

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 December 4th, 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 Brandon Umba, Township Administrator, Robin Sarlo, Chief Financial Officer and Township Solicitor George Morris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular and Executive Session November 24, 2015

On motion by Deputy Mayor Earlen, seconded by Committeeman Conway and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, with Mayor Jackson abstaining, the Township Committee adopted the minutes for November 24, 2015.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING – TITLE ONLY

Ordinance 2015-12-015 Ordinance of the Township of Lumberton Repealing Ordinance 2005-22 Based upon its Inconsistencies with the Subsequent Salary Ordinance and the Memorandum of Understanding with the Township Administrator

On motion by Committeeman Conway, seconded by Deputy Mayor Earlen and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee introduced Ordinance 2015-12-015.

RESOLUTIONS

- **2015-12-215 Resolution Authorizing a Tax Refund for Block 19.23 Lot 49 due to an duplicate payment**

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.

- **2015-12-216 Resolution Authorizing Budget Appropriation Transfers during the last Two Months of the Fiscal Year for the Township of Lumberton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey**

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.

- **2015-12-217 Resolution Establishing the Year 2016 Reorganization Meeting Date and time of the Township Committee of Lumberton Township**

On motion by Deputy Mayor Earlen, seconded by Committeeman Dinneen the above resolution was moved to a vote. That resolution was amended to a start time of 7:00pm instead of 7:30pm on a motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Deputy Mayor Earlen, the amended was then carried by unanimous favorable voice vote. On the original motion, a unanimous favorable voice roll call vote was carried, and the Township Committee adopted the above Amended Resolution.

- **2015-12-218 Resolution Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2015 Year End Holiday Crackdown**

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 Resolution.

- **2015-12-219 Resolution Authorizing Release of the Performance Bond Guarantee Posted by Lowell Cave, Block 13, Lots 3.01**

On motion by Deputy Mayor Earlen, seconded by Committeeman Conway the above resolution was moved to a vote. That resolution was amended to include the required posting of a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$4,534.00 in order for the Performance Bond to be released on a motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Deputy Mayor Earlen, the amended was then carried by unanimous favorable voice vote. On the original motion, a unanimous favorable voice roll call vote was carried, and the Township Committee adopted the above Amended Resolution.

- **2015-12-220 Resolution Authorizing Colonial Life to Administer the Township's Flexible Spending Accounts**

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Jackson made the Township Committee aware of a letter of resignation that the Township received from the Tax Collector Sharon Deviney stating she will be retiring as of the end of December. The Township Committee wished Ms. Deviney well in her retirement. Committeeman Conway made the Township Committee aware of the letter that Parker McCay issued on behalf of the Township regarding COAH matters.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

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

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Mr. Umba gave an update on the FEMA home elevation project and where the Township stands with regards to this project. Mr. Umba pointed out that the two new police vehicles have been received by the Township and are in the process of being outfitted. The Village Green Phase 2 project is on track to be completed by the end of the year but a grand opening will be held off until the summer. An updated on revenue collection for our shared services agreements was given. No further comments were made by the Township Committee on the Administrator's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Committeeman Conway gave an update to the Township Committee on a meeting he and Mr. Umba had with Pennoni in regards to the two proposals listed in Old Business, which are change orders for 2 capital projects Pennoni is overseeing. Committeeman Conway offered a motion on the Revised November 24, 2015 Change Order for Rancocas Creek Access Improvements in the amount of \$14,150.00, which was seconded Deputy Mayor Earlen and carried by a unanimous favorable voice vote. Committeeman Conway then offered a motion on the Revised December 4, 2015 Change Order for the Village Green Phase 2 Rebids in the amount of \$8,996.78, which was seconded by Committeeman Dinneen and carried by a unanimous favorable voice vote. Mr. Umba updated the Township Committee on his review of the report issued to Lumberton Township from Rutgers regarding the Emerald Ash Borer.

NEW BUSINESS

Committeeman Mansdoerfer alerted the Township Committee that the Lumberton Fire Department is working on a Federal Grant with Westampton for air packs and if they are awarded the grant they will be seeking the matching contribution from the Township. The grant is due on January 5th, 2016.

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 Dinneen and carried by favorable voice roll call vote, with Committeeman Dinneen abstaining from Breeds, and Committeeman Conway abstaining from CME; the Township Committee approved the Entire Bill.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

John James, 97 Creek Road, stated that he lives next to the Legacy House and that he attended the Land Development Board Meeting to ask a question on zoning issues with that property. He stated that he was told by that board that they did not have an application on the matter, so they could not discuss the matter. He stated that he felt they know what is going on but the Township is holding information from the public. Mr. Umba stated that the Board cannot comment on a matter unless they have an application before them on the matter.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Earlen thanked the Committee Members for attending the Senior Holiday Dinner which was held on December 6th and reminded the public that the Holiday Tree Lighting would be held on December 12.

CAUCUS AGENDA

Next Meeting December 22, 2015

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 2015-12-221 A Resolution Authorizing Executive Session Pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12 to Discuss Matters Relating to **Litigation**, Schmidt vs. Lumberton & potential litigation, **Personnel**, discussion of an FOP Grievance & holiday pay clarification, **Negotiations**, Hainesport Shared Services Agreement for Fire Official, EMS Services Contract & AFSCME Contract negotiations, the **Attorney-Client Privilege**.

On motion by Committeeman Conway, seconded by Committeeman Dinneen and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolution 2015-12-221 to convene in Executive Session at 8:26 pm.

RETURN TO PUBLIC

The Committee returned to Public at 9:49pm

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Township Committee, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm on motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Deputy Mayor Earlen and carried by unanimous favorable voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Brandon E. Umba
Township Administrator/Deputy Municipal Clerk