

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
BILL & AGENDA REVIEW MEETING
Monday, September 12, 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. Public Hearing – 3095, 3097 Route 47
 - 2. CM3 quote for Maintenance Services HVAC at Leechester Hall - \$2,316
 - 3. Roger Forss request for assignment of Municipal Lien 14-00045
 - 4. 3599 Route 47 – Gordon Gross request to maintain property
 - 5. 656 Main Street – Gordon Gross request to maintain property
 - 6. 3545 Route 47 – Gordon Gross request to maintain property
 - 7. 5 Station Road – Gordon Gross request to maintain property
 - 8. Library stipend
 - 9. Mr. Gravenstine request to place original MRT Fire Marshall Emblem on 1989 Caprice as part of his restoration process.
 - 10. Request for 4 Way Stop at County Routes 548 and 646 and speed limit signs on 548.
 - 11. Supervisor for Senior Center
 - 12. Municipal Building sign quotes
 - 13. Status of drop box for American Flags
 - 14. Hugh Roarty, Rutgers request for 1-2 days ocean current measuring on MRT property with possibility of a future long-term arrangement.
 - 15. Farmland Preservation, Heislerville
 - 16. Matt Pisarski presentation
 - 17. East Point Lighthouse cottage taxes
- E. Misc. Report of Operations
- F. Township Committee Concerns
- G. Review of Agenda for September 15, 2016
- H. Review of Bills for approval at September 15, 2016
- I. Adjournment

Monday, September 12, 2016, 6:30 P.M.
Bill Review & Agenda Meeting

PRESENT: Andrew Sarclette, Mayor
Patricia Gross, Deputy Mayor
Frank DiDomenico, Solicitor
Allen Foster, Chief Financial Officer
Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk

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

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

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

Mr. Foster asked to present his report prior to the reporting from Mr. Gross. The Township Committee agreed to the request.

Allen Foster, CMFO Report

Mr. Foster supplied an account status report to the Township Committee. Mr. Foster advised the Township Committee that the bid specifications for the large dump truck have been drafted and are ready for advertising upon authorization from the committee. Mr. Sarclette asked if the line items were good through November. Mr. Foster confirmed the budget line items were in good shape, there will be line items expended at 100%. Mr. Sarclette asked if the expenditures discussed last month that are still a concern. Mr. Foster stated that if everything hits at one time there may be concern but he does not believe this will be the case. Mr. Sarclette stated that any projects will not be done until October possibly November anyway. Mrs. Gross stated that she did pose a question to Mr. Foster regarding the recreation account but she does not have any additional questions. Mr. Foster asked about proposed ice cream machine. Mrs. Gross advised the other township committee members that a quote of \$15,000 was received for an ice cream machine but this will not be happening. Mr. Foster advised that this would not fit in the budget.

Gordon Gross, OEM & HO/ZO Report

Property Maintenance

Mr. Gross supplied a property maintenance report to the township committee. Mr. Gross stated that he also met with the conservation officers regarding dumping at the Henderson property on East Point Road and it was posted on crime watch and there are a couple leads on the offenders. Mr. Sarclette asked if the tires in the woods behind the house at this location were reported. Mr. Gross stated the tires were not discussed. Mr. Gross reported that he is also dealing with a lot of tires on another property.

Mr. Gross reported that the McMillan property in Estelle Manor, near the DeCarlo lots, and where there was the forest fire. There is a lot of debris spread over several different properties, approximately 8 properties. Mr. McMillan has since passed away. The county is taking the lead on the cleanup. However the history on this property is that about 3 years ago a citation was issued to Mr. McMillan with a court appearance and he was found guilty. Mr. McMillan did quite a bit of cleanup but the problem was so large it was turned over the CCIA. CCIA then took him to court and some additional cleanup was done but with the retirement of Steve Clark the follow through stopped on this case. Mr. Gross stated that now we are left with a bunch of burnt debris and the county health department is trying to take the lead on getting it cleaned up. Cumberland County Health did ask Mr. Gross if there were any deplorable housing grant monies or some tonnage that the township had available. Mr. Gross stated that he spoke to Louann about the tonnage allowance that the township received annually and there is only about \$1,200 left which is only one dumpster. Mr. Sarclette asked with Cumberland County Health taking the

lead would there be any county liens that would be placed on the property. Mr. Gross stated that CCHD was leaning toward doing the cleanup if the township could supply the dumpsters with the tipping fees. Mr. Gross advised the CCHD was going to contact CCIA to see if they would bring cans to the site without being part of the township funds. Mr. Gross was also going to ask his cycle club to participate in the cleanup as a community service. Mr. Sarcellette asked if the work could be done without a bulldozer or loader. Mr. Gross stated that the fire actually helped with the cleanup. Mr. Gross stated that he wanted to bring this project to the attention of the Township Committee. Mr. Sarcellette stated that possibly since the CCHD is leading the cleanup then CCIA will be inclined to help.

Generator Grant

Mr. Gross advised that the first bid was not done correctly and is being rebid. There is a possibility that it will be awarded next month. It is possible that Maurice River Township will be one of the first completed installations.

Hurricane Hermine

Mr. Gross advised that OEM and the fire companies were all prepared for the hurricane to hit but they were not needed. Mr. Sarcellette thanked them for being prepared.

Public Comment Session

Mrs. Gross made a motion to open the public comment session at 7:02 pm; seconded by Mr. Sarcellette.

Roll Call: Ayes – Gross, Sarcellette Nays – None

Mr. Mark Garvey stated he was available to answer any questions that the Township Committee may have regarding discussion item number 3. Mr. Sarcellette stated that it is on the agenda for discussion tonight and if the Township Committee decided that they wanted to assign this lien it must be done as a public auction. Mr. DiDomenico confirmed that this was his understanding as well. The clerk advised that the tax collector requires 5 days notification and could not be resolved this month. Mr. Garvey advised that he can supply phone numbers for Mrs. Scheidts, the owner of the property. A brief discussion took place regarding the location of the house, Pond Street and the three lots involved. Mr. Sarcellette stated that this must be resolved before the Township Committee can do anything. Mr. Garvey advised that there are two separate tax bills; one for Lot 3 and one for Lot 1 and 2 which are assessed as vacant land. Mr. Garvey stated that the house is on Lot 2. Mr. Garvey understands the notification to the owner of record. Mr. Sarcellette stated that the Township Committee cannot put up for sale an assignment that looks like it has a house and does not. Mr. Garvey stated it does have a house on it and his client, Mr. Forss understands that he will be obligated to pay the assessed valuation for Lots 1 and 2 with a house. Mr. Forss will be paying the first quarter of 2017 taxes as well as satisfying the lien which is around \$3,000. Mr. Sarcellette stated that first the Township must decide if they want to put this lien up for public sale; possibly October.

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

Roll Call: Ayes – Gross, Sarcellette Nays – None.

Discussion Items

1. Public Hearing – 3095, 3097 Route 47

Mr. DiDomenico announced that this is the designated time for a public hearing for an unsafe structure located at 3095, 3097 Route 47, Block 221 Lot 16. The owner of record is Henry Perez. A title search was conducted to determine parties in interest. The title search reflects Henry Perez as the property owner and there was also a foreclosure action by US Bank National Association Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation. Mr. DiDomenico did notify that entity in care of their attorneys, Milstead & Associates at 1 East Stow Road, Marlton, NJ 08053 to the attention of Nelson Diaz; he was the attorney listed in the title search. Mr. Diaz did acknowledge receipt of that certified mail. Mr. DiDomenico also sent certified mailings to Henry Perez at the address listed in the tax records; 3095, 3097 Route 47, Millville, NJ 08332 and also by ordinary mail. Mr. DiDomenico also sent copies of the notifications to Hector Perez,

