

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 15, 2015, 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 September 17th, 2015.

FLAG SALUTE

The Mayor led everyone in the flag salute.

Present for this meeting were Mayor Jackson, Deputy Mayor Earlen, Committeemen Mansdoerfer, Conway and Dinneen. Also present for the meeting were Township Administrator Brandon Umba, Robin Sarlo, Chief Financial Officer and Township Solicitor George Morris. There were 11 members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular and Executive Session September 8, 2015

On motion by Committeeman Conway, seconded by Committeeman Dinneen and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted the minutes for September 8, 2015. Deputy Mayor Earlen noted that he would abstain from part of the Minutes for the open session on September 8, 2015 due to his late arrival that evening.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING – PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2015-07-009 Ordinance of the Township of Lumberton Amending Chapter 117 Of the Lumberton Township Code Entitled “Christmas Tree Sales”

The floor was opened for Public Comment.
Seeing none, the floor was closed.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Earlen, seconded by Committeeman Conway and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance 2015-07-009.

Ordinance 2015-07-010 An Ordinance of the Township of Lumberton, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey, Re-appropriating Certain Monies From Previously Adopted Bond Ordinances and Providing for Various Capital Improvements and Related Expenses in and for the Township and Appropriating \$38,900.00 Therefore

The floor was opened for Public Comment.
Seeing none, the floor was closed.

On motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Committeeman Conway and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance 2015-07-010.

Ordinance 2015-09-012 Ordinance of the Township of Lumberton Amending Chapter 152 Of the Municipal Code Entitled "Fire Prevention" to incorporate provisions for key lock boxes

The floor was opened for Public Comment.
Seeing none, the floor was closed.

On motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Committeeman Conway and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance 2015-09-012.

Ordinance 2015-09-013 Ordinance of the Township of Lumberton Amending Schedule III "One-way Streets" of Section 265-56 and Schedule XIII "Parking Prohibited at all Times" of Section 265-66 of the Township Code

Committeeman Conway made a motion to adopt, which was seconded by Committeeman Mansdoerfer. The floor was opened for Public Comment.

Dr. Greg O'Brien, 26 Chestnut Street, submitted a written testimony on the proposed ordinance and submitted it to the Township Committee. His first concern addressed is that the ordinance would leave one exit for this community. Dr. O'Brien stated that it would cause motorists to use Queen Street since Landing Street is a dead-end and Chestnut Street would be a do not enter. He stated this ordinance does nothing to address the high speed volume on the street. Committeeman Conway stated that these options were dictated by the County since it is a County Road and that if action was not taken the road would be turned over to the Township. Mr. Umba addressed several questions raised and commented on the reason the Township chose the current option.

Thomas Shover, 27 Chestnut Street, commented on the lateness of the notice letter. Mr. Umba stated the late arrival of the letter was his fault and he apologized to the residents. Mr. Shover stated he would like the street to remain two-way but to have no parking on either side of Chestnut Street. He suggested that residents make parking behind their home instead of the street.

Wendy Donegan, 10 Chestnut Street, addressed her concerns with the proposed ordinance and stated that she does not have room behind her house to accommodate parking. Ms. Donegan stated that the major concern on her street is speeding. Mayor Jackson addressed her concern and stated that the Police department has various ways to combat that concern. Ms. Donegan asked what the rough estimate would be to take over the road. Committeeman Conway stated roughly \$250,000 to \$300,000. Mr. Umba stated that it could be more due to recent construction bids and that there is more involved than just the cost of the road. He stated the Township would be liable for incidents that occur on the road.

Thomas Shover, 27 Chestnut Street, stated that if the residents of Main Street, did not use their parking on Walnut Street would the Township Committee force them to park on Main Street (CR 541).

Robert Rockhill, 2 Chestnut Street, would like to see the Township keep the road a two-way street, but not allow parking and to drop the speed limit down. Mr. Rockwell also asked the Committee to address all the Tractor and Trailer drives using Chestnut Street from Main Street.

Dr. Greg O'Brien, 26 Chestnut, asked the Committee to acknowledge that Walnut does not cut through to Ross Street and for them to seriously consider speed hump.

