

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and noticed that this meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act with the publication of the Annual Meeting Notice on January 13, 2014, filing of the Agenda in the Office of the Township Clerk, posting the Agenda on the Bulletin Board and the Township Web site, forwarding copies to the Burlington County Times and to those who requested same. All of the above posting, filing and forwarding was completed on January 31, 2014.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Mayor led everyone in the flag salute.

Present for this meeting were Mayor Lew Jackson, Deputy Mayor Earlen, Committeemen Mansdoerfer, Conway and Dinneen. Also present for the meeting were Municipal Clerk Stephanie Yurko and Chief Financial Officer Joanna Brewster. There were 103 members of the public present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Regular and Executive Session February 18, 2013*

On motion by Committeeman Conway, seconded by Deputy Mayor Earlen and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted the February 18, 2014 Regular and Executive Session Minutes.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- **2014-03-059 Authorizing A Performance Bond Reduction For Ark Road Storage (Phase 3)**

On motion by Committeeman Conway, seconded by Deputy Mayor Earlen and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted the above Resolution.

- **2014-03-060 Refund Of Tax Overpayment To 15 Chase Road**

On motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Committeeman Conway and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted the above Resolution.

- **2014-03-061 Refund Of Tax Overpayment To 71 Flemish Way**

On motion by Deputy Mayor Earlen, seconded by Committeeman Mansdoerfer and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted the above Resolution.

- **2014-03-062 Replacing Resolution 2014-01-043 Authorizing the Funding of the Township of Lumberton Share of the MACCS Contract with Central Jersey Waste & Recycling, Inc. for Basic Services Solid Waste and Republic Services of Mount Laurel for Bulk Collection**

On motion by Deputy Mayor Earlen, seconded by Committeeman Mansdoerfer and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted the above Resolution.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence received in the Clerk's Office was reviewed, duly noted and ordered to be filed.

Committeeman Conway commended Ms. Yurko for her work on the Coat Drive. Ms. Yurko commented that we were able to raise 325 coats.

### **SOLICITORS REPORT**

Nothing for public.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Committeeman Mansdoerfer commented on the Draft 2014 Budget. It will be an \$8 million budget, which is flat from last year.

The Budget will be introduced at the March 18, 2014 Township Committee Meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$5,000.00**

On motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Committeeman Conway and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee approves the Over \$5,000.00 Bill List.

### **APPROVAL OF ENTIRE BILL LIST**

On motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Committeeman Dinneen and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee approved the Entire Bill.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Jackson spoke about the invitation that was received from Citizens Serving The Homeless, which will be hosting a breakfast on March 13, 2014 at 830am at the Presbyterian Church on Garden Street in Mount Holly.

The notice states that a contract has recently been signed on a property in Lumberton. This is the first notification that we have received regarding a contract of sale, and the article in the Inquirer listed the address of the property.

There has been no application put in with the Land Development Board for that property.

If a plan is submitted and requires a vote, Committeeman Conway and Deputy Mayor Conway both sit on the Land Board. Therefore it would be inappropriate for them to comment on this issue. Furthermore, if this project requires a use variance the Township Committee would hear

the appeal from the Land Development Board. It would be inappropriate for the Committee to give any feedback positive, or negative on an application that has not been submitted.

However, this is a public meeting. We invite you to comment, and have your opinions put on the record.

**Maria Piscitelli, 5 Turnbridge Drive**, questioned the Committee on what the zoning classification is for that property.

Committeeman Conway stated that it is an R2 zone, which allows farm and residential. In order for that to be changed, it would go before the Land Development Board for a use variance.

The applicant would need to notify all residents within 200 feet of the intended property, along with a publication in the newspaper.

Mrs. Piscitelli read a study by the Journal of Urban Affairs on subsidized housing for homeless and the neighborhood crime impact.

Mrs. Piscitelli is concerned about the increase in crime and drugs, as a parent and a homeowner.

**Deputy Mayor Earlen** urged those who are unable to speak to send their comments to Ms. Yurko.

**Doug Alba, 17 Banbury**, as there is no application pending, the best thing is to reserve judgment until the application comes forth, if we speak on mere speculation that won't do any good.

**Les Rissell, 9 Waverly**, feels it would be myopic to wait on something that is inevitable. His concern is economic and quality of life. If a 300 person compound is put into a residential area with single family homes, it is not appropriate, and the quality of life, if Lumberton is geared for that type of influx. It is a noble idea, and there may be an area that is better suited for this. Is there any other vehicle that could be used to notify residents of a public hearing.

Committeeman Conway stated that the topic will be placed on the Agendas that will be posted on the website.

**Ray Christenson, 1 Oak Landing**, asked about the Gaun Building Parking Lot and if it has been looked at yet.

Mr. Moubert will be sending a memo in respect to the obligations of the Historical Society and Township Committee.

**Debbie Mackow, 8 Canterbury Court**, will there be any notification if the group decides to do anything else with the property or is notification only made if it is for a use variance.

Committeeman Conway stated that if they come in for a site plan there will be notice if the Municipal Land Use Laws require it.

**Melissa Lovitch, 13 Abington Way**, asked the Committee if they would be attending the meeting on March 13.

Committeeman Conway and Deputy Mayor Earlen will not be attending because they sit on the Land Development Board. It is not appropriate for any member to attend, as the possibility of an appeal coming before the Township Committee is a possibility.

Mrs. Lovitch, is a human being and feels for those that are homeless. She is a mother, a local business owner and a township resident; she vehemently opposes the shelter, based on the type of character that is referred to. There are three schools within a mile radius, it is endangering to our children and our community.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Mayor Jackson had the privilege of attending a birthday celebration for Leena Meeks who turned 101 years old.

Committeeman Dinneen spoke about the LYA closing out the recreation basketball season this weekend. There are 700 kids in the program, and it has been great to watch the program grow.

Deputy Mayor Earlen thanked everyone for coming out to speak on the issue.

### **CAUCUS AGENDA**

**Next Meeting –March 18, 2014**

#### **Introduction of the 2014 Budget**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Resolution 2014-03-063** A Resolution Authorizing Executive Session Pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12 to Discuss Matters Relating to **Litigation**, Personnel , **Negotiation** and **Attorney-Client Privilege**.

On motion by Committeeman Conway, seconded by Deputy Mayor Earlen and carried by unanimous favorable voice vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolution 2014-03-063 to convene in Executive Session at 8:10PM.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business to come before the Township Committee, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM on motion by Committeeman Dinneen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Earlen and carried by unanimous favorable voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephanie N. Yurko, RMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk