

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Earlen 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 10, 2016, 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 March 18, 2016.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Earlen led everyone in the flag salute.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular and Executive Session March 8, 2016

On motion by Committeeman Conway, seconded by Committeeman Jackson and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, with Mayor Earlen abstaining, the Township Committee adopted the minutes for March 8, 2016.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING – TITLE ONLY

Ordinance 2016-04 An Ordinance of the Township of Lumberton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Establishing Fire Suppression and Prevention Services and Emergency Rescue Service within the Township

On motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Committeeman Conway and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee introduced Ordinance 2016-004.

RESOLUTIONS

- **2016-073 Resolution Authorizing a Tax Refund for Block 65.01, Lot 21 due to an Overpayment**

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

- **2016-074 Resolution Permitting FEMA Elevation Project Through Negotiation of Contract**

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Umba stated that Pennoni has reached out to the contractor that performed the work on Fostertown Road to make them aware of a seam in the road that is in need of repair.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

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

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Mr. Umba updated the Township Committee on the progress with the awards dinner and those donations were up to \$2,450. The CDBG grant project is out to bid at this time, we will need to pass the Capital Ordinance before we award.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Umba updated the Township Committee on the punch list items with regards to the Municipal Fields Drainage Project. Mayor Earlen alerted the Public that construction on Allspice Way would be beginning in April and that notices will be issued to the residents. Committeeman Conway and Mayor Earlen presented a proposal from Pennoni on the Boat Ramp Access Plan and requested that Task A and B in the amount \$8,200 be approved by the Township Committee. Mayor Earlen and Committeeman Conway moved to approve the \$8,200 and authorized by a unanimous vote of the Township Committee. Committeeman Jackson

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Umba presented a proposal from Breeds Landscaping for Lawn Renovation which is outside their ground management contract, the Township Committee recommended for a not to exceed \$2,000, with a unanimous approve by the Township Committee. The Township Committee also authorized Mr. Umba to shut down field 2 for reconstruction. Mayor Earlen stated that the Girl Scouts to put monarch butterfly nest throughout the Township and he will coordinate with them. He requested a time frame on when the Turnbridge Playground would be demolished and was informed it was slated for the beginning of April. Mayor Earlen asked about the property maintenance ordinance and if Mr. Umba can look into this issue over at Country Estates. Mr. Umba was requested by Mayor Earlen to look into the speeding conditions along Creek Road and within the Medford Leas Community. Mayor Earlen requested the Public Works Department to review issues with sink holes at the drainage inlets and provide a report on the conditions so that it can be incorporated into capital. Lastly, Mayor Earlen asked the Township Committee to provide a list of Eagle Scout Project ideas so that the Township had them on file if asked.

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

On motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Committeeman Jackson and carried by favorable voice roll call vote, with Committeeman Mansdoerfer abstaining from Custom Bandag, Inc. and Smithbridge LLP, Committeeman Conway abstaining from Consulting & Municipal Engineers LLC and Mayor Earlen abstaining from Custom Bandag, Inc.; the Township Committee approved the Entire Bill with the noted abstentions.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Thomas Shover, 27 Chestnut Street, approached the Township Committee as a representative of Public Works for clarification on projects. Committeeman Conway requested that Mr. Shover present the projects to the Liaisons and Administrator after the meeting for guidance.

Seeing no other public comment Mayor Earlen closed the public portion of the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Committeeman Jackson expressed his displeasure in the proposal for the Access Road to the Boat Ramp because of the total cost of the project as presented. Committeeman Jackson state that the scope of the proposal is outrageous and is concerned of the growing cost of the project. Committeeman Conway stated that the Liaisons are not happy with the cost projections and that is why they are not recommending moving forward with the total proposal.

Mayor Earlen made the public aware of the Grand Opening of the Dog Park and Community Gardens will be April 16, 2016 at 11am.

CAUCUS AGENDA

Next Meeting – April 12, 2016

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 2016-075 A Resolution Authorizing Executive Session Pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12 to Discuss Matters Relating to Litigation, **Personnel**, discussion of Clerk's Resumes received, position opening within the Finance Department due to a resignation, & discussion of the front office staffing, **Negotiations**, FEMA Project contract discussion & discussion of negotiations in a Shared Service Agreement with Lumberton BOE, 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 2016-075 to convene in Executive Session at 8:24 pm.

RETURN TO PUBLIC

The Committee returned to Public at 10:17 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Township Committee, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 pm on motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Committeeman Jackson and carried by unanimous favorable voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Brandon E. Umba

Township Administrator/Deputy Municipal Clerk