426 W. Quince Street, Vineland, NJ 08360. The certified mailings were returned and the post office returned the certified mailing to Henry Perez as 'forwarding time expired, return to sender'. But the forwarding address stated by the post office for Henry Perez was to the c/o Hector Perez at 426 W. Quince Street, Vineland, NJ 08360. The certified mailing sent to Hector Perez at the address of 426 W. Quince Street was returned but the regular mail was not returned. There is an assumption of good service to all the parties in interest. Mr. DiDomenico stated that he has not heard from anyone. Mr. Gross stated he also had not heard from anyone.

Mr. DiDomenico swore Mr. Gross in regarding the testimony regarding this public hearing for 3095, 3097 Route 47, Millville, NJ 08332. Mr. Gross stated his name for the record as Gordon Gross, Construction and Zoning Official for Maurice River Township. Mr. DiDomenico stated that the regular mail to Henry Perez was returned with a forwarding address of 426 W. Quince Street in the c/o of Hector Perez (son of Henry Perez). Mr. DiDomenico asked Mr. Gross if Mr. Henry Perez was deceased. Mr. Gross stated 'yes' from what he was told.

Mr. DiDomenico asked Mr. Gross if he was familiar with this property and its current condition. Mr. Gross stated yes he was and that he was out to this location earlier today. Mr. DiDomenico asked what type of structures was on the property. Mr. Gross stated there was a single family masonry dwelling and wood framed garage with an attached shed. Mr. DiDomenico asked Mr. Gross to describe the conditions of the property as of today. Mr. Gross stated the condition of the property is basically the same as it was in January 2016. Mr. DiDomenico stated that the Township Committee was provided a report from Mr. Gross as well as the Notice of Unsafe Structure dated December 3, 2015 which was sent to Mr. Perez and attached as photographs. Mr. DiDomenico asked if the photographs depict the property as it exists today. Mr. Gross confirmed that 'yes' the pictures do depict the property as it exists today. Mr. DiDomenico explained that the photos show a large abandoned van, furniture, trash and other automobiles scattered around the property, TVs, garbage, wreckage, holes in the roof of the garage. Mr. DiDomenico asked Mr. Gross if he thought the property was habitable. Mr. Gross stated that the home may be habitable with some repairs and/or cleanup. Mr. Gross stated that the home was not cited except for the trash around the home. Mr. Gross elaborated that the unsafe condition is on the accessory buildings – garage and detached shed; there is a roof that has collapsed, wall collapsed and they are full of trash and debris. Mr. Gross explained the pictures that were presented to the committee of the garage, shed and surroundings. Mr. Gross stated that there are two issues; cleaning up and the unsafe structure –garage. Mr. Gross stated that the garage is not secure; no doors on some of the openings and there is a pit in the garage. Mr. Sarclette asked if the house was secure. Mr. Gross stated the house was secure. Mr. Sarclette asked if there were any porches, etc. falling off of the house. Mr. Gross stated 'no'. Mr. Sarclette stated that consideration now was for the accessory structures and the yard. Mr. Gross confirmed. Mr. DiDomenico questioned was the garage a wooden structure. Mr. Gross confirmed the garage was made of wood. Mr. DiDomenico asked about the shed. Mr. Gross stated that the shed was attached to the garage. Mr. DiDomenico asked if there were any other detached structures other than the garage. Mr. Gross stated 'no'. Mr. DiDomenico asked for confirmation from Mr. Gross that he was not asking for the home to be demolished. Mr. Gross stated 'no'. Mr. DiDomenico asked for clarification that the garage was detached from the single family home. Mr. Gross confirmed. Mr. DiDomenico asked Mr. Gross if there was any response to his correspondence of December 3, 2015. Mr. Gross stated that he was contacted by the son right after the letter was sent and he started to clean up and then another conversation took place on January 7, 2016 and another letter was sent out on January 13, 2016 acknowledging that some cleanup had taken place and an extension was given for another 30 days due to the progress; another inspection was set on or about February 12, 2016. The letter also addressed the demolition of the garage after cleanup was complete. Mr. Gross stated that he has not spoken to the son since that time.