Ray Christensen, 16 Turnbridge Drive, stated that the Township should wait until the improvements are completed to Chestnut Street then take over the street.

See no more members of the public coming forward, Mayor Jackson closed the public portion and asked for comments from the Committee.

Deputy Mayor Earlen stated that he is concerned with the speeding on Chestnut and requested the Township Administrator to contact the County and request a traffic study be performed on the speed limit of this road.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Earlen and seconded by Committeeman Dinneen and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee rescinded the previous motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-09-013..

RESOLUTIONS

- **2015-09-176 Resolution Authorizing a Tax Refund for 711 Main Street to Unisource National Lender Services, LLC due to an overpayment**
- **2015-09-177 Resolution Authorizing a Tax Refund for 6 Thornhill Drive to Old Republic National Title due to an overpayment**
- **2015-09-178 Resolution Authorizing a Tax Refund for 9 Bond Place to Infinity Title Agency due to an overpayment**

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

- **2015-09-179 Resolution Authorizing a Tax Deduction for 437 Landing Street to Michael Casino due to being a Surviving Spouse**

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.

- **2015-09-180 Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Bid Threshold**

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

- **2015-09-181 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Burlington County Department of Public Safety, Division of Central Communications**

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.

- **2015-09-182 Resolution of the Township of Lumberton Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to Amend Contract with Thor Construction Group for Village Green Park Improvements Phase 2**

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

- **2015-09-183 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract and Agreement with Primepoint Time & Labor Management Solutions for the Implementation of a Time & Attendance System, and Affordable Care Act Solutions & Services for Compliance and Year-End Reporting**

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

- **2015-09-184 Resolution Authorizing Payment for the Contract With RVT Construction Inc. for the Demolition of the Former Municipal Buildings**

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

- **2015-09-185 Resolution Authorizing Payment for the Contract With Peterson Service Company Inc. for Certain Upgrades to the Municipal Building HVAC Controls**

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

- **2015-09-186 Resolution Authorizing Partial Release of the Performance Bond Guarantee Posted by Lucas Chevy, Block 19.50, Lots 9.03 & 9.06**

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.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Umba reported that a Memorandum was provided by Robin Sarlo, CFO, on the BAN Sale closing for Series 2015B. Mr. Umba further pointed out a letter from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture stating they conducted their investigation on Gypsy Moths in the Township and found no major infestation.

The Lumberton Historical Society wrote the Township Committee to thank them for supporting the purchase of their new storm windows at the Gaun Building and that they have been installed.

Suffolk Stables provided a plan for using Village Green's open space for horse shows and the Township Committee did not have an objection to her proposed plan.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

No comments were made in regards to Department Head Reports on the agenda.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Mr. Umba reported that the FEMA elevations Bid for three homes in the flood area would be going out by the end of the week. He stated that they should be ready for review and action at the next meeting which is October 13, 2015. Committeeman Conway asked about the proposed timeline for completing the elevations for this project. Mr. Umba answered that each home's plan is unique and he would inquire with the Township's professionals on a firm time frame. Committeeman Mansdoerfer questioned if the Township has submitted for reimbursement from FEMA. Mr. Umba answered that he would look into that question with the Township's professionals.

Mr. Umba reported that the PO had been issued to Zone Striping for the Street Lining project and that work was set to begin the week of October 5th. Additionally work on the Bobby's Run Speed Radar was set to be worked on during the day on September 27, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

Committeeman Conway stated that he will be reaching out to PSE&G about his concerns regarding the work on the transmissions lines running down Main Street (CR 541).

Deputy Mayor Earlen stated that he had met with the Township Engineer for an update on projects in the Township. He provided an update to the demolition work at the former Municipal Building and stated that work on Phase 2 was set to begin in the next few weeks at Village Green with a total project time of 60 days.

Mr. Umba stated that he had not heard back from Pennoni if they had communicated with Committeeman Conway on the Change Order for the rebidding work done for their proposal on the Phase 2 portion of the Village Green Project. Committeeman Conway stated they had not reached out to him. Mr. Umba said he would follow up on that request.

