

Thursday, July 16, 2020 - 7:30 pm

PRESENT: J. Roy Oliver, Mayor  
Ken Whildin, Deputy Mayor  
Bill Ashton, Committeeman  
Frank DiDomenico, Solicitor  
Cormac Morrissey, Engineer (via Teleconference)  
Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk

This meeting has been advertised in accordance with the statutes of the State of New Jersey. This meeting was conducted via teleconference due to social distancing guidelines set for COVID-19. (NOTE: Due to Comcast outage and the loss of internet connection the teleconference was not able to be conducted for this meeting).

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

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Oliver, present  
Mr. Whildin present  
Mr. Ashton present

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Whildin made a motion to approve the minutes of prior meetings, seconded by Mr. Ashton

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

#### **Presentations**

1. N.J.S.P. - no representative was present to provide a report from the N.J.S.P.

#### **First Public Comments Session**

Mr. Whildin motioned to open the first public comment session noting the time at 7:35 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

There being no public comment Mr. Whildin motioned to close the first public comment session noting the time at 7:35 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays - None

#### **Ordinances**

##### Ordinance 696

The clerk gave the second reading by title of Ordinance 696: An Ordinance Of Maurice River Township, Cumberland County, New Jersey Amending Ordinance Chapter 14, Property Maintenance

Mr. DiDomenico explained that this ordinance appoints officers to refer violations of property maintenance that are not corrected to the Public Works department.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 696; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

There being no public comment on Ordinance 696, Mr. Whildin made a motion to close the public hearing; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

Mr. Whildin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 696 on first reading by title and set the date and time for the public hearing for Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 7:30 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

### Consent Agenda:

**CONSENT AGENDA:** All matters listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Township Committee and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a committee member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

### Resolutions

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| *1.  | Resolution No. | 97-2020  | A Resolution Appointing A Recycling Coordinator And NJ Clean Communities Coordinator For Unfulfilled Term   |
| *2.  | Resolution No. | 98-2020  | A Resolution Appointing A NIMS Coordinator, Evacuation Officer And Temporary Housing Officer For An Unfulfilled Term  |
| *3.  | Resolution No. | 99-2020  | A Resolution Appointing A Deputy Municipal Clerk For Unfulfilled Term   |
| *4.  | Resolution No. | 100-2020 | A Resolution Authorizing The Cutting Of Grass And Property Maintenance Cleanup At 4464 Route 47, Block 320, Lot 132 And Assessment Of A Maintenance Lien Thereon.                             |
| *5.  | Resolution No. | 101-2020 | A Resolution Authorizing The Cutting Of Grass And Property Maintenance Cleanup At 7 Quail Street, Block 306, Lot 1 And Assessment Of A Maintenance Lien Thereon.                              |
| *6.  | Resolution No. | 102-2020 | A Resolution Authorizing A Salary Step Increase For Robert McCarter As Laborer 1  |
| *7.  | Resolution No. | 104-2020 | A Resolution Authorizing The Levying Of Fees For Property Maintenance Conducted By The Township For Violations Against Property At 136 Main Street, (Block 311, Lot 49.01), Heislerville, NJ. |
| *8.  | Resolution No. | 105-2020 | A Resolution Appointing And Authorizing William Ashton, Committeeperson, To Approve Requests For Use Of The Recreation Area   |
| *9.  | Resolution No. | 106-2020 | A Resolution Authorizing The Release Of Performance Bond Associated With The Construction Of The Dollar General Located At 3580 Route 47, Port Elizabeth (Block 239 Lot 15                    |
| *10. | Resolution No. | 107-2020 | A Resolution Ratifying Maurice River Township Executive Order 1-2020  |
| *11. | Resolution No. | 108-2020 | A Resolution Authorizing A One-Year Extension To The Solid Waste And Disposal Contract With Gold Medal Environmental Of NJ, Inc   |

## **Routine Items**

- \*1. Dorchester United Methodist Church submitted a request to participate in the Clean Communities roadside cleanup program. Lisa Fisher has verified there are sufficient funds to cover this request.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to adopt the resolutions and approve the routine items listed in the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays - None

