

NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE REPORT

Current Port Norris Station Commander, Ted Murphy, was present to introduce himself. He informed the Township Committee that the Port Norris Station covers 232 square miles, five (5) municipalities and is staffed by thirty-two (32) troopers. For dissemination to the Township Committee, he provided the Municipal Clerk with *2013 Accomplishments – Port Norris Station* and a *Crime Report for Downe Township*. He also spoke about Project Medicine Drop.

PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bart to open the Public Hearing for the second reading of Ordinance No. 1-2014 entitled “*Calendar Year 2014 Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A Cap Bank*”.

Vote: All in favor

There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed on a motion by Bart and seconded by Cook.

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Cook to adopt the aforementioned Ordinance No. 1-2014 entitled “*Calendar Year 2014 Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A Cap Bank*”.

Roll Call: Aye – Jordan, Cook, Bart, Campbell
Nay – 0
Abstain – 0

PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bart to open the Public Hearing for comments relative to the 2014 Municipal Budget.

Vote: All in favor

There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed on a motion by Cook and seconded by Bart. Action regarding adoption of the 2014 Municipal Budget was not taken due to the necessity of the following budget amendment.

Vote: All in favor

RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bart to adopt Resolution No. R-41-2014 *To Amend Budget*. A Public Hearing will be held on the budget amendment at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Committee on May 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex, 288 Main Street, Newport, NJ 08345.

Vote: All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bart to open the meeting for comments on the following resolutions.

Vote: All in favor

- R-42-2014 *Authorizing The Payment Of Bills*
- R-43-2014 *Governing Body Certification Of The 2013 Annual Audit*
- R-44-2014 *Approving The TWA-1 Form For The State Of New Jersey, Department Of Environmental Protection, Division Of Water Quality Relative To Anna Quindlen, Executor At 7 Louisiana Avenue, Fortescue, Downe Township, Known As Block 68, Lot 20*
- R-45-2014 *Approving The TWA-1 Form For The State Of New Jersey, Department Of Environmental Protection, Division Of Water Quality Relative To William McCarroll At 293 Cove Road, Gandy's Beach, Downe Township, Known As Block 2, Lot 45*
- R-46-2014 *Authorizing An Application And TO Execute An Agreement For The Special Evaluation Assistance Of Rural Communities And Households Programs Provided By The United States Department Of Agriculture*
- R-47-2014 *Authorizing An Application And To Execute An Agreement For The Community Facilities Program Provided By The United States Department Of Agriculture Certification Program*
- R-48-2014 *Authorizing An Application And To Execute An Agreement For Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Assistance For The New Jersey Avenue Bulkhead Project From The New Jersey Department Of Transportation*
- R-49-2014 *Approving The 10th Annual New Jersey Devilman Triathlon To Occur On Sunday, May 4, 2014*
- R-50-2014 *Ratifying The Sponsorship Of A Cleanup Through The New Jersey Clean Shores Program*
- R-51-2014 *Authorizing A Shared Service Agreement Between The Township Of Maurice River And The Township Of Downe For The Services Of A Certified Recycling Coordinator*
- R-52-2014 *Authorizing Endorsing The Submission Of The Recycling Tonnage Application And Designating Individual To Ensure Proper Completion And Filing*
- R-53-2014 *Certifying The Submission Of Expenditures For Recycling Enhancement Act Reimbursement*
- R-54-2014 *Authorizing The Submission And Execution Of An Agreement For The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Essential Services Grant Application-Superstorm Sandy*

Sheldon Pepper, Dividing Creek, ask for a review of the proposed resolutions. Mayor Campbell reviewed the resolutions.

Joseph Cerrone, Dividing Creek, asked if the Audit was available to the public. Mayor Campbell responded yes, he could have it tomorrow.

Bernie Sayers, Newport, asked why Resolution Nos. R-44-2014 and R-45-2014 needed to be adopted by the Township Committee. Mayor Campbell responded that it is a requirement of the State process; a Statement of Consent has to be executed by the municipality as part of the application.

There being no further comments from the public, a motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Cook to close the segment.

Vote: All in favor

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bart to adopt R-42-2014 *Authorizing The Payment Of Bills* totaling \$218,259.34.

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Cook to adopt the aforementioned Resolutions No. R-43-2014, R-44-2014, R-45-2014, R-46-2014, R-47-2014, R-48-2014, R-49-2014, R-50-2014, R-51, 2014, R-52-2014, R-53-2014 and R-54-2014 via consent agenda.

Vote: All in favor

PRESENTATION

A presentation was given by Dr. Miller and Derrick Woods representing Tri-State Healthnet, LLC...*Lighting the way for future generations*. Dr. Miller explained that the objective is to save money on electricity by retrofitting light fixtures you already have. He brought samples of bulbs that would fit into street lighting fixtures. Mr. Woods added that there is a mandate at the end of this year requiring that harmful mercury bulbs be switched out. Tri-State Healthnet, LLC is successful at retrofitting existing fixtures as opposed to installing new fixtures. A 28w – 60w bulb/fixture was displayed and demonstrated. The height of the fixture determines the size of the watt. It reduces the electric demand without compromising on luminaries. Cost of approximately \$60,000 would be reduced by an estimated 50%; the carbon footprint is also reduced. Bulbs last a long time - 50,000 hours and come right on, they don't have to warm up; they are a viable alternative.

Bernie Sayers, Newport, asked why these gentlemen are here tonight, doesn't the Township have to put something like this out to bid. Mr. Sayers asked who owns the fixtures because it sounds to him like these gentlemen think the Township does. Mayor Campbell responded that this is just an educational fact finding presentation. The Township is not yet going to sign any contracts for alternative lighting. The cost of lighting was discussed. Mr. Woods said that Atlantic City Electric owns the lighting fixtures and the Township pays a bill based on wattage. The goal is to reduce the

wattage, thus lowering the bill. Mayor Campbell is trying to determine how long it would take to recoup the costs.

Karen Smith, Raybins Beach, raised several points: Electric utilities are regulated by the Board of Public Utilities so she doesn't know about the cost being passed on by Atlantic City Electric (ACE); there may also be a violation of the High Proximity Act relative to someone other than an ACE lineman performing the change out of bulbs and maintenance is another issue. Mr. Woods reiterated what Tri-State Healthnet, LLC has to offer and stated that any change would absolutely have to be coordinated with ACE. He also mentioned that sometimes companies are empowered to offer rebates. Mr. Woods said that they were asked by the Mayor to attend tonight and they drove 150 miles to simply offer a solution. The logistics would all have to be worked out.

Joseph Cerrone, Dividing Creek, stated that ACE owns the lighting fixtures, let them pay to meet the requirements of the mandate, why should the Township do it.

Mr. Woods summarized the discussion and hoped that minds were opened to what the possibilities are. At the end of the day, we all know that the consumer pays one way or another, one day or another. Mayor Campbell thanked Dr. Miller and Mr. Woods for coming. The presentation sparked many questions by the Township Committee and audience as well.

Committeeman Bart asked if any work has been done in Cumberland County. Mr. Woods responded no. Committeeman Bart asked why Tri-State Healthnet, LLC has not contacted ACE. Mr. Woods responded that they are currently busy in New York and other areas.

Deputy Mayor Cook asked if any work has been done in New Jersey to which Mr. Woods responded no. Deputy Mayor Cook requested that a comparable out-of-state reference be forwarded to the Township.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

In the essence of time, given the need for an unanticipated Executive Session, Mayor Campbell, Deputy Mayor Cook and Committeeman Bart gave no reports.

Committeeman Jordan reported that two (2) Township owned vehicles (1992 Ambulance/1985 Dump Truck) were being prepared for auction and requested that the Municipal Solicitor initiate the process as soon as possible. There were no objections to proceeding.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no comments by the Township Committee regarding correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

On a motion by Cook and seconded by Bart, the meeting was opened to the public for comment.

Vote: All in favor

Sheldon Pepper, Dividing Creek, asked what precipitated the liquor license issue. Solicitor Carr responded that an individual made an inquiry about the possibility and he felt it best to report on it to everyone.

Karen Smith, Raybins Beach, asked about the road repair and sink hole. Mayor Campbell responded that it is being addressed. Harry Levenknight, Public Works Manager, interjected that three (3) loads of six (6) loads were delivered today. FEMA funding has been sought to repave the road. Ms. Smith asked about grant funding received for two programs. Mayor Campbell informed her that this is not funding for Fortescue. Funding for Fortescue and the beach between and Gandy's Beach and Money Island is being worked on. She asked about mark outs. Mayor Campbell responded that he believes that *Call Before You Dig* did the mark outs for the coring people at the State. She asked that trash cans be put back at the bridge.

Bernie Sayers, Newport, asked what is going to be done about the lighting presentation. Mayor Campbell reiterated that it was strictly an educational presentation and he plans to verify some of the information discussed. The Mayor added that there was also supposed to be another presentation regarding the landfill and solar. Karen Smith suggested that the President of ACE be contacted to see if street lighting bulbs are going to be switched out and if a cost savings can be realized in connection with the effort.

Bernie Sayers, Newport, asked about the status of getting Comcast to extend service in the Township. The Municipal Solicitor responded that it is pending; Comcast owes the Township an answer; there is interest in working w/Township. Mayor Campbell responded that they give us homework, the Township responds and then we wait. The franchise term was discussed and the Township Committee is requesting that cable service is built out in the Township.

There being no further comments, the public segment was closed on a motion by Cook and seconded by Bart.

Vote: All in favor

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Downe Township Committee will be held on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Cook to adopt Resolution No. R-55-2014 *Authorizing Executive Session In Accordance With The Provisions Of The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act – N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(7)* to discuss a matter relating to

anticipated litigation relative to enforcement action as pertains to an environmental issue at the beach communities.

Vote: All in favor

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Jordan to reopen the meeting to the public.

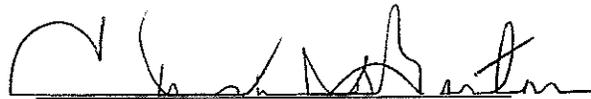
Vote: All in favor

The Municipal Solicitor reported that potential litigation was discussed by the Township Committee during Executive Session regarding enforcement action at the beach communities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Jordan and seconded by Cook.

Vote: All in favor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Constance S. Garton', written over a horizontal line.

Constance S. Garton
Municipal Clerk