

**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 February 19, 2016.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Mayor led everyone in the flag salute.

Present for this meeting were Mayor Earlen, 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**

***Special Budget Meeting Session February 6, 2016***

On motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Committeeman Conway and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted the minutes for February 6, 2016.

***Regular and Executive Session February 9, 2016***

On motion by Committeeman Jackson, seconded by Committeeman Conway and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted the minutes for February 9, 2016.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- **2016-060      Resolution Authorizing a Contract Time Extension with Thor Construction Group for the Village Green Phase 2 Improvements**

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

- **2016-061      Resolution Amending "Policies and Procedure Manual and Employee Handbook"**

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

- **2016-062      Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for as Needed Animal Control Services**

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.

- **2016-063      Resolution Awarding Towing Contracts for the Township of Lumberton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Umba brought to the attention of the Township Committee a letter receive by NJ OEM's Mitigation Unit granting a 6 month extension to Township's FEMA Elevation project, establishing the completion date now as November 18, 2016 and clarifying that the cost share for the project is 75% Federal in the amount of \$480,187.00 and 25% non-federal in the amount of \$160,063.00. Mr. Umba informed the Township Committee that he has re-advertised the bid with a submittal date of March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

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

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

Mr. Umba presented his report to the Township Committee and stated that previous budget explanation included encumbered numbers. Mr. Umba also informed the Township Committee that the Employee/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for April 2, 2016 and the start at 6:30pm. Invites are forthcoming. Memorial Day Parade Meeting is set for 6:30pm on February 25, 2016.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No comments were made in regards to Old Business on the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Earlen made the Township Committee aware of a petition from the residents around Turnbridge Playground requesting that it be completely reconstructed with new equipment. Mr. Umba explained that Turnbridge has been identified in the grant submission to the County and through the Township's capital budget to be completely redone. Mr. Umba expected that the project would start by the end of the spring. The Township Committee requested that Mr. Umba request the public works department to demolish the existing Playground to make way for the new one.

Mr. Umba noted for the record that Deputy Mayor Dinneen arrived at 7:50pm.

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

On motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Committeeman Jackson 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 Conway, seconded by Committeeman Jackson and carried by favorable voice roll call vote, with Committeeman Conway abstaining on bills from CME Engineers, Environmental Resolutions and Miller Ford and Committeeman Mansdoerfer abstaining from Smithbridge and Insurance Agency Management, the Township Committee approved the Entire Bill.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

No comments were made by the Township Committee.

**CAUCUS AGENDA**

**Next Meeting – March 8, 2016**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Resolution 2016-064** A Resolution Authorizing Executive Session Pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12 to Discuss Matters Relating to Litigation, **Personnel**, discussion of Clerk's Resumes received, **Negotiations**, AFSCME Contract, EMS Services Contract & discussion of negotiations in a Shared Service Agreement with Lumberton BOE, the **Attorney-Client Privilege**.

On motion by Committeeman Jackson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dinneen and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee adopted Resolution 2016-064 to convene in Executive Session at 8:04 pm.

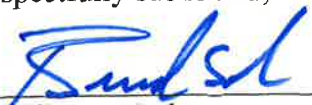
**RETURN TO PUBLIC**

The Committee returned to Public at 10:33 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business to come before the Township Committee, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 pm on motion by Committeeman Jackson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dinneen and carried by unanimous favorable voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Brandon E. Umba  
Township Administrator/Deputy Municipal Clerk