## **Township Committee Reports**

### William Ashton, Committeeman

Mr. Ashton provided the following report:

1. A list of residences without service has been sent over to Comcast. Comcast has started their survey process from this list.
2. An energy audit was conducted by NJ Direct Install on the Municipal Building and Leechester Hall. The obsolete 6 AC units on the municipal building as well as lighting can be replaced for a cost to the township around \$26,000; the remainder of the total cost \$62,000 will be paid from the program. The lighting will also be replaced in the Leechester Hall. It was noted that previously a vendor quoted \$21,000 to replace only 3 AC units.
3. Mr. Ashton advised that the state has mandated educating students (6 grade and older) about alternative life styles; this is going to be a mandatory education requirement. Mr. Ashton encouraged residents to look into this mandate and to make their voices heard.

### Ken Whildin, Deputy Mayor

Mr. Whildin provided the following report:

1. Meeting tomorrow with Congressman Van Drew to review the possibility of dredging the Maurice River.
2. The drone survey at Matts Landing is complete. A meeting with all entities (including marina owners) will be needed to work out the sub-division. This meeting may take place the week after next.

### J. Roy Oliver, Mayor

Mr. Oliver provided the following report:

1. The online tax sale concluded yesterday. Forty-one liens were sold with 18 of them becoming municipal liens. Three properties were bid and acquired by the township; a resolution authorizing this was previously adopted by the Township Committee. Two of the properties were marina properties to ensure the negotiations with NJDEP regarding the township acquiring the marina property at Matts Landing. Another property acquired by the township was 24 Front Street which is derelict and in very bad condition. The Township Committee is hopeful another property owner can acquire the lien and can start foreclosure in the 6 months; which is the minimum time the township can start foreclosure. If the lien is assigned to another party they also can start foreclosure after 6 months.
2. Small City Block grants – he will discuss later in the agenda.

## **Professional Reports**

### **Engineer**

Mr. Morrissey provided the following report:

1. Road Program – the numbers must be examined to see what work can be done on Harriet and Taylor.
2. Newell Road – Quail & Central have been paved. The stone wick is complete and is performing adequately now. This will need maintenance from time to time. The guiderail is pending. Once done the grant can be closed out and final payment received.
3. Fox Street – Mark Pietrucha, Woodard & Curran has supplied some information and they are going out tomorrow to do additional work needed for the Pinelands application.
4. 2021 Grants – are pending NJDOT review.
5. In 2012 ranking of township roadways was completed but will need to be updated. It also must be determined by the Township Committee whether to continue the road program to complete the roadways that did not get paved. A discussion with the CMFO is needed to determine what needs to be done to continue.

Mr. Ashton asked the status of the evaluation of the Zanghi pit. Mr. Morrissey stated he will look at this before the next meeting.

### **Solicitor**

Mr. DiDomenico provided the following report:

The resolution extending the trash contract for an additional year has been approved under the Consent Agenda. Mr. DiDomenico will prepare the contract document. Mr. DiDomenico commented this is 4 years without an increase in the trash contract which is good.

### **New Business**

1. Discuss Small Cities Grant opportunity

The Township Committee discussed that they must review the list provided by the clerk and determine where to prioritize and possibly seek these grant funds. Mr. Oliver pointed out several areas that could benefit the township and/or township projects. The Township Committee will review and prioritize.

### **Old Business**

1. Discuss proposal from Granite Telecommunications. (Tabled from July 13, 2020)

The Township Committee discussed briefly the proposal received.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to not move forward with Granite; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

### **Announcements**

1. The Senior Dance scheduled for Saturday; July 18<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.
2. A Community Clean-up Day has been scheduled for Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 9:00 am to 3:00 PM at the Recycling Center, 3790 Route 47.
3. Family Night Out scheduled for Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 has been cancelled.

