

**WORK SESSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**September 27, 2016
DELRAN, NJ**

Sunshine Statement: Be advised that proper notice has been given by the Township Council in accordance with the sunshine law in the following manner. Notice advertised in the Burlington County Times and Camden Courier Post on August 29, 2016 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ROLL CALL: Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone were present.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. O'Connell, Solicitor, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Ms. Eggers, Municipal Clerk.

MUNICIPAL CONSORTIUM – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS

Mr. Catrambone stated that as everyone knows the consortium is working on the COAH litigation on behalf of many municipalities. They have asked the Township to contribute an additional \$2,000.00.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that Brian Shotts spelled everything out in the memorandum to Council. If you agree to the contribution, Council will need to adopt a Resolution.

Mr. Schwartz asked if that needs to be done tonight.

Mr. O'Connell stated that it would be very helpful if that was done tonight.

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN
RESOLUTION 2016-166**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN AUTHORIZING THE ADDITIONAL
RETAINER REQUESTED BY THE MUNICIPAL GROUP**

WHEREAS, the Township of Delran has filed a Declaratory Judgment Action in the Superior Court of New Jersey Gloucester County in furtherance of the Supreme Court's March 10, 2015 decision captioned In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 by N.J. Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Delran joined the Municipal Group, a consortium of over two hundred seventy-five New Jersey municipalities from throughout the state in order to pool resources; and

WHEREAS, each member municipality of the Municipal Group contributed a \$2,000.00 retainer upon joining the Municipal Group and an additional \$2,000.00 during the course of litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Group continues to represent municipalities' interests,

including the Township's interests, throughout the state and the Municipal Group has requested an additional \$2,000.00 retainer in order to permit it to continue representing its members' interests; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Groups has requested that checks be made out to "Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, Attorney Trust Account" and should be mailed to 707 Union Avenue, Suite 301, Brielle NJ 08730; and

WHEREAS, the \$2,000.00 retainer is payable from the Township's COAH Affordable Housing Trust Account as an administrative expense; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Delran, as follows:

1. The amount of \$2,000.00 is hereby authorized to be expended by the Township of Delran for the Municipal Group, to be made out to "Jeffrey R. Surenian - Trust Account," mailed to 707 Union Avenue, Suite 301, Brielle NJ 08730.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adopt Resolution 2016-166.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion Approved

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES RENEWAL

Mr. Catrambone stated that after review our Labor Attorney has indicated that no changes are necessary to the current personal policies.

Mr. Hatcher stated that a adopting the Resolution and a checklist that needs to be completed and sent to the MEL and the JIF. This will reduce our deductible if there was a lawsuit filed regarding employment practice or public officials.

Council agreed to adopt the Resolution.

TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN RESOLUTION 2016-167

**A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN'S CIVIL RIGHTS
POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES,
PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Delran Township to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of Delran Township has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ADOPTED by the Township of Delran that:

Section 1: No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Township of Delran by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Township of Delran shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Township of Delran's business or using the facilities or property of the Township of Delran.

Section 2: The prohibition and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the Township of Delran to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Township of Delran.

Section 3: Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

Section 4: Jeffery S. Hatcher, the Business Administrator shall establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

Section 5: No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

Section 6: The Business Administrator shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Township of Delran as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

Section 7: The Business Administrator shall establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the governing body the results of the monitoring.

Section 8: At least annually the Business Administrator shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Township of Delran. This communication shall include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Township of Delran's web site.

Section 9: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 10: A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Township of Delran in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Township of Delran's commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt Resolution 2016-167.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion Approved

PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES

Mr. Catrambone stated that if everyone agrees this item will be placed on the public meeting agenda for approval. This approval would be to purchase two police vehicle on state contract. Council agreed to place the Resolution on the public meeting agenda.

903 OAK AVENUE

Mr. O'Connell reported that the judge signed an order declaring that the Township can take the property through eminent domain. Through that process the Township must pay the fair market value. The judge appoints three commissioners who will issue a report determining the value. That process could take up to four months.

Mr. Schwartz stated that as Mr. Long previously explained it, once the judge issued the order, the Township could take the property happens right away. The value would be determined later.

Mr. O'Donnell explained that property will be exchanged once the money is exchanged.

Mr. O'Connell asked if there was any way we could get the Commissioners to issue a report sooner than four months since the case is not being contested.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that they have up to four months to issue the report but he doesn't want to get anyone's hopes up that it will be sooner.

Mr. Catrambone stated that as he understand it, we have two options. We could either pay for this through the COAH funds or through the budget process.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that if the Township approves purchasing the property through the COAH funds, the process could be faster than waiting until next year's budget.

