

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6102 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
APRIL 2, 2012

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey was held on the above date with Mayor Roger Silva presiding. Members present were Charles Cain Jr., Aline Dix, Amy Gatto and Dr. Harvey Kesselman. Also present were Michael S. Jacobs, Township Administrator, Joan I. Anderson, Township Clerk, Robert S. Sandman, Township Solicitor and Robert J. Smith III, Township Engineer.

The meeting opened with the flag salute followed by the Township Clerk certifying compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the municipal building and by e-mailing a copy of the notice along with the agenda for this meeting to the Atlantic City Press (Press of Atlantic City), Atlantic County Record, Record Journal and Current newspapers stating this meeting would take place at 6:30 PM on Monday, April 2, 2012 in the municipal building, Mays Landing, New Jersey.

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed.

There was no executive session and there was no confirmation of executive session to be made.

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Ms. Gatto, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the following items be added to the agenda for consideration and action to be taken thereon tonight:

9.A Insert names of businesses:

(1) Train Persona Training Studio - yoga/boxing/personal training
At Consumer Square

(2) Sleepy's - retail bedding/furniture store at Hamilton Commons

9.H (3) Cologne Fire Company at Leipzig Ave & Route 322 June 22 & 23
and July 20 & 21, 2012; and at Cologne Avenue & Route 322 on
August 17 & 18, 2012.

9.K Authorize renewal and issuance of Liquor License #0112-33-005-004
for M. L. JOEY, Inc. trading as Maplewood II for the period July
1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 (Tax Clearance Certificate received
3/30/12)

11.D Insert names & effective date to be determined by the Chief of
Police and Township Administrator:

(1) Anthony Alcott (from Sergeant to Lieutenant)

(2) Chris Robell (from Patrol Officer to Sergeant)

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO
"ABSTAIN".

Early public comment on agenda items not listed for public hearing:

Rodney Guishard asked if there was a schedule and criteria for roads to be worked on and if the information is available to the public. Ms. Gatto said she believed the Road Pavement Management Plan has been on the website for some time. Mr. Jacobs said he believed the video presentation on the Plan is on the website but he doesn't know if the Plan itself is on there. He explained the Plan is for 2-years and a third year will be added. Ms. Gatto commented on the roads scheduled for this year having been presented at several meetings and would be meeting minutes. Dr. Kesselman asked Mr. Guishard if there was a particular road he was interested in. Mr. Guishard said there wasn't and that he was just interested in knowing if there was a criteria developed. Ms. Gatto said she thought she explained to Mr. Guishard before that the Pavement Management Plan includes looking at every single road; the Engineer's designation of the road condition; the number of households and trips there are on the road; whether it is an evacuation route; that it is documented in a presentation that is on the website; and it is a list that changes as the data is

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updated. Mr. Jacobs read the following list of items included in the contract being awarded tonight: Railroad Boulevard from Jefferson Street to the Township Line, Strand Avenue from Route 40 to Old Landis Avenue, Market Street from West Point Avenue to Brooklyn Avenue right-of-way, some patching on Mizpah Road, and some patching throughout Harding Lakes development. He explained it is the first phase and there will be another phase in the fall. Mayor Silva said someone will find what meeting the presentation was made at and e-mail the information to Mr. Guishard. Mr. Cain said that questions such as Mr. Guishard raised helps the Committee make the public aware that the Township does have a pavement management program; that the Committee is following it; and that it is a comprehensive system that makes sure roads that need attention get it.

Mr. Jacobs gave a brief power point review of the 2012 Municipal Budget as originally made on introduction of the budget at the February 21, 2012 meeting. The presentation was video taped and recorded and a printed copy is available for review in the Township Clerk's Office.

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that the following resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION TO READ 2012 BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in the Municipal Building, the local public library, and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the budget shall be read by title only.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN"

Public Hearing/Adoption of 2012 Budget:

Russell Bongiovanni asked if staff is being hired for the Residential Rental Ordinance. Mr. Jacobs said two part-time Clerks and two part-time Inspectors have been hired. Mr. Bongiovanni said his wife and others volunteered to work with that department at no cost to the Township and his wife is wondering why she wasn't contacted if people are being hired. He said his wife also an expert in the Landlord Tenancy Act of New Jersey and that might contribute to the Department. Mr. Bongiovanni said that his other concern was the school taxes. Mayor Silva said the Township only controls 30.4% of the tax dollar, the other 54% is school taxes. He said he spoke at the Greater Egg Harbor Regional School budget presentation on Monday. Mayor Silva said they had over \$600,000. in State Aid left over from last year, and they got another \$921,000. this year enough to produce a flat budget. The Mayor said that just because you have a 2% CAP doesn't mean you automatically go to the top and that to maintain residents at a livable standard in this community, they have to make sure taxes meet that. The Mayor commented on the possibility they may be in trouble going forward if the economy does tank and that, from his perspective, the School Boards have to get the message that they don't have to keep hiring more people just because they have extra money. He said the School Board is able to present and vote on their budget the same night and the Township Committee has to wait 29 days from when its budget is introduced before they can vote on it because they needed D.C.A. approval first. The Mayor said he thinks the rules have to be made the same for everybody. Mr. Bongiovanni said he was told at a Regional Board meeting that they couldn't set up reserves

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for major capital improvements because of the 2% cap and they needed the money for other things. Mrs. Dix said they could have done it a long time ago. Mayor Silva referred to Mr. Bongiovanni's earlier comment on the Rental Ordinance and said none of the money from it was utilized to balance this budget and any revenue that comes in is just to pay for that program.

There being no further questions or comments on the budget, Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Ms. Gatto, that the public hearing be closed.

MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN"

Ms. Gatto commended the Finance Committee for their work putting together a wonderful budget for the Committee to vote on. Mayor Silva commented on it being part of a 5-year plan that started four years ago when Mr. Nickels was on Committee. He said he thinks everyone feels good about the budget; that it is an outstanding budget; and that the Committee heard the message of the residents' that they didn't want a tax increase and wanted a system of pay as you go.

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Ms. Dix, that the following resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS 2012 Municipal Budget was introduced and approved at a regularly scheduled public meeting held on March 5, 2012 and was duly advertised in the Atlantic County Record on March 21, 2012 for a public hearing to be held on April 2, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the municipal building, Mays Landing, NJ; and

WHEREAS the public hearing has been held as advertised and closed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the 2012 Municipal Budget be and is hereby adopted as advertised.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO", NO "ABSTAIN" ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Before casting her vote, Mrs. Dix said some government units think adopting a budget is a license to spend and that she hopes the Department Heads and Administration keep spending to what is absolutely necessary so the budget isn't spent down to the barest of bones. Mrs. Dix said under-spending this year will help next year.

Public Hearing/Adoption - Ordinance #1718-2012:

Ms. Gatto explained this is with part of the shared services agreement the Township has with Egg Harbor City for dispatch services and is for compensating the Coordinator that is already in place. Mayor Silva said it is paid for by the agreement the Township has with Egg Harbor City. Mr. Jacobs explained that by creating this as a separate position, it goes away if the Shared Services Agreement goes away.

Mayor Silva opened the hearing for anyone in the public wishing to comment on the Ordinance. There being no questions or comments from the public on the Ordinance, Mrs. Dix moved, seconded by Ms. Gatto, that the public hearing be closed.

MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NO", NO "ABSTAIN"

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that the following resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS, Ordinance #1718-2012 was introduced and passed first reading on March 19, 2012 and was duly advertised in the March 21, 2012 issue of the Atlantic County Record for a public hearing to be held in the municipal building, Mays Landing, NJ on April 2, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, the public hearing has been held as advertised and closed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Ordinance #1718-2012 be and is hereby adopted.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO", NO "ABSTAIN" ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE #1718-2012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 60 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE AND
CREATING THE POSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS SHARED SERVICES
COORDINATOR.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that:

SECTION 1. The non-union position of Communications Shared Services Coordinator is hereby created and established.

SECTION 2. Qualifications, Duties and Responsibilities. The qualifications for the position of Communications Shared Services Coordinator shall be established by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton. The nature and extent of services performed by said Communications Shared Services Coordinator shall be defined in a job description approved by the Township Committee and on file with Human Resources and open to public inspection in the Human Resources Office forthwith upon introduction of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Compensation.

- A. The salary range for the position of Communications Shared Services Coordinator shall be established by the Township Committee at \$5,000 - \$6,000 and set forth in Ordinance #1630-2008 Fixing and Establishing the Salaries and Wages of Municipal Officials and Employees of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey.
- B. The position of Communications Shared Services Coordinator is a Part-time/Hourly position and as such, the wages shall be established and set forth in Section 5 of the Non-Union Salary Ordinance #1630-2008 adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton on June 18, 2008.
- C. Should a shared services agreement between the Township of Hamilton and another local government entity cease, so shall compensation awarded for services rendered by the position of Communications Shared Services Coordinator for that entity.

SECTION 4. Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of ordinances or any resolutions of the Township of Hamilton inconsistent herewith are repealed in full.

SECTION 5. Severability. If any part or parts of this Ordinance are for any reason held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. Effective date. The Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as provided by law.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON,
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NJ.

Joan I. Anderson, R.M.C.
Township Clerk

Roger Silva, Mayor

ROLL CALL: CAIN	“YES”
DIX	“YES”
GATTO	“YES”
KESSELMAN	“YES”
SILVA	“YES”

ORDINANCE #1718-2012 INTRODUCED & PASSED FIRST READING MARCH 19, 2012.
ORDINANCE #1718-2012 ADOPTED APRIL 2, 2012.

Award of contract for 2012 Road Program Phase I:

Mr. Jacobs explained three bids were received and read the amounts bid by each of the two unsuccessful bidders.

Ms. Gatto questioned how soon paving could be expected to start after awarding the contract. Mr. Smith explained the contracts would be prepared tomorrow; he will hand deliver them on Wednesday; the preconstruction meeting will probably be held next Thursday; and as soon as the contractor gets his bonds, insurance certificates and contracts together it will be in construction.

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Ms. Gatto, that the following resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT

WHEREAS on March 13, 2012 the Township of Hamilton received sealed bid proposals for the 2012 Road Improvement Program, Phase 1; and

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Arawak Paving Company, Inc. Hammonton, NJ 08037	Base Bid: No bid submitted Alternate Bid: \$661,600.00
Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. Hammonton, NJ 08037	Base Bid: \$706,454.00 Alternate Bid: No bid submitted
Lewandowski Construction Industries, Inc. Waterford, NJ	Base Bid: \$909,595.00 Alternate Bid: \$877,684.75

and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer and Qualified Purchasing Agent have reviewed aforesaid bids and determined Arawak Paving Company, is the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. Smith III, Township Engineer, recommended in writing on March 13, 2012 that the contract for the 2012 Road Improvement Program, Phase 1, be awarded to Arawak Paving Company,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey, that:

- (1) The foregoing facts are hereby ratified and affirmed.
- (2) Funding shall be from Bond Ordinance #1713-2012.
- (3) The bid of Arawak Paving Company, 7503 Weymouth Road, Hammonton, NJ, is hereby accepted and the contract for the 2012 Road Improvement Program, Phase 1, is awarded to it in the amount of Six Hundred Sixty-one Thousand Six Hundred (\$661,600.00) Dollars.
- (4) The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the contract with Arawak Paving Company.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO", NO "ABSTAIN" ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

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ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATION

I, Robert J. Smith, III, Township Engineer, do hereby certify that I reviewed the foregoing bids and recommended in writing on March 13, 2012 that the contract for the 2012 Road Improvement Program Phase I be awarded to Arawak Paving Company, Inc. pursuant to Public Contracts Law NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.