### **REPORTS**

Treasurers Report	\$548,319.39
Road Dept. Report – June 2020	
Ron's Animal Control Monthly Report June 2020	

Mr. Whildin made a motion to accept the above reports, seconded by Mr. Ashton

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays - None

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Allen J. Foster	31.99
Amtrust North America	1,004.00
Amtrust North America	1,780.00
Albert P. Ferrari Sr.	200.00
Alfred J. Verderose, Esq.	250.00
AFA Protective Systems, Inc.	94.95
Atlantic City Electric	5,311.55
AFLAC	158.76
Barry Creamer	615.17
Buonadonna & Benson, P.C.	594.00
Bayshore Center at Bivalve	1,760.00
Benny Electric	380.00
Benny Electric	356.00
Benny Electric	480.00
Barbara D. Sutton	205.00
Bottino Holdings, Inc.	5.98
Bottino Holdings, Inc.	109.90
Board of Fire Commissioners	40,828.00
Board of Fire Commissioners	30,506.00
Board of Fire Commissioners	23,744.00
Board of Fire Commissioners	36,389.00
Belleplain Emergency Corps	6,250.00
Comcast Cable	262.91
CM3 Building Solutions	733.00
CM3 Building Solutions	217.17
Cumberland County Treasurer's	904,729.31
S.J. Regional Animal Shelter	1,112.08
Cody's Power Equipment	927.80
Commissioner of Labor	1,120.00
C.C.I.A.	47.61
City of Bridgeton	1,493.35
C and S Signs	225.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering	370.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering	1,092.50
Dixon Assoc. Engineering	742.50
Dixon Assoc. Engineering	810.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering	497.50
Dixon Assoc. Engineering	1,080.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering	596.25
Denise L. Peterson	97.86
J.C. Ehrlich Co., Inc.	86.83
Eric K. Wood	59.76
Eurofins QC, LLC	131.00
Frank DiDomenico	575.80
Frank DiDomenico	512.50
Frank DiDomenico	126.70
Frank DiDomenico	1,000.00
Frank DiDomenico	2,162.50
Gentilini Family Ford	11.66
Gold Medal Environmental of NJ	19,323.33
Gold Medal Environmental of NJ	8,323.86
Garden State Highway Products	153.00
Health Mats Co.	575.10
Heritage Business Systems, Inc.	54.91
Heritage Business Systems, Inc.	45.10
Jacqueline M. Rascone	200.00
Kennedy Concrete	1,380.50
Kathryn L. Karrer	186.00
K. Gannon Plumbing	525.00

Linda Dedrick	300.00
Lisa Ferrari	200.00
Lisa R. Fisher	111.00
Municipal Clerks' Assoc. of NJ	100.00
Maurice River Township BOE	337,539.00
Maurice River Township BOE	188.38
Mary A. Kelly	200.00
Monmouth Paper	69.00
MGL Printing Solutions	497.40
MGL Printing Solutions	161.00
Major Petroleum Industries	427.68
Major Petroleum Industries	491.36
Microsoft Corporation	1,560.00
New Jersey SHBP	12,875.60
New Jersey SHBP	5,889.52
NJ State Dept. of Health & Sr.	11.40
NAPA (Genuine Parts Company)	151.44
NAPA (Genuine Parts Company)	10.99
New York Life Insurance Co.	90.24
NJ Advance Media	161.00
NJ Advance Media	24.19
NJ Advance Media	157.79
NJ Advance Media	8.34
NJ Civil Service Association	320.00
Port Elizabeth UMC	75.00
Positive Promotions, Inc.	1,514.68
Patricia A. Mason	200.00
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	216.00
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	612.32
Prudential	59.88
Riggins Inc.	111.53
Richard Polhamus	225.00
R.O.K. Industries, Inc.	885.00
Ronald L. Sutton, Sr.	1,100.00
South Jersey Gas Company	276.02
Steven M. Hagemann	37.81
Seashore Asphalt Corp.	140.00
Seashore Asphalt Corp.	118.75
Staples Business Advantage	166.93
Sir Speedy Printing	174.00
Sir Speedy Printing	52.00
South Jersey Culligan Water	81.25
Treasurer, State of NJ	150.00
Treasurer, State of New Jersey	252.00
The Home Depot	148.16
The Home Depot	272.28
The Home Depot	162.50
The Home Depot	106.39
The Home Depot	308.47
The Home Depot	369.77
Verizon	36.05
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	55.73
Woodard & Curran, Inc.	6,998.86
Woodard & Curran, Inc.	7,532.39
William R. Mints Agency	2,162.00
William R. Mints Agency	2,972.00
West, A. Thomson Reuters Bus.	327.00
West, A. Thomson Reuters Bus.	132.00
Whibco of New Jersey, Inc.	61.12

Mr. Whildin made a motion to pay all properly signed bills, seconded by Mr. Ashton

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays - None

## **Second Public Comment Session**

Mr. Whildin made a motion to open the second public comment noting the time at 8:04 am; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

John Campbell, Leesburg, asked how the food pantry was run through the Senior Center and how it was promoted. Mr. Campbell expressed that his father is receiving the service but the supply seems to be erratic. Mr. Campbell questioned whether this could be better organized. Mr. Oliver explained that the amount and type of food distributed from the Senior Center is received from the county food bank and out of the township's hands. Mr. Campbell stated that he believes there should be better promotion of this service to the residents. Mr. Oliver stated that he will talk with the Senior Center Aide to determine what is presently being done. Mr. Oliver further explained that last week 84 food boxes were distributed to the seniors and needy. Mr. Campbell explained that he wants to make sure that those who need it are receiving it.

Ben Stowman, Delmont, stated that Tiffany CuvIELLO-Morrissey, Township Planner is working on the self-assessment paperwork for the nodes and centers. Mr. Oliver stated that the township is waiting for a response from Meghan Wren regarding the CHARM preworkshop teleconference date and time. Mr. Ashton asked if there was any evidence that NJDEP was trying to expedite this process. Mr. Stowman replied he believes that COVID has slowed the process but they are not pushing to meet deadlines. Mr. Stowman commented that Maurice River is being proactive by preparing the paperwork. Mr. Stowman added that he believes that Risko will be submitting a plan to the Land Use Board in the near future. Mr. Stowman will check with the Township Planner regarding the CAFRA permit requirements.

Jim Boggs, Dorchester, asked about the education of 'alternative life styles' in the elementary schools and whether this was being put to vote by citizens. Mr. DiDomenico explained this was a directive from the governor and 'no' it was not being placed for vote by the citizens. Mr. Ashton added that this will be mandatory for all public school students.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to close the second public comment session noting the time at 8:18 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

RESOLUTION # 103-2020: A Resolution Providing For A Closed Session Not Open To The Public In Accordance With The Provisions Of The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

The clerk provided the reading of Resolution No. 103-2020. It was noted the Executive Session was for employment discussion and would take approximately 10 minutes.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 103-2020; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

Mr. Whildin made a motion to enter into Closed/Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

See minutes of Executive Session

Mr. Whildin made a motion to leave Closed/Executive Session and re-enter the regular session; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

Mr. Whildin made a motion to make the salary for the Senior Center Aide Step 8 of the Council 18 Schedule B 2020 and stated that all future raises will be consistent with the Council 18 schedules; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None.

Resolution No. 109-2020 is listed at the end of these minutes.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Whildin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ashton

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Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk



**TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER**

**ORDINANCE NO. 696**

**AN ORDINANCE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 14, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has determined that Ordinance *Section 14*, Property Maintenance, *Section 14-1* Brush, Weeds, Grass, Garbage, and Debris, should be amended so as to expedite the cleanup of properties whose owners have been cited for violations of Ordinance *Section 14-1.1*, Brush, Weeds, Grass, Garbage, and Debris; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance *Section 14-1.2*, provides that a property owner who has been cited under the Ordinance shall correct the violation within ten (10) days after being notified; and

**WHEREAS**, *Section 14-1.2* of the Ordinance provides that in the event that within ten (10) days a property owner fails to correct violations of *Section 14-1.1*, in that event, the Township Committee is then responsible for ordering Township Employees to correct the violations and said process often delays ordering the remedial work for thirty (30) days due to the Township Committee meeting schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has determined that in order to expedite the correction of violations an Officer of the Township should be appointed and authorized to direct and coordinate cleanup measures in the event the property owner fails to do so.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Maurice River, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

**1. SECTION 14-1.2 FAILURE TO REMOVE AFTER NOTICE.** Is amended as follows:

Any owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of any premises neglecting to remove any brush, weeds, grass, or plants as aforesaid, dead or dying trees, or any other obnoxious growth, filth, garbage, trash or debris, or other impediments from the lands and premises in the Township within ten (10) days after being notified to remove the same by the Municipal Clerk or Zoning Officer, shall upon conviction before the Judge of the Municipal Court, be liable to the penalty as stated in Chapter 1, *Section 1.5*.