Mr. Catrambone asked if the eviction process would start immediately.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that is correct.

Ms. Pangia stated that we are still deficient in COAH units.

Mr. Schwartz stated that he would like see the options in writing and we can make the decision on how to finance the purchase while the Commissioners are making their decision.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that it is really up to Council to determine how they want to fund the purchase.

Mr. Schwartz asked Mr. Hatcher if he could prepare the information.

Mr. Hatcher stated yes.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mrs. Lisicki, 905 Oak Avenue, questioned the amount of time this process is taking. This process was supposed to be resolved in June and now we are talking four more months. Mrs. Lisicki stated that the individuals do not belong there and this house will have to be condemned.

Mr. Schwartz stated that he believes a lot of the confusion is that Mr. Long mentioned that once the judge issued the order, the Township would take title to the property.

Mike Lisicki discussed concerns about making the property a COAH unit.

Resident of 907 Oak Avenue asked if they wait the four months, how long the eviction process takes. She asked if they will be forcibly removed from the home because right now they don't answer the door.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that the process will be quick and they will be forcibly removed if necessary. The Sherriff's office would likely handle the eviction.

Mrs. Lisicki stated that she doesn't understand why the Township can't do anything when there has to be twenty people in the house and they don't belong there.

Mr. Catrambone asked Mr. Hatcher what we can do.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we've had the Board of Health out to the property regarding the number of people but he will ask them to go back out. Mr. Hatcher stated that they have to either be able to see the individuals or have testimony from neighbors that they can take to court.

Resident of 400 Greenwood Avenue asked if the appraiser had access to the property.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that the appraiser did go to the property but did not gain access to the inside.

Mr. Catrambone stated that in terms of how we purchase the property, we want to do what the residents of that area feel is best.

Mr. Hatcher stated we could fund this through the 2017 capital budget or amend the 2016 capital budget if there is enough down payment money available.

Mr. Schwartz asked that Mr. Hatcher include this in his report.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that he can contact the judge and ask for a status update.

After discussion, Council agreed that if they have the sufficient down payment money they would like to amend the 2016 capital budget and introduce a bond ordinance to fund the purchase of the property. They agreed to estimate the cost at \$200,000. Council will discuss this issue at the council conference before the public meeting next week. Other options can be discussed if necessary.

Mr. Hatcher asked the residents if the pit bull was back at the property since that animal was ordered to be removed.

Hope Sanderson, 904 Oak Avenue, stated that she thought that she saw the animal but she is not sure because they haven't been outside.

Susan Headman, 907 Oak Avenue, stated that she hasn't seen the police go up and down the road like they used to.

Mr. Catrambone asked that Mr. Hatcher discuss this with the Chief of Police.

Mrs. Lisicki reported that there is also an extension cord coming out the back window and she doesn't know where it is plugged in.

Ms. Eggers stated that she will follow up with Ted Reimel tomorrow on this issue.

Mike Piper, 812 Edgewood Avenue, questioned why the Township would pay fair market value for a house that as he understands, should be condemned.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that the Commissioners will make that determination.

Mike Piper asked why the Fire Inspector can't perform an inspection on the property.

Ms. Pangia asked if the property was ever registered as a rental property.

Mr. Hatcher stated that they were fined and the fine was paid.

Ms. Pangia stated that all rental properties are inspected by the Fire District.

Mr. Hatcher stated that it has been brought to their attention and they indicated that they could not enter the property.

Mr. Catrambone asked Mr. Hatcher to reach out to the Fire District again and ask them if they can inspect the property.

Mr. Schwartz asked Mr. Hatcher if we could notify the Prosecutor that the property still did not register as a rental.

Mr. Hatcher stated that information has already been provided, fines were issued and paid.

Mr. Schwartz stated that what triggers a fire inspection is when the property is registered as rental. The inspection is very limited and only includes smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

Mr. Hatcher stated we can't make that determination that the property is a rental unit.

Mr. Lisicki questioned if the Commissioners that are making the determination of fair market value could access the property through a court order.

Mr. Schwartz stated that one of his concerns was that the appraisal was high and he questioned if there was a way to get a second appraisal.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that he will discuss this with Mr. Long.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that we will all do what we can to help the neighbors.

Mr. Piper stated that if the outside of the property is so unkept how come the Code Enforcement Officer hasn't been out.

Mr. Hatcher stated he has inspected the property and they have been cited. The property does not always have violations.

Mr. Piper asked why the Township is not going after the owner.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the owner of the property can't be located. The property is in limbo right now.

Mr. Catrambone asked for a meeting to come out of public.

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to close the public portion. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we will continue to move forward on this issue.

REQUEST FOR VACATION OF JANEWAY AVENUE

Mr. Hatcher stated that this request is to vacate the end of Janeway Avenue. This was brought to Council several years ago and not vacated because there is a significant drainage line that goes through that property. Also, the vacation would have impacted another property.

Ms. Pangia questioned why the discussion on vacating Mulberry Street continues to be pushed off the agenda since January and yet we are discussing this one.

Mr. Catrambone stated that can be addressed in her report.

Ms. Pangia stated it Mulberry Street should have been on the agenda back in March.

Mr. Catrambone stated that right now we are discussing Janeway and we can get the information on Mulberry for the next agenda.

Mr. Hatcher stated that with the drainage line going through the property, we would need an easement. It would also take one lot in terms of access to the property.

Mr. Schwartz stated that he feels that the burden should be on the residents to prove that the vacation is in the best interest of the Township and that doesn't appear to be the case.

Mrs. Kolodi stated from the information it appears that it may be better for the Township to keep the road.

Mr. Catrambone stated that when vacating a road, the criteria has been that is in the best interest of the Township. There doesn't seem to be a compelling reason to make that change.

Mr. Hatcher will report back to the residents that they need more of information on this issue.

RELEASE OF PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD ESCROWS

Mr. Catrambone stated that we have received a memo regarding the request for release of a number of Planning/Zoning Board escrows.

Mr. Schwartz questioned why the list is so long.

Ms. Eggers stated that since the new Secretary was hired a year ago, we have been working to try and get these accounts cleaned up which has taken some time. Because of the length of the list, we wanted to bring this to Council before placing the Resolution on the public meeting agenda.

Council agreed to place the Resolution on the public meeting agenda.

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Mr. Catrambone stated that everyone has received the letter from Judge Andronici seeking re-appointment as the Municipal Court Judge. Unless anyone has any questions, we will place this Resolution on the public meeting agenda.

Mr. Schwartz questioned if this should be opened up through an RFP process.

Mr. O'Donnell stated yes, this should be done through an RFP/RFQ process.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we have never done an RFP/RFQ for the judge.

Mr. O'Donnell asked that Council allow him to look into whether the RFQ/RFP is required.

Mr. Catrambone asked that if it is not required, is Council okay with appointing the judge at the public meeting. Council agreed.

Mr. Schwartz stated that he would like to see the court handling scheduling in a more efficient manner.

SEWER DISPUTES

35 SAINT MIHIEL DRIVE – Mr. Hatcher stated that Council was discussing this at the last work session when the fire alarm went off.

Mr. Schwartz stated that his position was that the Township has the higher responsibility in making sure that the billing is done properly. The owner was being billed incorrectly since 2000. The residential sewer account should have been removed once the construction was completed on the property removing the residential component.

Mr. Hatcher questioned whether it matters if this was done when the Sewer Authority was responsible.

Mr. Schwartz stated that his first thought was yes it should matter. But his second thought was like anything else you take over, you take on their liabilities. He doesn't feel the Township caused the problem we took on the good and the bad.

Mr. Catrambone asked if the service was there and connected.

Mr. Hatcher stated that it was always one service but there was to a residential and a commercial component to the property so they received two bills.

Mr. Catrambone stated that when we took over the Sewer Authority, we continued to bill the property and they continued to pay two sewer bills. We bill thousands of accounts and there would not have been a way for us to determine that billing was incorrect. We obviously have to make an adjustment, the question is how far back to we make the adjustment.

Ms. Pangia stated she feels we should go back to 2000.

Mr. O'Connell stated he feels our obligation is to make the adjustment when the resident comes to us.

Mr. Catrambone feels we could make the adjustment back to when we took over the Sewerage Authority in 2010.

Mrs. Kolodi stated that as with all things there has to be a compromise. Maybe we go back from when the Township took over.

Mr. Catrambone asked Mr. Hatcher to provide the information on what the owner has paid since we took over the Sewer Authority.

Mr. Schwartz stated he feels it would be far to go back to when the Township took control.

Mr. Hatcher stated that amount would be \$102.75 per quarter per year since 2011. If Council is comfortable with that, we can prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

Ms. Pangia stated that the owner deserves to be paid back the total money she was over billed since 2000.

After discussion, Council agreed to place a Resolution on the agenda for the public meeting to issue a refund back to 2011.

1361 FAIRVIEW BLVD. – Mr. Hatcher reported that Prestige Cleaner has submitted a claim indicating that they were charged too much for their sewer billing. We have reviewed the claim and found that the bill is correct and there is no reason for an adjustment. Council agreed.

402 DORCHESTER DRIVE – Mr. Hatcher stated that for some reason this property was not picked up on the new property list. The owner is asking that the bill be adjusted to the minimum through 2016. Council agreed.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to take a five minute break, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi. All were in favor, motion approved.

NEW OWNERS – SEWER

Mr. Catrambone stated that the following properties are under new ownership Council will need to adjust the sewer billing to the minimum as per our regulation.

292 Tenby Chase Drive / Block: 151 Lot: 16

23 Perdue Drive / Block 92 Lot: 10

730 Baylor Street / Block: 40 Lot: 14

24 Silverwood Drive / Block: 65.05 Lot: 26

7 Mulberry Street / Block: 128 Lot: 13

Council agreed to make the above mentioned adjustments for new owners and place a resolution on the public meeting agenda for approval.

PIZZA HUT – REQUEST TO WAIVE SEWER BILLING

Mr. Catrambone reported that the owner of the property has indicated that the property has been vacant for some time and they are asking for temporary relief from their sewer bill.

Mr. Schwartz stated that since they indicated that the water has been turned off, he asked Mr. Hatcher to make the Fire Department aware because they may be required to have the water on even though it's not occupied.

After discussion, Council agreed not to make any adjustment at this time.

HOMECOMING 2016

Mr. Catrambone stated that the Junior class has requested use of the pole barn to construct their Homecoming float from 9/28/16 to 10/8/16. This has been done in the past. Council agreed.

TREES – SOUTHVIEW DRIVE

Mr. Catrambone stated that Council discussed this at the last work session and decided against allowing the resident to construction the fence on Township property. The resident is not asking for help in removing a tree that is 75% on Township property in order to construct the fence.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we would have to get an estimate but he believes the cost will be around \$1500.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the resident is claiming that there are a number of dead branches on the tree.

Mr. Schwartz stated that if the tree is in fact dying than that is a different situation. Mr. Schwartz brought up the issue of encroach by the Township on his property. The sidewalk entering the park is on his property about 6-8 inches in some areas. Mr. Schwartz questioned if the Township should file for adverse procession of the property

Mr. O'Donnell stated that the condition has been in place for thirty years so that is possible.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the resident has been very cooperative and is not making this an issue.

Mrs. Kolodi asked if there is any way the resident could install the fence without removing the tree.

Mr. Catrambone stated that we talked about this and it is not an option.

Mr. Schwartz suggested that we have Mr. DeSanto look at the tree and determine if there are any safety concerns.

Council agreed to have Mr. DeSanto issue a report on the tree and they will discuss this again at a future work session

FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT

Mr. Hatcher stated that the state approved grant amount of \$181,350. There is a non-federal share of \$20,150. If Council wishes to move forward, we will need to execute the agreement and move forward with the appraisal on the property. Council agreed to move forward with the agreement.

REQUEST FOR CROSSWALKS ON UNDERWOOD BLVD.

Mr. Catrambone reported that we received a request for a crosswalk on Underwood Blvd.

Mr. Hatcher reported that the property owner made the request. They own properties on both sides and have significant parking on one side. Mr. Hatcher stated that Chief of Police did not have an issue so the next step would be to have the Engineer review the warrants for this request.

Ms. Pangia asked what the cost would be.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he can get an estimate from the Engineer if Council has an interest in pursuing the request.

Mr. O'Connell that he has also had requests from residents to put crosswalks at Pancoast Blvd and Fairview Street and Harper Blvd. and Fairview Street.

Mr. Schwartz stated that he is working with the state in regarding the crosswalks at the jug handle behind Walgreens. He asked if you could have the Engineer study each location.

Mr. Hatcher stated that there is one on Pancoast already but could be faded. The only one that the Township has full control of is the one on Underwood Blvd. The one on Pancoast and Harper may be under County jurisdiction and the one at the jug handle is under State jurisdiction.

After discussion, Council agreed to discuss this at the next work session that the Engineer will be in attendance. Mr. Catrambone asked that Mr. Hatcher asked the Engineer for a cost estimate so that he is prepared.

DELTRAN FIRE COMPANY NO. 2 – JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONS

Mr. Catrambone stated that there was a request for proclamations for the Delran Juniors that achieved 1st place at the NJ State Parade.

Ms. Pangia asked that we also include proclamations for the truck that won an award and also the Honor Guard.

Council agreed to acknowledge all achievements at the public meeting next week.

REQUEST FROM LT. JOHN WILLIAMS – DONATION OF POLICE VEHICLE

Mr. Catrambone stated we received a request from Lt. Williams to donate a vehicle to the Riverside K-9 unit.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the K-9 unit is beneficial to the both municipalities. The vehicle is not currently used by the Police Department.

Council agreed to this request. A resolution will be placed on the public meeting agenda for approval.

ZONING BOARD VACANCY

Mr. Catrambone stated that as everyone is aware. Paul Schultz has resigned from the Zoning Board. As we have done in the past, there was a request to move John Hewko from Alternate No. 1 to a Regular Member and Tom Lyon from Alternate No. 2 to Alternate No. 1. At a future meeting Council will need to discuss filling the position of Alternate No. 2. Mr. Catrambone asked that Council members send in their recommendations for the next work session.

Council agreed to make those changes at the public meeting.

REPORTS

Ms. Eggers – No report.

Mr. Williams – No report.

Mr. Hatcher – Mr. Hatcher reported that Public Works has been out working on filling cracks in the roadways with the machine we rented. It has worked out very well and we would like to do this again next year.

Mr. O'Donnell – No report.

Mr. O'Connell – Mr. O'Connell stated that the weather cooperated very well for Delran Day and thanked everyone involved in the event.

Ms. Pangia – Ms. Pangia stated that Trunk-or-Treat tickets are available to purchase. As of Sunday, they sold 55 tickets. They will be available to purchase at the 5K Run on October 9th. They are on target to be building next year.

Mr. Schwartz – Mr. Schwartz asked if the Swedes Lake Outfall project is completed.

Mr. Hatcher stated that his understanding is that the majority of the work is complete but he will check and see if there are any remaining punch list items.

Mr. Schwartz stated that he received calls from many of the residents and they are extremely happy with the repairs.

Mr. Schwartz reported that on a not so happy note, he has received many calls on the condition of many tot lots that have been vandalized.

Mr. Catrambone asked Mr. Schwartz to make the residents aware that the Delran Residents Facebook page is not where complaints should be reported. We need to remind residents to call the Township to report those concerns.

Mrs. Kolodi – Mrs. Kolodi stated that she is hoping to meet with the woman that approached Council regarding the chickens and also the expert from Camden County. Once she has that meeting, she is hoping to schedule her for a work session in January.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone reminded everyone that on October 16th the Historical Society will be unveiling their first historical sign which will be in front of the Trinity Church on Route 130 at 2:00 P.M.

Mr. O'Connell – Mr. O'Connell stated that there were reports of kids ringing door bells and then leaving. It seems to have escalated into kids confronting the residents. He asked that we make the Chief aware that this is happening.

Ms. Pangia – Ms. Pangia made a formal request to have Mulberry Street vacation on the next agenda.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kolodi. All were in favor, motion approved.

Chuck Stahl, 184 Natalie Drive, questioned if the code enforcement fines for 903 Oak Avenue could impact the final price of the property.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that there are no outstanding code violations on the property. He will look into whether there is any way to gain access to the inside of the property.

Linda Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue, stated that she agrees with Mr. Catrambone that residents need to report issues to the Township and not on Facebook. When she has seen comments she did tell the residents to call the Township or come to the meetings. The vandalism of the parks is an issue and residents have reported that they have found needles in the park.

Mr. Catrambone stated that reporting it on Facebook is not getting the information to the Township.

Bob Gilbert, 75 Stewart Avenue, reported that he disabled veteran on River Drive is getting better. He attended the pig roast this past weekend at the VFW.

Mr. Gilbert reported that the Mission of Honor will bury ten more veterans on October 6th at General Doyle Cemetery at 1:00 P.M. That will bring their total to 213 veterans that have been buried and 274 have been reunited with family.

Mr. Gilbert stated that past residents in Riverside Park have complained about the brush along the river bank was extremely high and we were told it can't be cut. Mr. Gilbert questioned whether the law has changed because vegetation has been cut completely down.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we were told that certain species could be removed completely but all other vegetation could be cut evenly. He does agree that it may have been cut a little short but it will grow back.

Mr. Gilbert stated that all the vegetation that was left behind will end up on their property if there is a flood.

Mr. Schwartz stated that he hopes we can do a little better next summer.

Mr. Hatcher stated that since we have the regulations, they will have plan for next year.

Linda Gilbert asked if they can rake the area after it is cut.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he will talk to Mr. DeSanto tomorrow.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to end the public portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pangia. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mrs. Kolodi left the meeting prior to executive session.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to enter into closed session for discussion on the following issue: Contract Negotiations – Vacant and Abandoned Property Services.

Ms. Pangia made a motion to end the closed session and reopen the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schwartz. All were in favor, motion approved.

Mr. O'Connell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Schwartz. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamey Eggers, Township Clerk