Mr. Gross stated that 90 days later he sent the request for cleanup and the demolition hearing. Mr. Sarclette asked what the legal issues were regarding the vehicles on the property. Mr. Gross stated that there are three full size vehicles on the property; a van, a tow truck and another truck and then there is a half a car upside down with the motor in the air-no car just the frame. Mr. DiDomenico stated there appears to be a utility body truck and a large van and a half a car. Mr. Sarclette questioned how these vehicles could be cleaned out without titles. Mr. DiDomenico asked Mr. Gross would a junk yard take them without titles. Mr. Gross said that he has heard that anything over 10 years they will take without titles. Mr. Gross stated he does not believe it would bother anything if the vehicles were left, however the one that is upside down in front of the house there is no title to that but the other three vehicles could be left and the cleanup done

around them. Mr. Sarclette stated the vehicles are not structures but they could potentially be unsafe if left site and the place is unattended. Mr. DiDomenico asked the dimensions of the shed. Mr. Gross stated the shed to be 26' by 36' with a 10' by 12' shed attached. Mr. DiDomenico asked if the garage was a commercial garage at any point. Mr. Gross could not confirm this point. Mr. Sarclette stated he believes a business was run out of this property at one point but he is not sure if it was an official commercial use but it has been an 'eyesore' for a number of years.

Mr. DiDomenico asked Mr. Gross that in the current condition would he believe the property to be a danger to the public, presents an unsafe condition. Mr. Gross confirmed the statement. Mr. DiDomenico asked if the two wooden structures – the garage and shed were an imminent danger of collapse. Mr. Gross stated that these buildings 'are' collapsing. Mr. Sarclette stated that it is obvious that these are unsafe structures and the property is deplorable. Mr. DiDomenico asked if there was anyone in the audience with an interest in this property. No one replied.

Mr. DiDomenico stated that there was no one in the audience with an interest in the property and asked if there was a motion to find that the property was unsafe and poses a danger to the public and he will prepare a resolution for adoption on September 15, 2016.

Mr. DiDomenico stated that the Deputy Mayor Patricia Gross is married to Gordon Gross, Construction and Zoning Official and that Mr. Roy Oliver, Committeeman is not in attendance. Mr. DiDomenico stated that he does not see this as a conflict of interest as there is no gain direct or indirect to Mr. Gross regarding this unsafe structure hearing and that Deputy Mayor Gross can vote on the matter.

Mr. Sarclette made a motion that the property is unsafe and poses a danger to the public; seconded by Mrs. Gross.

Roll Call: Ayes – Gross, Sarclette Nays – None

Mr. Gross provided information for items 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10 below.

2. CM3 Quote for Maintenance Services HVAC at Leechester Hall - \$2,316

Mr. Sarclette stated this quote is \$72.00 over the price paid for 2016.

Mr. Sarclette made a motion to approve the quote from CM3 for maintenance services HVAC at the Leechester Hall for the period October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$2,316; seconded by Mrs. Gross.

Roll Call: Ayes – Gross, Sarclette Nays - None

3. Roger Forss request for assignment of Municipal Lien 14-00045

4. 3599 Route 47 – Gordon Gross request to maintain property

Mr. Gross stated the homeowner was sent notices to maintain the grass; this property is located directly in front of the school. A certified notice and regular notice was also sent and a summons was sent to the homeowner with court twice and they were failure to appear the first time and the judge issued warrants the second time. Mr. Sarclette questioned the issuance of warrants. Mr. Gross stated that this is the process when there is a homeowner; he tries to go through the courts first and if unsuccessful it is presented to the Township Committee. Mr. Sarclette stated that this is for cutting of the grass. Mr. Gross confirmed. Mr. DiDomenico stated that the notice requirements have been met. Mr. DiDomenico recommended this item be tabled to Thursday, September 15, 2016 meeting.