**2. SECTION 14-1.3 COST OF REMOVAL TO BECOME LIEN.** Is amended as follows:

Upon the failure of any owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of any premises to remove any brush, weeds, grass, or plants as aforesaid, dead or dying trees, or the accumulation of filth, garbage, trash or debris within ten (10) days of notification, the Municipal Clerk or Zoning Officer, shall cause the same to be removed; and the cost thereof, shall be certified to the Tax Assessor whose duty it is to assess and levy the taxes for the Township, and shall thereon be charged against the land and premises and become and be a first and paramount lien upon the land and premises, and shall be added to and form a part of the taxes assessed on the land and premises, and collected with and in the same manner as the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon the land and premises; the same to bear interest at the same rate as taxes, and shall be collected and enforced by the Tax Collector in the same manner as taxes.

**3.** All other sections of Chapter 14, Property Maintenance, shall remain in full force and effect except as modified by this amendment.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Maurice River, County of Cumberland, and State of New Jersey, that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption as prescribed by law.

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 97 - 2020**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A RECYCLING COORDINATOR AND NJ CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR FOR UNFULFILLED TERM**

**WHEREAS**, K. Louann Karrer was appointed January 1, 2020 as Maurice River Township Clean Communities Coordinator and Certified Recycling Professional for a one year term ending December 31, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, K. Louann Karrer will be retiring on August 1, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to appoint Lisa Fisher to the position of Clean Communities Coordinator effective August 1, 2020 until December 31, 2020, and Mary Harrar to the position of Municipal Recycling Coordinator effective August 1, 2020 until December 31, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP** that the Township Committee will appoint Lisa Fisher to the position of Clean Communities Coordinator and Mary Harrar to the position of Municipal Recycling Coordinator effective August 1, 2020 to fulfill the unexpired term of K. Louann Karrer's 2020 appointments through the end of the year.

**M A U R I C E R I V E R T O W N S H I P**

**R E S O L U T I O N N O . 98 - 2020**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A NIMS COORDINATOR, EVACUATION OFFICER AND TEMPORARY HOUSING OFFICER FOR AN UNFULFILLED TERM**

**WHEREAS**, Gordon Gross was appointed January 1, 2020 as Maurice River Township NIMS Coordinator, Evacuation Officer and Temporary Housing Officer for a one year term ending December 31, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, Gordon Gross retired on February 1, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Sterling has been serving as the NIMS Coordinator and Evacuation Officer since February 1, 2020 and Derek Leary has been serving as the Temporary Housing Officer since February 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee desires for Joseph Sterling and Derek Leary to continuing serving in these positions until December 31, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP** that the Township Committee memorializes by resolution the appointment of Joseph Sterling to NIMS Coordinator and Evacuation Officer and Derek Leary to Temporary Housing Officer for the unexpired term of Gordon Gross ending December 31, 2020.

**M A U R I C E R I V E R T O W N S H I P**

**R E S O L U T I O N N O . 99 - 2020**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK FOR UNFULFILLED TERM**

**WHEREAS**, K. Louann Karrer was appointed January 1, 2020 as Maurice River Township Deputy Municipal Clerk for a one year term ending December 31, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, K. Louann Karrer will be retiring on August 1, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to appoint Michelle Behm to the position of Deputy Municipal Clerk effective August 1, 2020 until December 31, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP** that the Township Committee will appoint Michelle Behm to the position of Deputy Municipal Clerk effective August 1, 2020 to fulfill the unexpired term of K. Louann Karrer's 2020 appointments through the end of the year.

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 100-2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CUTTING OF GRASS AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CLEANUP AT 4464 ROUTE 47, BLOCK 320, LOT 132 AND ASSESSMENT OF A MAINTENANCE LIEN THEREON.**

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Officer has advised the Township Clerk that property maintenance issues exist at 4464 Route 47, Block 320, Lot 132; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of record, Thomas Waters, was also issued property maintenance violations in 2018 and 2019 with subsequent municipal liens assessed due to noncompliance; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of record, Thomas Waters, 1227 Barbara Avenue, Union, NJ 07083-3810 was issued a violation letter in 2020 for a property maintenance violation of Maurice River Township Revised General Ordinances, Chapter 14, Sections 14-1 thru 14-1.4; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of record, Thomas Waters has passed away and no other contacts are on file with the township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP** that the Maurice River Township Road Department be authorized to correct the above referenced property maintenance violations and that a 2020 maintenance lien shall be placed against this property to cover the Township's expenses at a rate of \$150.00 per man/equipment hour expended to satisfy the existing violations through the month of September 2020.

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 101-2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CUTTING OF GRASS AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CLEANUP AT 7 QUAIL STREET, BLOCK 306, LOT 1 AND ASSESSMENT OF A MAINTENANCE LIEN THEREON.**

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Officer has advised the Township Clerk that property maintenance issues exist at 7 Quail Street in Leesburg, Block 306, Lot 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of record, Deborah Buck, was also issued property maintenance violations in 2018 and 2019 with subsequent municipal liens assessed due to noncompliance; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of record, Deborah Buck, 622 W. Blackhorse Pike #A,

Blackwood, Nj 08012-3928 was issued a violation letter in 2020 for a property maintenance violation of Maurice River Township Revised General Ordinances, Chapter 14, Sections 14-1 thru 14-1.4; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP** that the Maurice River Township Road Department be authorized to correct the above referenced property maintenance violations and that a 2020 maintenance lien shall be placed against this property to cover the Township's expenses at a rate of \$150.00 per man/equipment hour expended to satisfy the existing violations through the month of September 2020.

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 102-2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SALARY STEP INCREASE FOR ROBERT MCCARTER AS LABORER 1**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution 51-2018 the Township Committee of Maurice River Township hired Robert McCarter as a full-time employee to perform routine maintenance and chores related to township property and/or duties consistent with the non-competitive title of Laborer 1, NJ Civil Service Job Specification Code #02248, and

**WHEREAS**, Robert McCarter has been employed by the Township of Maurice River since March 19, 2018, and

**WHEREAS**, during his employment Robert McCarter has shown outstanding job performance, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of Maurice River Township has determined that reasonable and appropriate funds are available in the budget of the Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP AS FOLLOWS:**

- (1) Robert McCarter shall receive a step increase to Step 6 as Laborer 1;
- (2) Said step increase will be a rate of \$17.85 per hour based on Schedule B for the 2020 Salary Ordinance
- (3) Said increase will be effective with the pay period beginning July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020;
- (4) No other aspects under the provisions of Mr. McCarter's job title Laborer 1 shall be affected.

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 103--2020**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A CLOSED SESSION NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that a closed session may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution adopted by the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Township Committee of Maurice River Township to

discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated herein below:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (1) **Matters Required by Law to be Confidential:** Any matter, which, by express provision of Federal Law or State Statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2) **Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds:** Any matter in which the release of information would impair, restrict, or otherwise adversely affect a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States and/or the State of New Jersey.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (3) **Matters Involving Individual Privacy:** Any material, the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodian, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (4) **Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements:** Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives or employees of the public body.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (5) **Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds:** Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (6) **Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property:** Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (7) **Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege:** Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.
- X (8) **Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship:** Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination or employment, evaluation of the performance or promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (9) **Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty:** Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing or public portion of a meeting that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP**, assembled in public session on the date of the meeting date set forth herein below, that a closed session shall be held for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above involving the Township of Maurice River. The governing body shall convene a closed session discussion immediately upon passage of this resolution and it is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session shall be disclosed to the public upon conclusion of the matter and/or after determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be serviced by such confidentiality and that the meeting will return to open session at the conclusion of the discussion and formal action may be taken if/as authorized. **The estimated length of the executive session will be ten minutes.**

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 104-2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEVYING OF FEES FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CONDUCTED BY THE TOWNSHIP FOR VIOLATIONS AGAINST PROPERTY AT 136 MAIN STREET, (BLOCK 311, LOT 49.01), HEISLERVILLE, NJ.**

**WHEREAS**, the following property had been cited by the Township Housing Officer, Derek Leary for violations of the Property Maintenance Code, and

**WHEREAS**, Maurice River Township Resolution #96-2020 authorized the cutting of grass and property maintenance cleanup at 136 Main Street (Block 311, Lot 49.01) Heislerville, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Road Department has cut the grass and performed property maintenance cleanup in order to circumvent potential health and safety problems, expending man/equipment hours in the process to do so.

**WHEREAS**, the owner of record High Roller, LLC, 625 Volterra Boulevard, Kissimmee, FL 34759 has sold this property and desires to pay for expenses to date

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP** that a maintenance lien in the amounts listed below be placed against the respective block/lot for the cleanup of said property at a rate of \$150.00 per man/equipment hour, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all vested and interested parties shall be notified of the assessment of a maintenance lien due to the authorized property maintenance of said properties and if said maintenance lien is not paid within thirty (30) days the amount(s) reflected below will become a lien on the property which will be enforced through inclusion in a future tax sale for unpaid taxes and levies by the Township.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Owner of Record</u>	<u>Time Expended</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Block 311 Lot 49.01	136 Main Street	High Roller, LLC	3 Man/Equipment Hours	\$450.00

**TOTAL**

**\$450.00**

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 105-2020**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND AUTHORIZING WILLIAM ASHTON, COMMITTEEPERSON, TO APPROVE REQUESTS FOR USE OF THE RECREATION AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of Maurice River has provided for the use, occupancy, and management of Leechester Hall by way of Ordinance 269 et seq; and

**WHEREAS**, per Resolution No. 02-2020, Committeeman Ashton has been appointed to Chair the Recreation Committee of Maurice River Township; and

**WHEREAS**, requests for use of the Recreation area may be received and require expedited approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township that William Ashton is authorized to approve the requests for use of the Recreation Area.

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 106-2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DOLLAR GENERAL LOCATED AT 3580 ROUTE 47, PORT ELIZABETH (BLOCK 239 LOT 15)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, Cormac Morrissey by memorandum advised that all conditions had by met pertaining to the construction of the Dollar General; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, Cormac Morrissey provided no objection to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy; and

**WHEREAS**, the required Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of \$3,523 has been received and filed by the Township Clerk.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township that the Township Clerk is authorized to release the Performance Bond shall the Port Elizabeth DG, LLC.

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 107-2020**

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP EXECUTIVE ORDER 1-2020**

**WHEREAS**, at the public meeting on Monday, July 13, 2020 the Township Committee of Maurice River Township unanimously agreed that the Mayor bid on property known as 24 Front Street, Block 272, Lots 14, 13 which was listed on the annual tax sale concluding on Wednesday, July 15, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, under Resolution No. 24-2020 adopted on January 2, 2020 the Mayor was authorized to bid on behalf of the Township on any state-owned properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the property known as 24 Front Street, Block 272 Lots 14, 13 has become a derelict property and is in such poor condition as to pose a health hazard and general eyesore for the surrounding neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Township Committee’s unanimous consensus of Monday, July 13, 2020 Mayor J. Roy Oliver signed Executive Order 1-2020 on July 14, 2020 which authorizes the Mayor to place a bid of 0% interest (no premium) on behalf of the Township of Maurice River Township for Block 272 Lots 14, 13.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of Maurice River Township ratifies Executive Order 1-2020. (Attachment: Executive Order 1-2020)

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 108-2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO THE SOLID WASTE AND DISPOSAL CONTRACT WITH GOLD MEDAL ENVIRONMENTAL OF NJ, INC**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Maurice River previously awarded through competitive bidding a contract to EarthTech Contracting, Inc for the collection and disposal of municipal solid waste and collection of recyclable materials for a two year period from January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Gold Medal Environmental of NJ, Inc., acquired EarthTech Contracting, Inc., and the Township assigned the above noted contract to Gold Medal Environmental of NJ, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township granted a contract extension to the above noted contract to Gold Medal Environmental of NJ, Inc., for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 incorporating all of the same terms and conditions as the previously awarded contract; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 94-2020 the Township Committee approved Change Order #1 revising the solid waste and recyclable material pick up schedule with the Maurice River Township School; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law permits extending this current contract for a period of one year;

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee believes it is in the best interest of the Township and Township residents to extend the contract for one year with Gold Medal Environmental of NJ, Inc, based upon the current terms of the contract including no change to the fee schedule;

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11- et seq.) requires that a resolution authorizing the award of contract for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recyclable material be adopted and the contract be available for public inspection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township, that the contract for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recyclable material will be extended for one additional year for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, in accordance with Maurice River Township Ordinance No. 614 and NJSA 40A:11-15(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that per requirements of NJAC 5:30-5.3 through 5.5, this resolution establishes the estimated maximum dollar value of each awarded contract based on a reasonable estimate of the goods or services needed over the contract term.

Residential Waste	\$145,000.00
Bulk Waste	Included
Recyclable Material	\$80,080.00
School Facility	\$6,800.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$231,880.00</b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds will be available in the Township’s current adopted budget for the estimate maximum dollar value for each contract awarded in this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Mayor and Clerk for the Township are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contractual agreement with Gold Medal Environmental of NJ, Inc.



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution shall be published once in the official newspaper of Maurice River Township by the Clerk of the Township.

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 109-2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SALARY STEP INCREASE FOR DONNA JACOBY AS SENIOR CITIZEN’S PROGRAM AIDE (CODE #03244)**

**WHEREAS**, Donna Jacoby has been employed by the Township of Maurice River since January 3, 2017 as the Senior Center Program Aide NJ Civil Service Job Specification Code 03244; and

**WHEREAS**, due to outstanding job performance on March 16, 2020 the Township Committee approved a annual salary increase for Donna Jacoby to \$29,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the next Council 18 Schedule B Step increase for this position is Step 8 at an hourly rate of \$16.17; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of Maurice River Township has determined that reasonable and appropriate funds are available in the budget of the Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP AS FOLLOWS:**

- (1) Donna Jacoby shall receive a step increase to Step 8 as Senior Citizen’s Program Aide;
- (2) Said step increase will be a rate of \$16.17 per hour based on Schedule B for the 2020 Salary Ordinance
- (3) Said increase will be retroactive to January 1, 2020;
- (4) No other aspects under the provisions of Ms. Jacoby’s job title Senior Citizen’s Program Aide shall be affected.



**Township of Maurice River**

**Engineer’s Report**

**July 16, 2020**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.	2018 Road Program	MR17-111	Punch list items on Carlisle Place Road complete. Harriet/Taylor Road paving pending.
2.	Newell Road Resurfacing Grants	MR17-001	Quail and Central paving complete. Driveway aprons to be installed. Will be performing a site visit tomorrow to confirm scope of apron improvements. Stone wick and inlet work complete and functioning. Roadway striping completed. Guiderail work pending.
3.	Fox Street Paving	MR19-044	2021 Municipal Aid grant applied for to cover balance of construction cost for modified bus loop. Design plan for paving work partially complete. Test pits needed for drainage design. DA to coordinate with PW for backhoe.
4.	2021 NJDOT Bike Path Grant	MR19-001	Pending DOT review.
5.	2021 Municipal Aid Grant	MR20-001	Pending DOT review.
6.	Sapello Property	MR19-044	Preliminary design work for school access and brush recycling sites underway. Environmental work for Pinelands application needed.

7.	Deerwood Avenue	MR19-001	Pending DOT review.
8.	Road Program	MR20-001	Committee may want to reevaluate remaining Township streets not resurfaced under program.