Mr. Umba asked for approval of Pennoni's proposal for the FY2016 NJDOT Municipal Grant Application dated September 4th, 2015. On motion by Deputy Mayor Earlen, seconded by Committeeman Conway and carried by unanimous favorable voice vote, the Township Committee approved of the proposal.

Mr. Umba asked for approval of Pennoni's proposal for work on Allspice Way Improvements Phase 2 and Intersections Rebid, revised dated on September 22, 2015. On motion by Committeeman Conway, seconded by Deputy Mayor Earlen and carried by unanimous favorable voice vote, the Township Committee approved of the proposal.

Committeeman Mansdoerfer inquired about the proper disposal of Ash Trees that have become infected with the Ash Beetle and if the Township has received Rutgers's study of Lumberton Township in regards to potential infestation. Mr. Umba stated that he would inquire into that question and report back to the Township Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Committeeman Mansdoerfer stated that the EJIF is offering testing of buried piping connecting a 500 gallon heating oil tank at the Municipal Garage. He requested Mr. Umba to investigate either bringing the pipe above ground or moving forward with the testing of the pipe.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$5,000.00

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

APPROVAL OF ENTIRE BILL LIST

Committeeman Mansdoerfer asked several questions pertaining to the Bill List. Mr. Umba answered those questions.

On motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Committeeman Dinneen and carried by favorable voice roll call vote, with Committeeman Mansdoerfer abstaining from Smithbridge LLP, the Township Committee approved the Entire Bill.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ray Christensen, 16 Turnbridge Drive, asked Mr. Umba about his comments on PSE&G work which requested an easement from the Township. Mr. Umba clarified his comments on the subject. Mr. Christensen stated that PSE&G wanted to run the transmission lines behind the homes on Main Street. Committeeman Conway stated that PSE&G could not secure the easements needed to do that work.

Robert Rockhill, 2 Chestnut Street, as president of the Lumberton Township Historical Society, he offered his thanks to the Township Committee for the windows for the Guan Building and thank the Mayor for coming out to view them.

Ray Christensen, 16 Turnbridge Drive, asked a follow up question on the transmission lines running down Main Street. Committeeman Conway answered his question.

Howard Davis, 1 Ellis Ave., asked the Township Committee for a status on CVS coming to the corner of Main Street and Route 38 behind his home because a developer has been asking questions of the residents in the area. Committeeman Conway stated the Township Committee did not know anything and that no applications have been made to the Land Use Board.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Committeeman Mansdoerfer stated that he did not receive a lot of information regarding the BAN Sale and requested that Mr. Umba keep him informed to matters concerning the Finance Department.

Deputy Mayor Earlen offered his thanks to the volunteers of the successful Lumberton Township Paddle. He stated that the Lumberton BOE is currently working on its 5 year plan and was looking for public input on the matter. He also offered his thanks to Mr. Umba for fixing the microphones in the Township Committee Meeting room.

Committeeman Conway thanked all those involved with the Lumberton Paddle and commented on the completed Eagle Scout project down by the canoe launch.

Committeeman Mansdoerfer reiterated that the JIF would like to receive notice of potential litigation or know litigation within a 3 day time frame.

Mayor Jackson thanked all those who were involved in setting up and running the Lumberton Paddle and also offered thanks to the Historical Society for inviting him to see the new windows.

CAUCUS AGENDA

Next Meeting October 13, 2015

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 2015-09-187 A Resolution Authorizing Executive Session Pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12 to Discuss Matters Relating to **Litigation**, Cramer vs. Lumberton Township, Schmidt vs. Lumberton Township and potential litigation, Personnel, **Negotiations**, AFSCME Contract & the **Attorney-Client Privilege**.

On motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Committeeman Conway and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolution 2015-09-187 to convene in Executive Session at 8:12 pm.

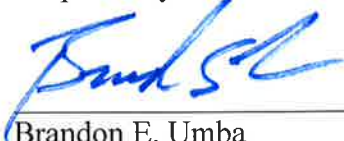
RETURN TO PUBLIC

The Committee returned to Public at 10:51pm

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Township Committee, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:54PM on motion by Deputy Mayor Earlen, seconded by Committeeman Mansdoerfer and carried by unanimous favorable voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Brandon E. Umba
Township Administrator/Deputy Municipal Clerk