5. 656 Main Street – Gordon Gross request to maintain property

Mr. Gross stated the homeowner was noticed but they gave notice that they had no interest in the property and then information was given that the property as under BlueJay Investments as the bank that is foreclosing. BlueJay Investments was given notice of the violation and the 'return receipt' was received back signed as received by BlueJay. Mr. Gross stated that no work has been done to correct the violations. Mr. Gross stated that this is grass also. Mr. DiDomenico recommended this item be tabled to Thursday, September 15, 2016 meeting.

6. 3545 Route 47 – Gordon Gross request to maintain property

Mr. Gross stated that the owner was sent notice of the violation and request to maintain. The property owner did cut the front grass and the township received a letter from Wells Fargo Bank regarding the party to notify for property maintenance issues. However no further maintenance on this property has been done. Mr. DiDomenico recommended this item be tabled to Thursday, September 15, 2016 meeting.

7. 5 Station Road – Gordon Gross request to maintain property

Mr. Gross stated that notice was sent to the property owner. Mr. Gross stated this property is a repeat offender property and the house is still vacant. Mr. Sarclette asked if this was also grass violation. Mr. Gross confirmed stating the grass is about 4 to 5 feet tall in the backyard. Mr. DiDomenico recommended this item be tabled to Thursday, September 15, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Sarclette stated he received a complaint regarding a property in Dock's Garden with grass that is approximately 4 feet tall; possibly Central Avenue. Mr. Gross stated he knew of the property as they were in court last year for property maintenance violations; this is Quail and Central. Mr. Sarclette stated there is another violation on Route 616 and Middle Street in Heislerville (the last house on the right leaving Heislerville on Glade Road). Mr. Gross advised that this property is still posted as an unsafe structure from Hurricane Sandy and it does not appear that they want to do anything with the property but it may have been sold.

8. Library Stipend

The Township Committee briefly discussed that notice was recently received that the Library Association is dissolving and for the cancellation of the current lease agreement with the township. It was discussed that the stipend is approximately \$1,600 paid annually. Mrs. Gross questioned paying the stipend and then paying the utility bills for the library while the Heritage Society is leasing the building. Mr. DiDomenico stated it will hard to justify paying the stipend since the library is not open. It was discussed that the stipend request is for the year 2016. Mr. DiDomenico stated that part of the previous discussion was that the Library Association was going to dispose of the books. It was discussed that through direction of Ms. Kellett some of the books were disposed of by the public works employees; this was done as a side note to moving the books and bookcases to permit the work on the chimney. Further discussion took place regarding the question of ADA accessibility and lack of bathroom facilities at the library. It was discussed that the new lease agreement must include language regarding 'who' is responsibility for ADA and bathrooms, general maintenance, an alarm system, periodic township inspections of the building and a hold harmless agreement regarding items belonging to the Heritage Society. Discussion took place regarding possible ways to dispose of books, either to the school or other organization.

It was discussed regarding the Heritage Society utilizing the building and that the Township supports the organization and its efforts but expenses paid by the Township should be specified in the lease agreement.

The clerk will check and provide the date of when the library closed for renovations. It was also verified that the stipend has been being on annual basis. This will be tabled for discussion on Thursday, September 15, 2016.

9. Mr. Gravenstine request to place original MRT Fire Marshall Emblem on 1989 Caprice as part of his restoration process.

Mr. Gross stated that this car was the car that used by the Delmont Chief and then it became the OEM car after Delmont Volunteer Fire dissolved. Mr. Gross stated he believes permitting the emplacement of this emblem may create a problem in that it potentially could allow the vehicle to enter as an official vehicle. Mr. DiDomenico concurred that this could be viewed as an official vehicle. Mr. Sarclette stated that this could present liability issues to the township also. Mr. DiDomenico stated that if the township sanctions this request it could cause liability issues for the township. Mr. Sarclette asked Mr. DiDomenico to contact the requestor with the township response and denial of the request

10. Request for 4 Way Stop at County Routes 548 and 646 and speed limit signs on 548.

Mr. Gross input that there have been accidents at this intersection and a 4-way stop could potentially help. Mr. Sarclette added that it appears that the Pinelands loop is causing an increase of close-call accidents because the people are not familiar with the area.

Mr. Sarclette added that he supports the request made by Mr. Franckle. Mr. Ken Whildin stated that he believes this was a 4-way stop at one time. Mr. Whildin added that now travelers are using Route 55 to Route 49 to Route 646 as an alternate. Mr. DiDomenico stated that he heard that the state wants to get away from 4-way stops. Mrs. Gross stated that tractor trailers are now using this as a bypass to get to the traffic light. It was discussed that in Mauricetown signs were installed to deter tractor trailers from using the 'town' as a bypass. Mr. DiDomenico stated that US Silica placed these signs in Commercial Township. Mr. Sarclette added that possibly Whibco and US Silica can help in resolving the situation. It was discussed that accidents have happened in this area. Mr. Sarclette asked the clerk to pull the previous reply from the county regarding 4-way stops.

11. Supervisor for Senior Center

The Township Committee discussed that the current Senior Center Supervisor is retiring in early 2017 and has supplied recommendations to the Township Committee regarding the replacement employee for consideration. A brief discussion took place that determination needs to be made regarding the position being part-time or full-time. It was also discussed that Commercial Township has a full-time employee who handles the Senior Center, the Municipal Alliance and the Family Success Center; the center opens at 9:00 am. The clerk was asked to pull all Civil Service Job Descriptions that would fit for this position. This was tabled for discussion on Thursday, September 15, 2016.

12. Municipal Building sign quotes

The Township Committee reviewed the three quotes received. The lowest quote was provided by C & S Signs in the amount of \$3,885. It was discussed that lighting of the new sign needs to be resolved; ideas and quotes to be obtained.

Mrs. Gross made a motion to award to C & S Signs for \$3,885; seconded by Mr. Sarclette.
Roll Call: Ayes – Gross, Sarclette Nays - None

13. Status of drop box for American Flags

Mrs. Gross was unable to provide any new information regarding the drop box. Mr. Whildin stated that he picked up the box and dropped it to public works and they have painted it blue. There is a hole in the bottom of the box that needs repair; it was discussed that possibly Public Works can repair the hole. Mrs. Gross stated that a location for placement of the box needs to be established.

14. Hugh Roarty, Rutgers request for 1-2 days ocean current measuring on MRT property with possibility of a future long-term arrangement.

Mrs. Gross stated that she spoke to Mr. Roarty and the initial placement would be temporary and if the readings are good Mr. Roarty will make a request to the township for long-term placement.

Mr. Sarclette made a motion to approve the request for temporary placement of 1 to 2 days with additional request needed for long-term placement; seconded by Mrs. Gross.

Roll Call: Ayes – Gross, Sarclette Nays - None

15. Farmland Preservation, Heislerville

Mr. Sarclette stated there is property for sale in Heislerville and the question was posed regarding the purchase of the property and put the land in farmland preservation. This would not happen right away because there is a process to be followed. Mr. Sarclette advised the potential purchaser that he is not aware of why the township would not be supportive. The county representative stated that previously this was asked and the township was not interested. It was

discussed that according to the county there are no Farmland Preservation properties in Maurice River Township. It was discussed that the township continues to pay the taxes but never benefits from the farmland preservation; if someone can benefit from the fund then they should. Mr. DiDomenico stated that only one person will benefit and that is the current property owner; if money is available. This is a deed restriction forever. Mr. Whildin stated that his brother-in-law went through this process and deed restricted some of the land and left one building lot to go with the farm. Mrs. Gross stated that some municipalities get this money all the time. Mr. Sarclette added that the reality is someone paying \$6,000 in taxes and the township only gets maybe \$1,000. Commercial use property is more useful regarding the tax base which Maurice River Township has had little increase in. Mr. Sarclette questioned does the township need to endorse and does this require a determination of specific areas to endorse for Farmland Preservation. It was discussed that knowledge about the Farmland Preservation may be helpful to the residents and Mr. Sarclette will contact Matt Pisarski about making a presentation at a Township Committee meeting.

16. Matt Pisarski presentation

Item 16 discussion is included in item 15 above.

17. East Point Lighthouse cottage taxes

Mr. Sarclette advised that the East Point Lighthouse Historical has reached an agreement with the renters of the cottage which is that they can stay in the cottage for August and September rent-free but must vacate in October. The issue that still exists is that there are taxes unpaid on this property. Mr. Sarclette questioned were there any legal mechanisms to forgive the whole thing (taxes). Mr. DiDomenico stated that lien cannot be assessed on a state property. Mr. Sarclette had questioned placing this property for tax sale when it was brought to his attention but it was placed up for tax sale. The clerk advised that there is an outside lien on this property due to tax sale. Mr. Sarclette stated that the current volunteers running the East Point Lighthouse would like to use the money they currently have to purchase directional signage for the lighthouse versus paying taxes. Mr. Sarclette was going to ask Mr. DiDomenico to touch base with the tax assessor, Kevin Maloney, to resolve the current situation but the Deputy Mayor advised them to get their own attorney to resolve the problem. Mrs. Gross stated this advice was regarding the eviction of the tenants. Further discussion with the Ms. Tidy-Patterson was that if the non-profit pays the taxes would the township then pay for the signage, restroom facilities, etc. Mr. Sarclette asked Mr. DiDomenico to talk to the tax assessor, Kevin Maloney, to see what the cleanest way is to resolve this problem. It was discussed that the township could purchase signage to promote the lighthouse should the Township Committee make that decision. It was discussed that the lease agreement between the Lighthouse Historical and tenant refers to the cottage being for caretakers but it was not specific enough. Further discussion took place that the grant monies are still available and they are going to be used to repair the lighthouse.

Misc. Report of Operations/Township Committee Concerns

Mr. Sarclette stated that he had drafted a letter to Bob Martin, Commissioner of NJDEP for the proposed land swap and the offered township properties. Mr. Sarclette asked Mrs. Gross and Mr. Oliver to review the letter for input prior to sending to Commissioner Martin. The Township Committee reviewed the Tax Maps for the properties that are being offered by the township for the swap; one township property on Mosslander, one on Route 347 and one on West Creek. Mr. Sarclette pointed out that it must be specified that the marina state property requested includes up to the street (four properties), the road and across the street.

Mr. Sarclette pointed out that other properties that could be considered are on Panther Swamp, Schoolhouse and on Weatherby. Panther Swamp is approximately 90 acres.

The Township Committee discussed the three existing marinas and the prospect of their continued operation after the land swap. Mr. Sarclette stated there is still potential for the township to have a 'marina' district and feels it is in the best interest of the township to work directly with Commissioner Martin.

Mr. Sarclette received an anonymous letter stating concern that trees were being harvested at the Bayside State Prison. The writer stated there were over 40 trees cut down at a cost of \$30,000. Mr. Whildin stated that they cut trees down the entire time he was employed there. Approximately 50-60 old trees are cut down a year. Mr. Sarclette asked the clerk to forward a letter of inquiry to the Bayside Prison Administrator, John Powell regarding this situation and ask for any information that he may have to enlighten the township committee.

Mr. Sarclette stated that the Court Administrators contract will expire on October 15, 2016. Mr. Sarclette will contact Mr. Ewing and Mr. DiDomenico will call Judge Duffy for input.

Mr. Sarclette stated that the graffiti on Glade Bridge has been painted over by the Cumberland County Public Works. Mr. Sarclette stated that future surveillance of this area may be beneficial.

Mrs. Gross stated that Mr. George Kumor has prepared a draft letter to the Marine Council and had asked her to attend a meeting with them. However it was requested that Mrs. Gross propose to the Marine Council to form a committee to address the birds getting trapped in the commercial crab pots and she felt it was not a good scenario to proceed without consulting with the other Township Committee members. Mr. DiDomenico stated that this is a Township Committee discussion. This was tabled for discussion on Thursday, September 15, 2016.

Mr. DiDomenico stated that the land swap should be done by resolution.

Mrs. Gross stated that the cleaning contractors have been getting lax in cleaning the municipal building. Mrs. Gross asked the clerk for input regarding this situation. The clerk expressed that things have progressively been getting worse for the last couple months and pointed out areas of concern. Mr. Sarclette asked the clerk to prepare a letter advising that if the situation is not remedied the township will be forced to seek quotes from other contractors.

Mrs. Gross expressed concern about Dave Golden, NJDEP and his continued statements regarding the loss of federal funding if motorcycle events continue on Fish & Game property. Additionally, the club submitted information to Cindy Randazzo but nothing was ever followed through with. Mrs. Gross had initially scheduled a meeting with Dave Chandra. Mr. Sarclette suggested that Mrs. Gross contact Mr. John Grey, NJDEP Chief of Staff. Mr. Sarclette stated that Mr. Grey attended the lighthouse meeting and is a counterpart of Cindy Randazzo. It was discussed that these events have been going on for many years without loss of federal funding.

Mr. Sarclette relayed that Mr. Benson, LUB Solicitor, had received a civil complaint against the LUB and Gordon Gross regarding a decision made by the LUB to permit solar field on property belonging to Dorchester Shipyard. The complaint specifically claims that Gordon Gross should not have voted; conflict of interest. Mrs. Gross stated that she had simply made a comment to a Dorchester Shipyard representative that the township supports them and if there was anything she could do to let her know. Mr. Benson has stated that there is no personal conflict or advantage regarding this vote. The clerk will forward a copy of the summons to Mr. DiDomenico.

Mrs. Gross announced that she and Michelle met with Tony Stanzione, CDC, to review the current website and the possibility of updating the site. Mr. Stanzione indicated to them that he feels that they can help with the update without spending over \$6,000.

Mr. DiDomenico stated that he has received several quit claims requests which he is working on. Many of them require additional information which is needed to process the requests.

Mr. DiDomenico explained that he received a phone call regarding 7 Twin Oak Road and he will be reviewing information which was supplied by Michelle. The deed shows that the property for this street was deeded to the township in 1962 to be used as a public road or street to be known as Twin Oak Road.

Mr. Sarclette stated that a request was made by Bill Henderson, Jr. to obtain a key to gate on 65, 67 East Point Road which is someone else's property. Mr. Henderson's request was made so he can access his property which is next door. The township installed the gate during the foreclosure process to deter dumping. It was discussed that the township cannot authorize him to

enter property that is privately owned and Mr. Henderson must contact that property owner for access.

Mrs. Gross stated that regarding the violations issued to the churches by the Fire Official. Leesburg UMC and Delmont UMC are almost compliant. Mr. Sarclette added that Heislerville UMC has to install a couple exit signs and change one door to open out; then they will be compliant.

Review of Agenda for September 15, 2016

The clerk reviewed the agenda for the Thursday, September 15, 2016 meeting.

Review of Bills for approval at September 15, 2016

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to reviewing the bills for approval at the Thursday, September 15, 2016 meeting.

Adjournment

Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk