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**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 4, 2016.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Deputy Mayor Dinneen led everyone in the flag salute.

Present for this meeting were Deputy Mayor Dinneen, Committeemen Conway, Jackson and Mansdoerfer. Mayor Earlen was absent due to the birth of his daughter, Lochlynn Fiona Earlen. The Township Committee offered their public congratulations. 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 February 23, 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 23, 2016.

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING – TITLE ONLY**

***Ordinance 2016-03 An Ordinance of the Township of Lumberton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)***

On motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Committeeman Conway and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee introduced Ordinance 2016-003.

**INTRODUCTION OF 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Deputy Mayor Dinneen offered the 2016 Municipal Budget forward for introduction by the Township Committee. Deputy Mayor Dinneen stated that the 2016 Budget reduces overall township spending for the third consecutive year while maintaining essential services, and some cases, expanding services. In addition this budget allows the Township to continue to build our surplus, which is critical when managing our finances responsibly. Additionally this budget allows for the expansion of the Township Police Department while improving our infrastructure through the building of a Public Safety Center, refurbishing our parks and continuing to repave our roadways. Through the entire Committee our hard work we have held the overall tax rate increase to approximately 1% - or only \$18 per average assessed household. However, we can control spending and investments, and we're proud of the continued progress we've made in introducing this year's budget.

- **2016-065**      **Introducing the Municipal Budget for the Township of Lumberton, County of Burlington for the Fiscal Year 2016**

On motion by Committeeman Jackson, seconded by Committeeman Conway and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee introduced the 2016 Budget.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- **2016-066**      **Resolution Authorizing the Deferral of School Taxes- Local School District**

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

- **2016-067**      **Resolution Authorizing the Deferral of School Taxes- Regional High School**

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

Deputy Mayor Dinneen offered R-2016-068 which executes a contract with the Lumberton Emergency Squad for emergency medical services to be rendered within Lumberton Township. Deputy Mayor Dinneen made remarks on behalf of Mayor Earlen on this contract, stating that he was pleased with the outcome of the Township's negotiations, which includes a new billing company, new recruitment techniques and expanding of paid shifts to ensure quicker responses to the emergency situations. In addition, the township has also committed to better assist with vehicle maintenance, fuel and inclusive insurance coverage. We've already seen the positive effects of the improvements at the squad in response times, recruitment, and the overall relationship with the town in recent months. Committeeman Mansdoerfer echoed the Deputy Mayor remarks.

- **2016-068**      **Resolution Executing a Contract with the Lumberton Emergency Squad Inc.**

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.

- **2016-069**      **Resolution Authorizing a 2016 Emergency Temporary Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-20**

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

- **2016-070**      **Resolution Authorizing a Tax Refund for Block 22.02, Lot 283 due to an Overpayment**

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

- **2016-071 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management Regarding the Elevation of Three Structures Under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, FEMA-DR-NJ-4048-0005**

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Deputy Mayor Dinneen recognized the resignation of Dawn Merriman, who is moving onto a new township. The Township Committee offered their public thanks to Ms. Merriman for her service to Lumberton Township.

### **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 the Township was hoping to receive favorable bids for the FEMA project on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Mr. Umba also informed the Township Committee that the invites for the Employee/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner were distributed and mail out this week and as a reminder it is scheduled for April 2, 2016 and the start at 6:30pm.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Committeeman Conway informed the Township Committee that he has heard that the Township will be approved for grant funds for Turnbridge Playground and official notification is forthcoming.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Committee Mansdoerfer requested that work begin on the asset list for the Township so that it is completed before the Auditor begin there the official 2015 audit of the Township. Mr. Umba also pointed out that mailers have been sent to area businesses seeking donations for the Volunteer Dinner. Deputy Mayor Dinneen stated that he and the Mayor are working on updating the recreation use ordinance.

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

On motion by Committeeman Conway, 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 Mansdoerfer, seconded by Committeeman Conway and carried by favorable voice roll call vote, with Committeeman Mansdoerfer abstaining from Custom Bandag, Inc. and Hainesport Auto, the Township Committee approved the Entire Bill.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Beverly Marinelli, 28 Flemish Way, thanked the Township Committee and Administrator for the Dog Waste Station that was placed on Township property across from her residence.

Gina Morawski, 25 Turnbridge Drive, thanked the Township Committee for address her and her neighbor's petition to fix up Turnbridge Playground.

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

No comments were made by the Township Committee.

**CAUCUS AGENDA**

**Next Meeting – March 22, 2016**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Resolution 2016-072** 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 terms of a separation agreement, **Negotiations**, AFSCME Contract & 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 2016-072 to convene in Executive Session at 8:03 pm.

**RETURN TO PUBLIC**

The Committee returned to Public at 9:29 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business to come before the Township Committee, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm on motion by Committeeman Jackson, seconded by Committeeman Mansdoerfer and carried by unanimous favorable voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Brandon E. Umba

Township Administrator/Deputy Municipal Clerk