Robert J. Smith, III, P.E.

QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Lindsay, the Township QPA, do hereby certify that I reviewed the foregoing bids and recommended in writing that contract for the 2012 Road Improvement Program, Phase 1 be awarded to Arawak Paving Company, Inc. pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law NJSA 40a:11-1 et seq.

Cynthia Lindsay, HTQPA

TOWNSHIP CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Joan I. Anderson, Township Clerk of the Township of Hamilton, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, at a regular public meeting held on April 2, 2012.

JOAN I. ANDERSON, R.M.C., TOWNSHIP CLERK

Award of contract for purchase of one (1) Fire Tender (Bid #2012-03:

Mr. Jacobs explained the Laureldale Fire Company received a \$179,550.00 grant from FEMA that the Township agreed to match up to \$120,000.00. He said the Township contribution will actually be \$112,325.00 based on the lowest responsive bid. Ms. Gatto said the Township share is budgeted in the Capital Budget. Mr. Jacobs reported receiving an e-mail late this afternoon from the other bidder that raised an issue about the bid specification. He explained the words in the specs were a little different than what a parts item was named; the lowest responsive bidder bid on the product number; that is acceptable with the Fire Company; and he doesn't see a problem with awarding the bid. Mayor Silva explained all bids from now on will be for new, demo or slightly used so when someone bids the option to fall into one of those categories is there.

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that the following resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT

WHEREAS on March 29, 2012 the Township of Hamilton received sealed bid proposals for 1 new, Demo or Slightly Used Fire Tender (Bid #2012-03); and

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
U. S. Tanker Fire Apparatus, LLC Delavan, WI	\$291,875.00
Pierce Manufacturing Inc. Appleton, WI	\$299,552.00

and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent and Authorized Officer(s) of the Laureldale Fire Department have reviewed aforesaid bids and determined U. S. Tanker Fire Apparatus, LLC, is the lowest responsible bidder and recommended in writing that the contract for purchase of one (1) Fire Tender be awarded to U. S. Tanker Fire Apparatus, LLC; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey, that:

- (1) The foregoing facts are hereby ratified and affirmed.
- (2) Funding in the amount of \$291,875.00 shall be from Hamilton Township Bond Ordinance #1693-2011 and \$189,550.00 shall be funded by a Federal Grant awarded to the Laureldale Fire Department pursuant to the financial agreement between the Township and the Laureldale Fire Department.
- (3) The bid of U. S. Tanker Fire Apparatus, 1827 Hobbs Drive, Delavan, WI is hereby accepted and the contract for one (1) Fire Tender is awarded to it in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-one Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-five (\$291,875.00) Dollars.
- (4) The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the contract with U. S. Tanker Fire Apparatus, LLC.

ROLL CALL: CAIN "YES"
 DIX "YES"
 KESSELMAN "YES"
 GATTO "YES"
 SILVA "YES"

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO", NO "ABSTAIN" ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Lindsay, the Township QPA, do hereby certify that I reviewed the foregoing bids and recommended in writing that contract for one (1) New Fire Tender under Bid #2012-03 be awarded to U. S. Fire Apparatus, LLC, pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.

Cynthia Lindsay, HTQPA

LAURELDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S CERTIFICATION

I, Frank Gabriel, Jr., Chief of the Laureldale Volunteer Fire Department, do hereby certify that I reviewed the foregoing bids and recommended in writing that the contract for one (1) New Fire Tender under Bid #2012-03 be awarded to U. S. Fire Apparatus, LLC, pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.

Frank Gabriel, Jr., Chief LVFD

TOWNSHIP CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Joan I. Anderson, Township Clerk of the Township of Hamilton, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, at a regular public meeting held on April 2, 2012.

JOAN I. ANDERSON, R.M.C., TOWNSHIP CLERK

At the request of Mayor Silva, Consent Agenda Items 9.B, 9.C, 9.D, and 9.G were acted on separately.

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Kesselman, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the following Business Registration Licenses are hereby approved:

- (1) Train Persona Training Studio - yoga/boxing/personal training at Consumer Square.
- (2) Sleepy's - retail bedding/furniture store at Hamilton Commons.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN"

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Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Kesselman, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that notices of extension of the expiration date of M & T Bank letters of credit #SB9501880001 and SB9501830001 **from** May 16, 2012 **to** May 16, 2013 are hereby accepted, said letters of credit being performance guarantees for Conson LLC/Eaglesmere project (formerly Glen Eyre Palette III).

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Kesselman, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that authorization is hereby given for advertising and receiving of bids for Fire Apparatus Pump Repair, Maintenance and Certification services.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Kesselman, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that it has no objections to the County of Atlantic and/or the NJDOT approval and issuance of permits to the Mays Landing Volunteer Fire Department (Reliance Hose #1) for coin drops to be held at the intersection of Route 40 & 50 on June 15 & 16, 2012 (rain date June 17, 2012), on July 13 & 14, 2012 (rain date July 15) and on August 17 & 18, 2012 (rain date August 19, 2012).

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Kesselman, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that it has no objections to the County of Atlantic and/or the NJDOT approval and issuance of permits to the Weymouth Volunteer Fire Department for coin drops to be held at the intersection of Black Horse Pike (Route 322) and CR 559 (Weymouth Road) on July 27 & 28, 2012 (rain dates August 3 & 4, 2012) and on August 24 & 25, 2012 (rain dates September 7 & 8, 2012).

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Kesselman, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that it has no objections to the County of Atlantic and/or the NJDOT approval and issuance of permits to the Weymouth Volunteer Fire Department for coin drops to be held at the intersection of Black Horse Pike (Route 322) and CR 559 (Weymouth Road) on July 27 & 28, 2012 (rain dates August 3 & 4, 2012) and on August 24 & 25, 2012 (rain dates September 7 & 8, 2012).

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

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Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Kesselman, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that it has no objections to the NJDOT approval and issuance of permits to the Cologne Volunteer Fire Company for coin drops to be held at the intersection of Route 322 (Black Horse Pike) and Leipzig Avenue on June 22 & 23, 2012 and on July 20 & 21, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton has no objections to the County of Atlantic and/or NJDOT approval and issuance of permits to the Cologne Volunteer Fire Company for coin drops to be held at the intersection of Cologne Avenue (CR 614) and Route 322 (Black Horse Pike) on August 17 & 18, 2012.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Kesselman, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that approval is hereby given a permit for the Mizpah Volunteer Fire Company to hold coin drops at the intersection of Landis and Estelle Avenues on May 26 & 27, 2012, July 7 & 8, 2012 and on September 1 and 2, 2012.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Kesselman, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that authorization is hereby given for waiver of Road/Street Opening Permit fees relating to the Hamilton Township Municipal Utilities Authority (HTMUA) Well #10 water main installation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that authorization is hereby given for inspections of the water main installation project to be done by the HTMUA Engineer.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Kesselman, that the following resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS, M. L. JOEY Corporation filed the required application and fees for renewal of its Plenary Retail Consumption License for the 2011-2012 License Year on May 13, 2012, all in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws; and

WHEREAS, the required Tax Clearance Certificate for renewal of the aforesaid License was not received by the Township Clerk as of Monday, June 10, 2012; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2011, the Township Committee accepted the aforesaid renewal application and ordered it be filed with the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control with no action taken to approve or deny renewal made pending receipt of the required Tax Clearance Certificate; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2012, the Township Clerk received the required Tax Clearance Certificate for the 2011-2012 license year renewal issued by the Division of Taxation on March 27, 2012,

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, that the Plenary Retail Consumption License for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, both dated inclusive, be and is hereby approved and issued as follows:

<u>LICENSEE/LICENSE NO.</u>	<u>TRADING AS</u>	<u>PREMISES LOCATION</u>
M. L. JOEY, CORP. 0112-33-005-004	MAPLEWOOD II	6126 BLACK HORSE PIKE MAYS LANDING, NJ 08330

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Item 9.B:

Mayor Silva read paragraphs 7, 9 and 10 of the resolution and explained that what the State calls State Aid is what the municipality calls Energy Tax Receipts. He said when the State took that tax money it started the Township on the spiral of structural deficit that seemed to grow that the Committee tried to control. The Mayor commented on the Committee hoping each year that the State would restore the funding but they didn't. Mayor Silva said the amount of Aid is the same this year as it was last year. He explained the State took the Tax Receipts from the municipalities to balance its budget on the municipalities' backs. He commented on there being an outcry over the years to have it restored and said the resolution being voted on is to get the state's attention to return the funding because the Township will spend the money in the most appropriate way. Mr. Cain commented on being amazed that they can take what is rightfully the municipality's, give back a portion of it, and call it Aid.

Mrs. Dix moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that the following resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RESTORATION
OF ENERGY TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

WHEREAS, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; since, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties and other entities; the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, for years, though, State budget makers have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs; and instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit; and

WHEREAS, while the State may need to have the right to over-ride the statutory dedication of these revenues to local governments, in order to deal with emergencies and crises that may occur; current State policy makers should not exercise that right automatically; and

WHEREAS, while that right should be the exception, it has become the rule; and

WHEREAS, by using tactics such as reducing CMPTRA, which is also comprised of revenues that should be returned to municipalities, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting Energy Taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, from \$72 million in State Fiscal Year 2005, to \$505 million in State Fiscal Year 2011, the State's diversion of Energy Taxes has continued to grow; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, 2009 and 2010 (SFY 2009, 2010 and 2011), funding for municipal revenue replacement was slashed by about \$26 million in 2008 and \$32 million in 2009, followed by losses of about \$271 million in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use for these resources, which were always intended to fund local programs and services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, that we join with the League of Municipalities in calling for the immediate restoration of funding diverted from Energy Taxes intended for local use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, respectfully, call on State policy makers to end the diversion of our municipal resources to cover State spending and to provide us with this important tool to relieve the worst-in-the-nation property tax burden borne, for too long, by the people of New Jersey; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, our State Legislators and the League of Municipalities.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Affordable Housing Trust Fund Monitoring:

Mayor Silva asked if it is just a formality. Mr. Jacobs said his understanding is that this is just a resolution designating Mr. Sartorio as the person who submits the information on the system. Mrs. Dix asked if a hard copy would be available so the Committee knew the detail. Mr. Sartorio explained the CTM is the State on-line system; that he takes the Mitchell Humphries information that comes from Finance and types it into the State System; and he has to provide copies of the bank statements and reconciliation at the end of the year. He said he would print out a copy and make it available to Mrs. Dix. Mrs. Dix said she didn't necessarily want a copy but felt it should be available in town hall.

Mrs. Dix moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Philip Sartorio be and is hereby authorized to execute the Certification of Completion of Affordable Housing Trust Fund Monitoring in the CTM System.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Change Order for the Fleet Maintenance contract:

Mr. Jacobs explained the Township already pays for maintenance on the Fire Chiefs' vehicles through another contractor and the change order is to add the Chiefs' vehicles into the Township's contract with G4S. He explained funding will still come out of the same account Mr. Jacobs explained the Township gives the fire companies maintenance money and they had a contractor they hired but and now they will be using G4S. Mrs. Dix commented on not seeing fixed asset numbers on all

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vehicles on the list and asked if that meant the Township doesn't have titles to the ones without numbers. Ingrid Perez explained the Township owns all of them and they do all have asset numbers but not all of the numbers were included on the list. Mr. Jacobs explained money is already in the budget for maintenance; that the Township used to pay one contractor and now will pay a different one that will provide routine maintenance and certain things on a regular basis. Mr. Jacobs explained the second part of the change order is to add all of the Township's snowplows and salt spreaders to the contract.

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Change Order #1 to the contract between the Township of Hamilton and G4S Integrated Fleet Services LLC resulting in an additional monthly amount of \$1,951.41 for the period April 1, 2012 through the end of the contract period as set forth below be and is hereby approved:

Original Contract Price:	\$1,042,567.49
Contract Price prior to this change order:	\$1,042,567.49
Net increase of this Change Order:	\$ 23,417.01
% of change:	2.25%
Contract Price with all approved change orders:	\$1,065,984.50

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Purchase of 4-wheel drive vehicles:

Mr. Jacobs said this is funded by cash and is not a capital expense. He explained the vehicles being replaced are outside their useful life and under the maintenance contract the Township has to pay extra for repairs if anything on them breaks. Mrs. Dix asked if the vehicles would be put on GovDeals. Mr. Jacobs explained 16 vehicles will be sold on GovDeals but he couldn't say which ones tonight because some of the police vehicles are in better condition than ones being used by Public Works and the Fire Chiefs; the best vehicles will be kept and the worst will be sold. Mayor Silva commented on the Township having raised over \$300,000.00 since going into the GovDeals program. Mr. Jacobs commented on this being significant not only from what the vehicles sell for but also the maintenance cost savings on those 16 vehicles. Mr. Cain said it is a net reduction of a minimum of 11 vehicles that could go up to 12 or 13 vehicles.

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Mrs. Dix, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that authorization is hereby given for the purchase of one (1) 4-wheel drive pick-up truck from Mall Chevrolet, Cherry Hill, NJ under State Contract #A78844 for the sum of Twenty-four Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-seven (\$24,487.00) Dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that authorization is hereby given for the purchase of one (1) 4-wheel drive pick-up truck from Hertrich Fleet Services, Milford, DE under State Contract #A78845 for the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Thirty-two (\$21,032.00) Dollars.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the minutes of the March 19, 2012 regular meeting be and are hereby approved and adopted as published.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that all properly executed and approved payrolls and bills totaling \$2,552,488.35 be and are hereby ordered paid.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Advertising for Truck Driver/Laborer II:

Ms. Gatto explained this is if to fill the position of a Truck Driver/Laborer that left.

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mrs. Dix, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that authorization is hereby given to advertize for a Truck Driver/Laborer II (DCL license required).

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Appointment of Communications Shared Services Coordinator:

Ms. Gatto said the Personnel Committee highly recommended the appointment of Mr. Brandenberger. She said the program exists because of all of Mr. Brandenberger's hard work and it is something that he should be very proud of.

Dr. Kesselman moved, seconded by Ms. Gatto, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Michael Brandenberger be and is hereby appointed the Communications Shared Services Coordinator effective January 1, 2012 at \$5,000.00 annually with said compensation to be eliminated upon termination of the Shared Dispatch Services Agreement with Egg Harbor City.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Advertising for Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer:

Ms. Gatto said it is a recommendation from the Police Department as a means to possibly reduce overtime costs. Mr. Jacobs explained they want to keep police officers on the road when they can and not have them transporting prisoners. He said they will make sure it is a net savings. Mayor Silva said it doesn't increase the number of sworn police officers. Mr. Cain said it is a part-time with no benefits.

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Dr. Kesselman moved, seconded by Ms. Gatto, that the following resolution be adopted,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that authorization is hereby given to advertize for a Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Police promotions:

Dr. Kesselman commented on being part of the vetting process and said the level of review is extraordinary. He explained this is to get it back to the number agreed to in the budget and doesn't increase the numbers. Mr. Jacobs said there will be a net reduction in the number of sergeants. Mayor Silva said he was thoroughly impressed by the resumes of all the candidates. He commented on almost all of the sworn officers that were laid off last year being hired relatively quickly and said that helped the Township because of the unemployment it had to pay. He commented on them being able to get gainful employment very quickly because of the level of education and training programs they received all supported by the Township.

Dr. Kesselman moved, seconded by Ms. Gatto, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Anthony Alcott be and is hereby promoted from the rank of Police Sergeant to the rank of Police Lieutenant with the effective date of said promotion to be determined by the Chief of Police and Township Administrator.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO", NO "ABSTAIN" ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Dr. Kesselman moved, seconded by Ms. Gatto, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Chris Robell be and is hereby promoted from the rank of Police Patrol Officer to the rank of Police Sergeant with the effective date of said promotion to be determined by the Chief of Police and Township Administrator.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO", NO "ABSTAIN" ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Reports:

Mr. Jacobs congratulated the new Lieutenant and Sergeant. He said they had some real strong competition in the interview and that it was very impressive.

Mr. Jacobs said Laureldale Fire Company should be applauded for their efforts of in getting a grant for almost \$180,000.00 that will bring a fire truck for better fire protection into the community.

Mr. Sandman reported on a letter he sent on March 28th to Mr. Sentman, the representative for Lexon, the bonding company for the Foxmoor development, and said he gave him ten days to answer. He reported he called Mr. Sentman today and read into the record the following e-mail that he received at about 6 o'clock tonight: "Please give me a call to discuss this when you are free. We have done a substantial amount of investigative field work on the site and we believe we have discovered the deficiencies and corrected the life safety issues. I would like to discuss a plan to mobilize a contractor to finish the remaining bonded items within the next ten days including submitting a settlement with a completion scope for your review this week". Mr. Sandman said if they are true to their work he will have an answer in ten days.

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Mr. Sandman reported that as a result of Township Committee approving a bond replacement agreement with respect to the Glen Eyre development at their last meeting Fox Chase Bank has funded the escrow to allow the landscape architect to go over it for a modified clearance mitigation plan. He said it will be submitted to the Planning Board Engineer for administrative review when it comes in and, if approved, it can go forward. Mr. Sandman explained that the agreement provides for this to get done at no expense to the Township and for Fox Chase Bank and its principals to act as the Township's counsel to take action against the bonding company which will save the Township a fair amount of money. He explained Fox Chase Bank will give the Township a replacement letter of credit in an amount equal to the existing bond; it will be subject to his review and approval; and he guesses the next step would be for them or their designee to begin to finish the improvements. Mr. Sandman said this took a little time but it is a very successful, innovative plan.

Mr. Sandman reported he sent final notice letters on March 28th to the bonding companies for Tavistock and that he forwarded to the Committee the response he received from a representative of Traveler's Insurance with respect to Phases 1A, B and C and Phase 2. He said they are in their investigative phase and he gave a 30-day extension for them to come back with a schedule, not necessarily a plan. Mr. Sandman reported he hasn't received a response from Great Western, the bonding company for Phases 3 and 4; they are both over \$500,000.00 bonds; he gave them a ten-day notice at the end of March; and all future discussions with respect to that will probably take place in executive session.

Ms. Gatto asked that Mr. Sandman or Mr. Smith touch base with the representative of the Foxmoor residents with regard to the e-mail Mr. Sandman reported tonight. Mr. Smith said he would do it if someone gives him the contact information. Mrs. Dix said they were Bill Galletta and Nick Erman.

Dr. Kesselman reported the Smart Growth now known as the Master Plan Subcommittee will make their presentation at the April 16^h meeting.

Ms. Gatto reported on attending the Rescue Squad annual appreciation dinner and that they recognized their spectacular performers in terms of life-saving actions they have taken and services they provided throughout the community. Ms. Gatto reported she delivered the Committee's appreciation to the Squad and said they do an outstanding job and the Township is very lucky to have them.

Mrs. Dix reported she attended the ribbon cutting at the new Dress Barn store.

Mrs. Dix reported being asked by someone who watches Channel 2 why the roll was called so much and that she explained a roll call vote is one by one with an "aye" or "nay" as opposed to taking the roll which is "present" or "here". Dr. Kesselman commented on the meetings not being on Verizon yet. Ms. Gatto commented on hearing the Verizon Channel 2 complaints and the speed of uploading the meetings. Mr. Jacobs said it is based on the Township's build-out schedule. In response to Mrs. Dix question, Mr. Jacobs explained putting the wires into Oakcrest is one issue but they also have to be going past there and be able to connect to the high school. He explained meetings can be watched on the Township website. Mr. Cain said that is all the more reason he wants to continue on the quest to have Planning and Zoning meetings taped so all the great work done by the volunteers on those Boards can be seen.

Mr. Cain reported Hamilton Mall is dewatering the basins to correct deficiencies prior to starting work on the actual expansion of the Mall and a potential problem is being averted through the work of the Planning Board. Mayor Silva said it is probably the lowest he has ever seen them. Ms. Gatto questioned where they were putting the water. Mrs. Dix said they are sending it down Adams Branch. Mr. Cain expressed hope that at the conclusion it will be draining on site and

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permeating into the ground as it is supposed to. He explained one of the conditions the Planning Board put on the developer was that before any COs are granted that work had to be completed.

Mayor Silva reported he and the Administrator bringing several communities in to see what the Township has in its dispatch center, how well it is run, and the success it has had in sharing the service. He reported many other avenues are being explored and said the Committee will continue to push shared services as much as they can with the understanding the agreement has to be beneficial to both parties. He commented on there being a great amount of interest and said that is why he so happy to seeing a good budget passed and that he is looking forward to doing a lot of great things.

Public Comment:

Harry Rogers congratulated the Committee on adopting of the budget and said he appreciated their ongoing efforts to bring government down to a manageable size. He commented attending the School Board meeting and on the school board passing their budget with no tax increase. Mr. Rogers commented on sitting next to the reporter and there being nothing in her newspaper article the next day about the people who talked about teachers and other students being attacked in the schools on a regular basis; appeals being made to the administration and superintendant; threats of retaliation against employees at that meeting. He commented on not knowing if it is within the Township Committee authority to investigate it. Mayor Silva asked Joel Landau if he would report something. Mrs. Dix said she was also contacted about what happened at that meeting and the safety issues those employees are having to deal with. Mr. Rogers said none of the issues brought up w Superintendant to address them when they were brought forward. ere trivial and there didn't seem to be a concern from the Board and the He said there were one or two comments made by one of the Board Members. Mrs. Dix asked if their lawyer was present. Mr. Rogers said he wasn't. Dr. Kesselman clarified that it was the local and not the Regional School Board; that Joel Landau was not there; and asked if the Current reporter was there. Mrs. Dix said the Current reporter was there. Mr. Rogers urged everyone to look for the March 27th School Board Meeting. Mr. Cain asked if they are broadcast. Ms. Gatto said she didn't think they were on Channel 2 but they are on their website. Mayor Silva said he and Ms. Gatto both offered to meet with the Superintendant to try to help them understand the financial situation of the community; how greatly they impact it; and to see if a better relationship could be forged in terms of making things a lot more palatable for the residents. Mrs. Dix said the reporters can take all the notes they want but it is not a reflection on the reporter if the manager of the newspaper chooses not to print the story. Ms. Gatto asked if a link could be put on the Township's website to where the school videos are posted so people could go to it. She asked Mr. Jacobs to make sure the Superintendant knows who to contact at Oakcrest if she wants the meetings on Channel 2. Mayor Silva asked if they have a school officer at those schools. Mrs. Dix said they hired Glen Houseman but they don't have a school resource officer because they don't want to pay for it.

David Wigglesworth commended the Committee on the budget and way they conduct business.

Louis Green read a prepared statement about the March 26, 2012 Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB) meeting motion to send a letter to the Township Committee saying the Board will not be supporting him at the Hamilton Mall. Mr. Green's statement was recorded and video taped and can be seen on the Township website. A copy is on file in the Township Clerk's office. Mr. Green commented on some of the new VAB members stating that he and the Township can be sued because he isn't a certified service officer. He said he realizes the Township Committee has the authority not to take any action on the letter and suggested they come to the Mall to see and hear exactly what he does. Mr. Green read a list of questions he wants the Township Committee to ask the VAB members regarding the matter. Mr. Green referred to Section 94.2

and Section 94.4 of Ordinance #1469-2003 establishing the VAB and his position was discussed by past VABs and they recommended that the Township Committee include him being at the Hamilton Mall be in the Township liability coverage with no added cost. He explained he is at the Mall the first Wednesday of every month; he has 18 years experience assisting veterans and their families with no complaints; he considers himself an expert in VA the health care eligibility application process; he helps resolve VA related issues; and considers that kind volunteerism for the good of the people. Mayor Silva asked if Mr. Green was the Vice Chairman of the VAB and selected by the membership. Mr. Green said he is Co-chairman and it was a majority vote. The Mayor asked if there was any reason Mr. Green couldn't resolve this with the Board. Mr. Green said he had no choice but to bring this to the Committee because there is a concentrated effort that he considers antagonistic against him; that he doesn't understand why; he has never had one veteran or veteran organization he has worked with in 18 years question the validity of what he does. The Mayor asked if there was on-going dialog before they voted or discussion where they brought up certain things they wanted Mr. Green to consider. Mr. Green said they wanted him to become a Certified Officer and he doesn't want to be one. He explained is required to be a Certified Officer and what they do. Ms. Gatto asked if Mr. Green was talking about the Veterans Service Representative Program. Mr. Green said it was. Ms. Gatto referred to their website saying there is a Service Officer and a Claims Agent and that the Service Officer cannot be a claims agent. She commented on recognition Mr. Green has had from different entities over the years and said she doesn't think anyone is questioning his integrity; she thinks the VAB is looking at it from a mitigation of risk standpoint which the Township Committee has to do; the Committee is constantly getting new rules especially from JIF in terms of what they are covered to do and not to do when acting as Township Officials. Ms. Gatto said she thinks the VAB isn't saying not to do what he normally does but they aren't going sanction it as a VAB activity and he is doing it as Lou Green. She said it sounded to her like a great thing for Mr. Green to be a Certified Officer with the work that he does. She suggested that Mr. Green and the VAB Members look into getting certified if there is a difference between that and a Claims Agent and Mr. Green doesn't want that role. Mr. Green questioned why he should have to join another veterans' organization to sponsor him for what he does and why he would have to get that certification and not use it. Ms. Gatto compared it to training the township Committee and professionals are required to have and said it makes it more recognizable and official so he is giving official information when he acting on behalf of an official entity. Mr. Green explained you have to be sponsored by a government entity or veterans' service organization to get that training and he doesn't want to belong to veterans organizations where he is told what to do and how to do it. He commented on personal contact numbers he has that he can call and resolve an issue far better than any veteran officer anywhere in the country. Dr. Kesselman asked Mr. Green to explain exactly what he wanted from the Township Committee. Mr. Green said he is having a problem with veterans that recently went on the VAB that are bring up an issue and trying to make it a reason why the Township wouldn't support him being at the Hamilton Mall. Dr. Kesselman asked if Mr. Green wants an endorsement from the Township Committee. Mr. Green said he an endorsement that continues to endorse liability coverage for him to be at Hamilton Mall to help veterans. Mayor Silva asked if Mr. Green still belonged to the VAB and why. Mr. Green said he does because he believes there are pluses and minuses in life and he will live with any type of discourse there is the VAB because he feels there are pluses there and his particular issue is minor compared to the over-effectiveness of helping veterans. Ms. Gatto summarized the issue as (1) the VAB needs clarification from one of the Township Officials about what is and isn't allowable when they act in their capacity as a VAB Member in terms of liability coverage and (2) is it worth looking into any of the certifications if that is the type of role they want to play as a Board. She said they have a budget and she doesn't think the Committee would begrudge them that type of training or anything they need to serve veterans. Mr. Jacobs said he understands the Mall requests to be named an additional insured for

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Mr. Green to do this and he has no problem continuing that but he thinks the VAB wants the Committee to change that. Ms. Gatto said she assumes the Board is questioning it because there are a lot of new members that they just don't know and it is an opportune time to educate the new members and the old members to understand what is happening and see if it is or isn't allowable. Mayor Silva said Mr. Green made choices himself not to do certain things that is personal and there are members of the Board now who are going for their certification because they want to get involved in it after they leave active duty service. He commented on things changing and the need to change or stay at the level where you are and Mr. Green chose to stay at that level to do what he does the way he does it without any step up. The Mayor asked how Mr. Green would get informed on newer things and methods of handling various cases that come before him. Mr. Green said his specialty is and he considers himself an expert in health care eligibility; there is no one better than him; he is in phone contact with Veteran Officers in Washington DC daily; they fax him information and send him books, pamphlets and brochures on anything that has changed in the law. Mr. Green said he prides himself on knowing 100% of any issue pertaining to VA health care. He said when it comes to an issue of a claim it is a privacy issue that he doesn't get involved in.

John J. Percy III congratulated the Committee on a good conservative budget, for bringing the rate down to where it should be, paying off debt, and building up surplus. He questioned buying two 4-wheel vehicles under the same state contract number but from two different agencies, one in state and one out of state. Mrs. Dix said they are needed for two different purposes; the smaller one is for public works and the larger one has to be able support needed in the fire inspection vehicle. Mr. Percy asked if either vehicle qualified for putting a plow on front of it. Mr. Jacobs said the public works vehicle is replacement for a car. Mr. Blankenship explained public works vehicle is smaller and the person getting it is now driving a one-ton pickup that does have a plow. He commented on doing an analysis of the plows for the maintenance contract and they are getting rid of a couple because there are no vehicles for them. Mr. Jacobs said the there are more trucks than employees right now.

Mr. Blankenship reminded everyone of the Earth Day event on April 21st; they will try to do some roadside cleanup; there will be an electronic recycling and shredding event.

Elmer Ripley commented on what he has to do to get from his house to Somers Point Road and asked if the State could be asked to come up with a reconfiguration of the Sugar Hill intersection design. He asked if anything will be done about speeding on Old Egg Harbor Road. Mr. Cain said Mr. Smith is looking at a study to slow traffic down in the area of the ball fields that is hoped to slow it down on the road entirely.

Rodney Guishard said he has been advised that there are discipline problems in the Regional High School also. He asked the status of the solar facility that was going to be built at the glass factory. Mayor Silva said Mr. Sartorio will be giving a presentation on redevelopment at the next meeting. Mr. Guishard asked what happened with the Race Track project. The Mayor said he believes there will be nothing happening until things get going at the NextGen at the FAA. Mr. Guishard commented on Channel 2 and school board meetings. Mr. Jacobs explained Township Committee meetings can be viewed immediately on the website but he doesn't know what the status of the school board is.

Bruce Strigh said the Sugar Hill Circle was under consideration about 20 years ago and the State offered the Township the chance to choose any one of 7 or 9 configurations. He said unfortunately there were many interests in town that wanted it left the way it was. Mr. Strigh said the current configuration was labeled a temporary. He said he was on Township Committee at the time and voted for it with the understanding it was only a temporary fix. He said the Township hat its shot 20 years ago.

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Bob Ellis from Somers Point said he worked with Mr. Green at the Mall and invited anyone who wants to come see what they do. He said they hand out information to people who need to know and you don't have to be a certified officer to do that. Mr. Ellis said the Mall told them they didn't need to be covered by any insurance because they are only handing out information that is good for the veterans.

Judy Link asked when Park Road was going to be repaved. Mr. Smith explained the MUA is doing an evaluation of the water and sewer system there and the Township wants to wait until the upgrades are done before reconstructing the roadway. Mayor Silva commented on the video inspection of all the infrastructure done by the MUA when he was on it and said they had a plan for making necessary corrections in the areas most in need and graduating accordingly. The Mayor commented on it making sense not to do it until they are done. He commented on complaints about a road that was just paved being torn up by the gas company or the water company and to avoid that kind of outcry the Township decided to coordinate with outfits that do work in the area and get it done properly. Mrs. Link said you can't buy Mr. Green's kind of volunteer service and she thinks he is a valuable resource that the Township wants to encourage. Mayor Silva said they aren't discouraging him. The Mayor asked Mr. Blankenship the MUA time frame for Park Road. Mr. Blankenship explained they are looking at that along with some other water projects and it won't be this year. He said there are a couple of issues with the water system and they are looking to see if the Infrastructure Trust Fund would allow them to get the money at a low rate to do that along with some other water main projects they are looking at. He explained their capital plan for this year is a sewer project on Cologne Avenue and Well #10. Mrs. Dix commented on the plan to come from Tanglewood Drive with one proper sized water main and asked if that was the plan they were going with. Mr. Blankenship explained the intent would be to put a 10' main in Park Road and redo the services there. He said they are also looking at the drainage issue at Rundle and Tunney Avenue because it floods every time it rains and they will try to get that out of the way first.

Joseph Nickels said when the VAB was formed in 1994 there was a provision that the Chairman would come before the Committee twice a year and issue a report. He suggested it be scheduled just before or just after Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Mr. Nickels suggested the Chairmen of the Planning Board, the Zoning Board and Industrial Commission come at least twice a year and give an update of what is going on. He commented on things happened within the Planning and Zoning Boards that set the course for the Township in the long term and he thinks it would be in the best interest of municipality in order to understand what that focus is.

Elmer Ripley commented on receiving an e-mail from Senator Lautenberg stating the Federal Government is going to give the State \$500 million for new infrastructure and suggested pushing now to try to get some of the funds.

There being no further questions or comments from the public, Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Mrs. Dix, that the public comment portion be and is hereby closed.

MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

There being no further business to come before the governing body tonight, Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that this meeting be and is hereby adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

ATTEST:

JOAN I. ANDERSON, R.M.C. TOWNSHIP CLERK