mr. Sarclette asked Mr. Foster how adding a new large dump truck at \$160,000 and the road improvements would work into the budget. Mr. Sarclette stated that Mr. Morrissey needs authorization to start the surveys. Mr. Oliver questioned the \$35,000 to repair Railroad Avenue; the street does not seem that it is that bad of shape. Mrs. Gross stated that the section being looked at for repair is off of Carlisle Place Road which is being damaged by a tractor trailer. Mr. Sarclette clarified that the idea with the roads chosen is to do as many roads as possible in the same area. Mr. Sarclette also stated that a roadway inventory was done by Mr. Morrissey which evaluated the condition of the road, how many houses are on the road, etc. Mr. Sarclette stated that he will review Railroad Avenue and will discuss with Mr. Morrissey; it is possible that this road was also chosen based on the "flooding" problem at Railroad and Carlisle Place.

Mr. Sarcellette stated that prior to moving forward, budget impact information must be received from Mr. Foster, CMFO.

Misc. Report of Operations

No reports were provided

Township Committee Concerns

Mr. Sarcellette announced that there is a meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 pm with NJDEP to review the conditions of Matts Landing issue. The Cumberland County engineer will also be attending. Mr. Sarcellette stated that he is not sure where the discussion will be going. Mr. Gross is aware of the meeting. Mr. Sarcellette stated that Mr. Dave Golden of NJDEP will be attending. Mrs. Gross described that in her conversation with Mr. Golden she relayed that there are several residents who have concerns over the situation at Matts Landing. Mr. Sarcellette stated that there are other individuals who weigh in on the situation and not necessarily the township or its residents which may create hostile situations; this must be avoided to be productive in resolving the problem. Mr. Sarcellette added that in speaking with state representatives last week; the history has been to ignore the minor problems until they get to be major problems and then they say it costs too much money; if they would do maintenance the major problems could be avoided.

Mr. Haase III, Heislerville, asked if the state could be held liable for any potential damage. Mr. Sarcellette answered no, act of God. Mr. DiDomenico added that the state is protected under the Tort Claim Act. Mr. Haase added that on the first breach the township dumped two piles of gravel on each end; those two piles of dirt would have filled that breach. Now with this winter storm the road is gone and will cost much more to fix.

Mr. Sarcellette stated that 3 years ago when Laurie Pettigrew first approached Dave Golden about the land swap, he did not want to give up the revenue that it generated and now they do not even send out bills. It was stated that Senator Van Drew can be thanked for setting up the meeting tomorrow. Mr. Sarcellette will follow up after tomorrow's meeting.

Mrs. Gross added that the CDC discussed the tax exempt lands legislation and they are willing to support and Mayor Albert Kelley is President of the NJ Conference of Mayors and he is willing to champion this legislation through the league because it will help a lot of other communities. Mr. Oliver will be sending letters requesting support from the municipalities in Cumberland County who have a substantial acreage tied up in exempt properties.

Mr. Oliver stated that the Wall of Honor contract for the plaques has been awarded to Barry Fisher of C&S signs. There are 981 veteran names who will be listed on the plaques; these veterans served from the Revolutionary War through Afghanistan. Additionally, request for donations letters were sent out to local businesses and our professional staff last week to offset the cost of the Wall of Honor; those who donate \$100 or more will have their names listed in the program. The band which cost \$1,500 and the donations received in the first week has paid for the band. The band cost \$1,500 and the Wall of Honor is \$4,600; the goal is to have both paid for through donations so that it does not cost residents any money.

Mr. DiDomenico provided "draft" copies of the lease agreement between East Point Lighthouse and the Township as well as between East Point and the business. However, an ordinance must be adopted to enter a lease with East Point. Mr. DiDomenico will prepare the ordinance for Thursday meeting.

Mrs. Gross stated that renters of the Leechester Hall should be advised that when the heat is turned on it would be beneficial to turn the fans on.

Mr. Oliver reminded Mr. Sarclette that minimum bids need to be set for the In Rem Foreclosed properties so that a public sale can be organized.

Mr. Sarclette stated that Mr. Foster has advised that the dump trucks are accounted for in the budget and the road program will not present a problem. The ambulance purchase may be the best way to go at this time with bonding. If bonding and do not want a tax increase a couple cuts will be needed which he felt could be done. Mr. Foster also is contacting the state for guidance on the ambulance purchase. Mr. DiDomenico stated the process of "giving" of the ambulance to Belleplain must be investigated. The clerk asked if an ambulance is purchased and given to Belleplain and the squad closes its doors, where does this leave the township. Mr. DiDomenico stated that holding of lien on the ambulance would be the way to go.

Mrs. Gross stated that Millville said their response time to the southern portion would be two minutes added to the response time Port Elizabeth. It was further discussed that response time to East Point Lighthouse from Cedar Street (Millville Rescue) is 27 minutes and Belleplain was 19 minutes. Mr. Sarclette further stated that Millville will not "soft post" within the township. Mrs. Gross added that Millville also will charge \$75 per hour for their attendance at special events.

Mr. Sarclette stated that another issue is that Leesburg Volunteer Fire and Heislerville Volunteer Fire have always worked well and trained with Belleplain. The service must be equal to or better service to substantiate going with Millville.

Public Comment

Mr. Sarclette asked if there was any further public comment. There was no further public comment.

Review of Agenda for February 18, 2016

The Clerk next reviewed the agenda for the Thursday, February 18, 2016 meeting.

Review of Bills

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to the review of bills for approval at the Thursday, February 18, 2016 meeting.

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

Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk