

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
DECEMBER 17, 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 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 Press of Atlantic City, Atlantic County Record, Record Journal and Current newspapers stating this meeting would take place at 6:30 PM on Monday, December 17, 2012 in the municipal building, Mays Landing, New Jersey.

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed. Mayor Silva asked that everyone keep the people of Newtown, Connecticut in their thoughts and prayers.

Presentation to Robert RaVell:

Mayor Silva said Mr. RaVell deserved the recognition he is getting tonight for having served on the Industrial Commission for four decades. He also recognized Rocky Fichetola, another Industrial Commission Member who was in the audience, for having served for 33 years and Rocky Policarpo, who was not present, for having served over 30 years. The Mayor commented on Mr. RaVell guiding the Industrial Commission through both good and bad times and never faltering in his love of the Industrial Park. Mayor Silva presented a plaque to Mr. RaVell in appreciation for his dedication and service to the Industrial Commission January 2, 1973 through December 31, 2012. Mr. RaVell introduced his daughter, son-in-law, grandson and brother and said he was sorry his wife was unable to attend. He commented on the mission and accomplishments of the Commission and said he is proudest of the collective work of all the Commissioners that preceded him. Mr. RaVell commented on his pleasure for the honor of being reappointed countless times over several administrations and the trust his fellow Commissioners showed by asking him to take the Chairmanship each year. He thanked the Mayor and Committee. Mr. RaVell commented on having worked with Mrs. Anderson for many years when she was secretary to the Commission and said he was disappointed Nancy Rainbow, the current secretary, and said she was the glue that held the Commission together over the years.

Presentation to Committeeman Cain and Committeeman Kesselman:

Mayor Silva commented on this being Mr. Cain and Dr. Kesselman's last Township Committee meeting and presented each with a plaque in appreciation for their dedication and service to the residents of the Township. He thanked Dr. Kesselman for the Strategic Planning Committee and its success; for the difficult decisions he was part of making that put the Township on a firm financial footing; and most of all for being non-partisan. The Mayor thanked Mr. Cain for his work on the Planning Board; his drive to make the Master Plan user friendly; his work on the basins; for making difficult decisions that helped put the Township on a firm financial footing; and for being non-partisan. Ms. Gatto said it was an honor and pleasure to serve both of them, previously with Mr. Palmentieri, and now with Mrs. Dix in terms of getting things done, doing what is right and the work of the people. She said it couldn't have been done without people having open minds, their bipartisanship and putting politics aside. Ms. Gatto commented on learning from both of them and said they will be sadly missed.

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Mrs. Dix commented on running for Township Committee with Mr. Cain in 2004, working together for the past 8 years; his respect for her and faith in hers in him; and said she will miss him terribly.

Route 40 Commercial Center presentation:

Nick Menas, attorney for the developer, presented an aerial view of his client's property and explained it is located where Route 40 goes into Route 322. He also presented a conceptual site plan for a commercial development with approximately 100,000 square feet for retail, commercial, restaurant, dining and uses similar to what is in the surrounding area and a conceptual plan of the location of a traffic signal and driveway access to the project. He commented on the infrastructure not having caught up with all of the commercial development that has taken place causing some health and safety issues and explained why they think the location of a traffic signal at their site is important. He commented on multiple traffic improvements being proposed and said D.O.T. will have to give them access to Route 40. Mr. Menas asked his traffic consultant to explain why they feel it is warranted. The consultant commented on 322 and Route 40 being the crossroads of the County and the Township and a very busy intersection. He explained the entire frontage of what they own is along Route 40; the majority of it is on what D.O.T. categorizes as a ramp and falls under what is called defacto-no access. He commented on preliminary meetings with D.O.T. and said D.O.T. agrees they are entitled to have a driveway; they are working to find a way to make the driveway and improvement work for them as well as everybody else; another benefit to putting a traffic light at the very edge of their property would be a traffic calming effect on the other intersection. He commented on the D.O.T. spacing requirement being a way of killing most developer's traffic lights that is violated all the time but only with good strong support from the town and the County. He said it will help benefit a number of current traffic issues and there may be an added benefit of taking right turns off of 322. Mayor Silva asked if it would make a difference if the light was back further because people from the Harding Run subdivision have difficulty crossing Route 40 on foot. Mr. Menas explained there was no way to get their traffic to where the Mayor suggested but putting the light where proposed will create gaps in the traffic and give them opportunities to cross that they don't have now. Ms. Gatto asked if there were any alternatives in terms of light placement or access. Mr. Menas said that is really the only place (for a light) and this concept shows an opportunity to comprehensively master plan from a couple different perspectives. Ms. Gatto asked if the back exitway from Festival Mall could be moved over to spill onto the access road. Mr. Menas said they haven't had those conversations but it made sense in maximizing the number of people that could theoretically use the light. Mr. Sandman asked what rights they have to create that access road to the triangle that was part of the old circle. Mr. Menas explained they will be able to get the access but the question will be the quality of the access and the quality of the access speaks directly to the viability of the project and type of tenant they would get. He said they think it is an opportunity for a first class anchor tenant that wouldn't come there if those concerns aren't properly addressed. Mrs. Dix asked if the old Club House property was included. The traffic consultant said it isn't. Mrs. Dix referred to the light at the jughandle and asked if they have any traffic counts for traffic coming off the pike onto Route 40 and traffic counts for traffic coming across by Red Lobster into the entry to Festival. The Consultant said they have counts for those coming off the Pike to 40. Mrs. Dix commented on traffic from Hamilton Mall going across (322), through Festival Mall to Route 40 and then west on 40 and suggested that if they could put the access across D.O.T. property, traffic could possibly turn left on the pike then hit the access road, not cut through Festival Mall and alleviate the pass through traffic at Festival. Mrs. Dix asked Mr. Menas where the proposed driveways would affect the little cemetery she spoke to him about and said it has to be addressed. Mr. Menas said it was not

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addressed on the concept plan tonight and that he thinks it can easily be addressed at the site plan phase. He referred to Mrs. Dix's comments about cutting through Festival and said D.O.T. considers traffic counts on the primary and secondary (roads) so they could argue that is a secondary. Mr. Menas said it starts with the Township Committee saying that they believe conceptually that these types of traffic improvements are warranted to support a project of this commercial density at that location. Mr. Cain said he appreciated that statement but thinks the Committee members put a tremendous amount of faith in the officials appointed to the Planning Board and that this needs their look at it and recommendations to the Township Committee. He commented on the roadway that was put in front of Wawa years ago with Planning Officials and said utilizing the same type of roadway makes sense to traverse the property and come out in a line with the Festival main driveway. Mr. Cain said he didn't know that the proposal to put a light so close to the bend will get a recommendation from the Planning board. Mrs. Dix said they have to go to D.O.T. for approval before going to the Planning Board and that the impression she got was that if they don't get D.O.T. approval they aren't going to the next step. Mr. Menas commented on developers being told in economically challenging times to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to see if something does or doesn't work and if it doesn't work, that is the cost of doing business. He said he thinks development can be encouraged by thinking creatively and utilizing what is already before them with the existing process conceptually. Mr. Menas explained they aren't asking for Committee approval, they are looking for direction; for what the Committee's initial impressions are; and what they need to hear from their professionals to make a determination as to whether or not they think it is a viable concept. Mayor Silva said the placement of the light doesn't necessarily guarantee the developer success at that location and he thinks it can go a long way if they look into some of the comments made tonight. He commented on the Township not wanting to see any business locations that existed or could exist not be occupied. Mr. Smith suggested Mr. Menas contact Nancy Rainbow about getting on a workshop agenda. Mrs. Dix said they need a use variance. Ms. Gatto asked if they have an interested anchor tenant. Mr. Menas said they do and that was why they were here to get direction in terms of the most efficient way to move through the process. Ms. Gatto asked if his intention was to try to break ground quickly if they got through some of the questions. Mr. Menas commented on trying to move as quickly as possible in today's climate when you have an interested party. Dr. Kesselman asked Mr. Menas the name of his firm. Mr. Menas said it is Fox Rothschild. Mayor Silva thanked Mr. Menas for the presentation and said he thought they got some direction. Mr. Menas said he thought it was exactly the direction they were looking for. He thanked the Committee for their time.

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 Item 6, Award of contracts, be deleted from the agenda.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following be added to the agenda for consideration and action to be taken thereon tonight:

8.F Accept Pennoni Associates Inc. proposal and award contract to them for the sum of \$1,250.00 for Asphalt Core Testing for the Reconstruction of Malaga Road Section 1 as recommended by Robert J. Smith III, Township Engineer, December 13, 2012.

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

There were no early public comments on agenda items not listed for public hearing.

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November 2013 meeting dates:

Mayor Silva explained the Committee has only had one meeting in November for the past 4 or 5 years and said comments have come to him from various people that they knew the Committee originally didn't want to have a meeting so close to the election to have it turned into some kind of campaign issue. He said he believes there can be two meetings in November if the dates are moved back a little bit. Mrs. Dix said she had no problem with the dates on the agenda. She said the Zoning Board may meet on the fourth Monday but they don't usually have much of a crowd so she doesn't see why they couldn't meet in the Conference Room A. Ms. Gatto said she has no problem with the way it is but if the Committee wants to have two meetings she is fine with that too. Mrs. Dix commented on needing things like reviewing the budget in October so funds can be transferred in November. She said it could be brought up at Reorganization. Ms. Gatto and Mayor Silva commented on Mrs. Anderson needing to know ahead of time. Ms. Gatto asked if there was any indication that budget review and transfers are not happening. Mayor Silva said it came up that the Committee only has two meetings a month before the public and in some cases having one, people would like to see more than one and he thinks it is a sound idea to have two. Mr. Cain said it is easier to have it scheduled and cancel it if there is no workload.

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 there shall be two (2) regular meetings scheduled in November 2013 the dates of which shall be Tuesday, November 12, 2013 and Monday, November 25, 2013.

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

Shared Services Agreement with Egg Harbor City for purchase of microwave link set for WRDR VHF connection:

Mr. Jacobs explained Egg Harbor City pays to share the Township's dispatch center; they need this equipment to get their information to the Township; and it will increase the Township's ability to communicate with the Weymouth Fire Department. He explained that under the shared services agreement the Township will pay two-thirds and Egg Harbor City will pay one-third of the purchase cost of approximately \$21,000; there wouldn't be any additional new borrowing because there is an old bond for Weymouth Fire Company equipment that they haven't used and recommend using (for this); and Egg Harbor City has already voted to approve the Agreement. Mr. Cain said the total cost is \$20,361.50 and the Township share will be around \$14,000. Mr. Jacobs explained the Agreement is worded one-third and two-thirds so if there is any extra charge it will be prorated. Mayor Silva asked if there was a monthly maintenance fee. Mike Brandenberger explained the base station is installed on a county site in Galloway Township so the only maintenance is electricity; the County is going to pick that up because it is benefitting all the western part of Atlantic County; and the Township will have access to it through this microwave link. He commented on Egg Harbor Township and Galloway Township also having access and explained that now that the Township and three other agencies have access to the system, if the Township center went down, another one could activate our fire department and talk to them. Dr. Kesselman asked if this purchase would still have to happen even if for any reason dispatch services were centralized in this region. Mr. Brandenberger said it would and that is a benefit that will start paying for itself immediately because phone lines tied into jail sites that can be dropped.

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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 Shared Services Agreement set forth below is hereby approved and the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute same on behalf of the Township.

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

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
EGG HARBOR CITY AND THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON

THIS SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT by and between **THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON**, (hereinafter "Hamilton") a body politic, organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, with offices at 6101 Thirteenth Street, Mays Landing, NJ 078330; and

EGG HARBOR CITY, (hereinafter referred to as "Egg Harbor") a body politic, organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, with offices at 500 London Avenue, Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Municipalities of Hamilton and Egg Harbor agree that the residents can be better served with a reduced expenditure of tax dollars, while providing a greater level of government services through a shared services agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (hereinafter "Act"), N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. seq. permits local units to enter into shared services agreements with the intention of saving costs to the residents through the reduction of local expenses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Act any local unit has the ability to enter into a shared services agreement with another local unit to provide or receive any service that each local unit provides or receives on its own; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton and Egg Harbor as "local units" defined by the Act are empowered to enter into shared services agreements; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton and Egg Harbor hereby desire to enter into this Agreement in order to establish and create a bond by sharing services; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement shall take effect immediately following the adoption of said resolutions and the execution of this Agreement by both parties; and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities of Hamilton and Egg Harbor entered into a shared services agreement for June 23, 2011 and said agreement states Egg Harbor is solely responsible for installing, maintaining and operating the receiving and transmitting equipment, to include the strength of the VHF transmissions, the ability to receive VHF transmissions, all costs related thereto, including the equipment installed in its own vehicles and station houses, for the associated cost of transmitting the data from their VHF receiver sites to the Hamilton radio room and all other costs associated with adding their sites into Hamilton's radio system; and

WHEREAS, the township of Galloway and the County of Atlantic have granted permission for Egg Harbor and Hamilton to utilize their existing VHF infrastructure located on the WRDR tower and tied into the county radio system; and

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WHEREAS, both Hamilton and Egg Harbor would benefit by an inter-local agreement for the purchase of a microwave link set for the connectivity of the WRDR VHF base stations through the count switch located at the Atlantic Justice Facility to the Hamilton 9-1-1 center; and

WHEREAS, the installation of the microwave system will create a redundancy between Hamilton's and Galloway Township's communications centers; and

WHEREAS, the installation of the microwave system will greatly improve the activation capabilities for Hamilton's five fire companies;

Scope of Services

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. Hamilton agrees to pay 66.6% and Egg Harbor agrees to pay 33.3% of the total purchase price for the shared microwave system, which is estimated at \$20,361.50; and

2. Hamilton agrees to pay 66.6% and Egg Harbor agrees to pay 33.3% of any future costs relating to the maintenance and repair of the microwave system.

3. Egg Harbor agrees and acknowledges that the above described payments do not represent any ownership interest in the 9-1-1 center or this equipment. Hamilton shall be the owner of the equipment.

4. Hamilton Township agrees and acknowledges that it will administer and supervise the installation and maintenance of the microwave system.

Choice of Law

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

Entire Agreement

This Agreement sets for the entire understanding of the parties hereto with respect to the services contemplated herein. No change or modification of this Agreement shall be valid unless the same shall be in writing and signed by all parties hereto.

Severability

If any part of this Agreement shall be held to be unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON

Joan I. Anderson, Township Clerk

By: Mayor Roger Silva

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FEMA Sheltering & Temporary Essential Power (STEP) Pilot Program:

Mr. Jacobs explained this is a new program and that he and Mr. DaGrosa attended training. He said it is not for fixing your house or replacing your roof but if you had a hole in the roof they would let you put plywood over it and may patch it with a canvas or tarp or they will let you get two outlets if you need electric service. Mr. Jacobs said he thinks there are a lot of areas in the County that need this but most of our citizens are past the temporary means already. He explained that if the Committee decides to participate in the program the Township has to put up 100% of the cost, administer the program and would only be eligible to get 75% back. Mayor Silva asked if the program was in use now or was something new. Mr. Sartorio explained it is a brand new pilot program and the Township is the experiment. Mayor Silva commented on the Township having to put up all the money up front, eventually getting reimbursed 75%, and really having no idea what something like this could cost. Mr. Sartorio said the maximum spending per dwelling is capped at no more than \$10,000.00 and the list the Assessor has is under 30 and the percentage damage is at 30% of maximum right now. Mrs. Dix commented on material she saw today and said it is four outlets installed and a 20 gallon water heater; they will not reimburse at higher than a 20 gallon one if the contractor can't get a 20 gallon heater; and there is no reimbursement to homeowners for anything they already spent. Ms. Gatto said only local governments are authorized and it doesn't go to the homeowner. Mr. Sartorio explained the Township would have to retain the contractors etc. Ms. Gatto asked who on staff would do it. Mr. Jacobs said the Township would have to have a contractor and he thinks it is just for Hurricane Sandy. Ms. Gatto asked if the Township would be reimbursed 75% of the administrative cost. Mr. Jacobs said he didn't see that in there. He said he didn't think the program was for the Township but didn't want to make that call without bringing it to the Committee's attention and if they want to do it, a consultant or someone to administer it will have to be brought in. Mayor Silva said it didn't appear to him that just to get four outlets and water heater is going to make any difference if they don't have electricity.

Dr. Kesselman moved, seconded by Ms. Gatto, that the action on the FEMA Sheltering & Temporary Essential Power (STEP) Pilot Program be tabled.

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

Task Force to discuss use of recreation facilities:

Mayor Silva commented on the lengthy discussion at the last meeting with members of the various athletic organizations regarding use of the athletic fields and said Dr. Kesselman suggested forming a Task Force. He said he thinks the interest is there and some individuals expressed that they would like to be part of it. The Mayor appointed Rodney Guishard, to the Task Force and to be the Chairman. He appointed Jeremy Taylor from the HYAA and asked him to select someone else from the group to be on it; Steve Johnson from the MLAA and asked the MLAA to include one more person from their group to be on it; and Rommi Antonucci from the Soccer Organization. Mayor Silva said the Task Force was to discuss, interact and try to come to some workable conclusion for the use of the athletic fields in the community. He said the Committee took no particular side in this, it will be entirely up to how the discussion goes, and hopefully it will be worked out in a manner in which they all hoped it could be. Mayor Silva explained he suggested the inventory of what is available in the Township be looked at to see if it would have to be stretched to the use of anything else temporarily. He said the Committee will be available for input if it is needed and will make a room available to them for meetings. Ms. Gatto asked if it would be focused on football fields, any fields minus a baseball like field, or all fields for all times of year. Mayor Silva said he thought that should be looked at in

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terms of trying to resolve what is their first concern. Mr. Guishard said his initial suggestion would be to look at all fields because it is a general Township problem; there are strong feelings on it; and is something that isn't going to go away. He said there is concern about a couple of teams now but there may be more later. Mr. Guishard said he would prefer to address the broader issue but would like to talk to the team members and get input from other people. Mayor Silva suggested they have an introduction meeting to discuss the parameters of what they feel is in the best interest of trying to resolve (the problem) and if it expands into the other areas, it has to be considered. He said he isn't putting a time frame on it but hopefully it can be accomplished before any serious playing starts. Jeremy Taylor expressed his gratitude for the planning and consideration being given to (HYAA) as well as the MLAA. He said he is a little concerned about the role Mr. Guishard will be playing in it and isn't clear if it is just going to be them attempting to negotiate something with the MLAA. Mayor Silva said he thinks that in approaching any particular issue, whatever parameters they want to set in terms of its use, the discussion needs to be when the need is greatest and how it is addressed when everybody has the same need. Mr. Taylor said technically the MLAA has nothing to offer (HYAA), it is technically the Township's (facilities). The Mayor said he didn't speak for the MLAA but they have a long history in the community of providing recreational training and he is sure they, the HYAA, and Committee do not want to have to deal with head butting. Mrs. Dix suggested Mr. Taylor go into it with an open mind and that all sides need to talk together with Mr. Guishard as the Chair to see what can be discussed and worked out so it seems to be more even for everybody. Mr. Taylor commented on being asked to be on the Task Force and said he asked another member to be on it but he is concerned about Mr. Johnson from the MLAA being an attorney. Mr. Sandman said Mr. Johnson raised four children in the community; has been involved in athletics; and is an honorable man. He said he would donate his services free of charge if a legal issue comes up.

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Mrs. Dix that the Township Committee form a Task Force to discuss use of recreation facilities and that the following persons be appointed to the Task Force as recommended by the Mayor:

- Rodney Guishard, Chairman.
- Jeremy Taylor to represent the HYAA and one additional person to be selected by organization.
- Steve Johnson to represent the MLAA and one additional person to be selected by the organization.
- Rommi Antonucci to represent the Soccer Organization.

DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: Ms. Gatto said she wanted to clarify for the record that the scope of "use of recreation facilities" right now is coordination of use of fields because she thinks there are a lot of other issues with regard to advertising on fencing and all kinds of other uses of facilities. Mr. Guishard said he didn't think too many restraints should be put on it initially and that the team should sit down, talk about an approach and come up with one they can agree upon. He said he isn't sure membership should be restricted because the team may say they want a couple other people on it because they have information they can offer. Ms. Gatto commented on seeing in the past that something gets so big that they accomplish nothing. She said the issue at the forefront is the coordination of the use of property and she wants the Task Force to be successful. Mr. Sandman explained the Township Committee isn't relinquishing control to make decisions; they are asking for facts through an investigation; and that at the end the Task Force will provide recommendations to the governing body. There being no further discussion, Mayor Silva called for the vote.

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

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Remington & Vernick proposal re: MEP Engineering Services for renovation for relocation of the Dispatch Room:

Mr. Jacobs explained the dispatch center is in the process of being moved back upstairs because there are some mold issues in the basement; the Township has to have an engineer or architect draft the specifications to get the building permits because it is non-residential; and it won't be going out to bid because the work will be done in-house. He said he thinks upstairs is more secure; he didn't think it would be on the agenda if there wasn't the mold problem because it was operating fine; and the recommendation came from the Police Chief. He said the plans were received yesterday and things will start being put back together when they get the building permit. Mr. Cain asked who will oversee the work. Mr. Jacobs explained what was already done in-house and said the contractors the Township has on time and material bids for HVAC and plumbing will probably be used. He said Remington Vernick will have to sign off on it. Mr. Smith said the building department will also perform inspections. Ms. Gatto asked if there was a concern about the Office of Emergency Management being in the basement. Mr. Jacobs didn't know and explained he didn't want to take that floor up until the dispatch move was finished.

Mrs. Dix 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 December 5, 2012 proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers for Mechanical Electrical & Plumbing (MEP) Engineering Services for renovations for the relocation of the Dispatch Room at the Municipal Building is hereby accepted and a contract for said services awarded to them in the amount of \$22,950.00.

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

Public Hearing adoption of Ordinance #1733-2012:

There being no questions or comments on the Ordinance, Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Kesselman, that the public hearing be closed.

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

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

WHEREAS, Ordinance #1733-2012 was introduced and passed first reading on December 3, 2012 and was duly advertised in the December 5, 2012 issue of the Atlantic County record for a public hearing to be held on December 17, 2012; 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 Ordinance #1733-2012 is hereby adopted.

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

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TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 1733-2012

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON,
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, VACATING PORTIONS OF LAURER AVENUE, VEGA
AVENUE, HOLLY AVENUE, HELIOS AVENUE AND MIDDLE ROAD

The Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, in the State of New Jersey does ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Township Planning Board ("Planning Board") passed Resolution #2011-006 which granted Charlor, LLC ("Charlor") major subdivision approval to construct single-family dwelling units and other related structures (the "Property") near Laurer Avenue, Vega Avenue, Holly Avenue, Helios Avenue and Middle Road; and

WHEREAS, to minimize the impact on Charlor's plans the Planning Board and Charlor have agreed to vacate existing portions of Laurer Avenue, Vega Avenue, Holly Avenue, Helios Avenue and Middle Road; and

WHEREAS, a revised plan coordinated between the Township Planning Department, Engineering Department and Charlor has been approved by the Municipal Clerk, Municipal Engineer, Planning Board Chairman and Planning Board Secretary and has been filed with Atlantic County; and

WHEREAS, the vacation will allow for the development of the Property and will serve the public interest in accordance with N.J.S.A.40:67-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton agrees to implement the proposed vacation of portions of Laurer Avenue, Vega Avenue, Holly Avenue, Helios Avenue and Middle Road pursuant to Resolution #2011-006, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton as follows:

Section 1. that the Governing Body finds that it is in the best interest of the Township to implement the vacation of portions of Laurer Avenue, Vega Avenue, Holly Avenue, Helios Avenue and Middle Road all as more particularly described in the metes and bounds description set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto.

Section 2. that all other ordinances or resolutions that conflict or are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

Section 3. that should any section, clause, sentence, phrase, term, provision or other portion or portions of this Ordinance held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be in violation of any applicable law, or against the public good or held to be null and void for any reason whatsoever, such determination shall not effect the validity of any other provision of this Ordinance, and such other provisions shall be deemed to be in full force and effect.

Section 4. there is hereby expressly reserved an excepted from the vacation effectuated pursuant to Section 1 of the Ordinance all rights and privileges now possessed by public utilities as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:2-13 and by any cable television company as defined in the "cable television act" and N.J.S.A.48:5A-1 et seq., for the purpose of maintaining, repairing and replacing their existing facilities adjacent to, over or under the street herein vacated.

Section 5. this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon a majority vote of the Township Committee.

Section 6. the Township Clerk shall, immediately after the final passage and publication of this Ordinance make and file in the Office of the Clerk of Atlantic County a copy of this Ordinance together with a copy of the proof of publication hereof, duly certified by her under the corporate seal of the Township of Hamilton, for record as required by law.

ATTEST

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC , NEW JERSEY

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

ROGER SILVA, MAYOR

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

The full metes/bounds descriptions of the portions of streets vacated by Ordinance #1733-2012 prepared by Endicott Engineering and identified as Exhibits "A" through "E" are attached to the Original Ordinance and incorporated herein as if recited in full.

1. Laurer Avenue from Crescent Boulevard to a point approximately 20 feet south of Middle Road.
2. Vega Avenue from Crescent Boulevard to a point approximately 20 feet south of Middle Road.
3. Holly Avenue from Crescent Boulevard to a point approximately 90 feet north of Middle Road and from a point approximately 160 feet north of Middle Road to Sunny Avenue.
4. Helios Avenue from Crescent Boulevard to a point approximately 100 feet north of Middle Road and from a point approximately 220 feet north of Middle Road to Sunny Avenue.
5. Middle Road from a point approximately 110 feet west of Vega Avenue to Ocean Avenue.

ORDINANCE # 1733-2012 INTRODUCED AND PASSED FIRST READING DECEMBER 3, 2012.
ORDINANCE #1733-21012 ADOPTED DECEMBER 17, 2012.

Public hearing/adoption - Ordinance #1734-2012:

Jim Kerrigan asked if the fee is \$125.00. Mrs. Dix explained that right now it is a maximum 1½% of the equalized assessed value of the new home and land under it; it made the fee as much as \$5,800.00 for someone building a house for themselves; there will still be a payment under this Ordinance but it will be ½ of 1%, two thirds less.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Ordinance #1734-2012 was introduced and passed first reading on December 3, 2012 and was duly advertised in the December 5, 2012 issue of the Atlantic County Record for a public hearing to be held on December 17, 2012; 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 Ordinance #1734-2012 is hereby adopted.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
ORDINANCE NO. 1734-2012**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XI OF CHAPTER
167 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON,
PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF AFFORDABLE
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FEES.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that Article XI of Chapter 167 of the Township Code, titled Affordable Housing Development Fees, shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1.

Amend Section 167-35, entitled Eligible exaction, ineligible exaction and exemptions, by inserting the following as new subsection H:

- H. All single lot development of owner-occupied housing shall pay a fee of 0.5% of the equalized assessed value of the land and improvements provided that the lot was owned by the owner, or a member of the owner's immediate family, and existed on the official tax map of the Township of Hamilton on or before [the date of adoption of this ordinance]. For the purpose of this ordinance the term immediate family shall mean those persons related by blood or legal relationship in the following manner: grandparents, grandchildren, parents, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters, nieces or nephews, aunts and uncles and first cousins, husbands and wives, great-grandparents and great-grandchildren.

SECTION 2. Severability and Effectiveness Clause.

- (a) If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
- (b) Any Ordinance inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as provided by in law.

ATTEST

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC , NEW JERSEY

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

ROGER SILVA, MAYOR

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

ORDINANCE #1734-2012 INTRODUCED & PASSED FIRST READING DECEMBER 3, 2012.
ORDINANCE #1734-2012 ADOPTED DECEMBER 17, 2012.

Public hearing/adoption - Ordinance #1735-2012:

There being no questions or comments on the Ordinance, Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Kesselman, that the public hearing be closed.

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

Ms. Gatto explained this Ordinance was to add two part-time, as needed, employees for Dispatch; one Class II Special Officer to help with prisoner transport and other minor violations; and it does not exceed the budget.

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

WHEREAS, Ordinance #1735-2012 was introduced and passed first reading December 3, 2012 and was duly advertised in the December 5, 2012 issue of the Atlantic County Record for a public hearing to be held December 17, 2012; 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 Ordinance #1735-2012 be and is hereby adopted.

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

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**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
ORDINANCE NO.: 1735-2012**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT A, SECTION 1
ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 66 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, PROVIDING FOR THE
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.**

WHEREAS, The Township Committee has determined that increasing the number of Dispatcher Fill-In positions from three to five will provide better larger pool of “as needed” employees when additional or replacement Dispatchers are needed; and

WHEREAS, The Township Committee has determined that there is no appreciable increase in cost as a result of adding the two additional Dispatcher Fill-In positions, since they are used on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, The Township Committee considered the additional costs of adding two additional Special Police Officers Class II position, and has determined that the increase operating efficiencies in the Police Department will offset the cost of this new position; and

WHEREAS, additional funding over the amount contained in the 2012 Police Departments Salary Line item will not be needed; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that Article II of Chapter 66 of the Township Code, titled Personnel, shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1.

Amend Exhibit “A” Section #1, entitled PART-TIME AS NEEDED EMPLOYEES, by inserting the following additional positions:

Dispatcher Fill-In

Dispatcher Fill-In

Special Police Officer Class II

SECTION 2. Severability and Effectiveness Clause.

- (a) If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
- (b) Any Ordinance inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as provided by in law.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON,
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC and
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ATTEST:

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

Roger Silva, Mayor

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

ORDINANCE #1735 - 2012 INTRODUCED AND PASSED FIRST READING DECEMBER 3, 2012
ORDINANCE #1735- 2012 ADOPTED DECEMBER 17, 2012.

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Consent Agenda Items 8.C and 8.F were acted on separately at the request of the Mayor.

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 RLI Insurance Company bond #CMS0268687, in the amount of \$7,059.78 be and is hereby accepted as a 4-year maintenance guarantee for SBA Towers IV, LLC, cell tower on Vienna Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that RLI Insurance Company bond #CMS0268688, in the amount of \$14,554.53 be and is hereby accepted as a 2-year maintenance guarantee SBA Towers IV, LLC for all improvements On the Vienna Avenue cell tower site.

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 request of Young Skating Center for an extension of hours from 8 PM on December 31, 2012 to 7 AM on January 1, 2013 for their annual all night skating party is hereby approved.

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

Budget Transfers:

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

WHEREAS, transfers are permitted between budget appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that transfers between year 2012 Budget Appropriations be made as follows:

Account No.	Account title		From	To
43-495-1	Public Defender	Salaries & Wages	6,300.00	
21-180-2	Planning Board	Other Expenses	30,400.00	
23-220-2	Employee Group Health Insurance	Other Expenses	100,000.00	
25-240-1	Police	Salaries & Wages	68,000.00	
20-120-2	Municipal Clerk	Other Expenses		1,700.00
20-145-2	Collection of Taxes	Other Expenses		3,000.00
26-290-2	Solid Waste Collection	Other Expenses		200,000.00
		TOTALS	204,700.00	204,700.00

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

People in Crisis non-profit solicitation permit:

Mayor Silva asked where Ms. Samuels would be soliciting. Mrs. Anderson explained she can't solicit anywhere there are "no soliciting signs"; she has done it before; a lot of research was done; there is no way to legally prohibit it; she has all the registrations and everything from her lawyer has been submitted including insurance.

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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 People in Crisis/Lana Samuels is hereby granted a 90-day Non-profit Solicitation permit effective December 18, 2012 through March 17, 2013.

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

Pennoni proposal for Core Testing services:

Mr. Smith explained three proposals were solicited and Pennoni Associates was the lowest. He explained it is to test the thickness, composition and void ratio of the asphalt; testing is required for D.O.T. reimbursement; and the contractor is assessed penalties if it doesn't meet certain requirements.

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 the proposal of Pennoni Associates Inc. for Asphalt Core Testing for Reconstruction of Malaga Road Section 1 is hereby accepted and the contract for same awarded to them in the amount of \$1,250.00 as recommended by Robert J. Smith III, Township Engineer, December 13, 2012.

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 December 3, 2012 regular meeting be and are hereby approved as published.

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

Ms. Gatto 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 minutes of the December 3, 2012 executive session be and are hereby approved.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that all properly executed and approved bills are hereby ordered paid, the bill list total being \$2,161,976.24.

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

Dr. Kesselman moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that the resignation of John Sacchinelli as a Regular Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment effective December 7, 2012 be and is hereby accepted.

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

Reports:

Mr. Jacobs reported receiving notice that Officer Bongiovanni is retiring and the name for a replacement will be brought to the Committee in the next meeting or two. He reported one of the two part-time people appointed at the last meeting has advised they cannot take the position and commented on not knowing if the position will be filled.

Mr. Sandman reported he sent letters to the two bonding companies for the basins at Hamilton Commons by certified and regular mail and the certified ones came back "non-delivered" in both instances. He said it might not be a bad thing because the Township has agreed to a kind of interim plan. He reported the interim stormwater management safety plan their representative indicated at the last meeting they would put forth was forwarded to Mr. Smith and him; he has approved and accepts it; it does a lot in terms of the Township's potential liability; and he won't go back to the bonding companies until the Committee tells him to because the developer is making some progress there. Mayor Silva explained the Committee felt it best that they keep communicating with Mr. Sandman and that he would come back to the Committee for further action if he felt there was an issue that wasn't being addressed or should be addressed. Mr. Smith said he forwarded letters from DDR and their engineer to the Committee this afternoon; he thinks they submitted an application to Pinelands and Cape Atlantic (Soil Conservation District); they are moving forward to get their approvals in place before they start the work; and it appears are in line with what they indicated at the last meeting. Mr. Cain asked if there was a certain amount of time before further action is taken. Mr. Sandman said there isn't; the Committee already declared them in default; and the burden shifted to them to undo that. Mr. Smith said he thought the outstanding issue was the type of sand to be used and he believes either worked it out or are working it out with Pinelands. Ms. Gatto asked if e-mails were received on that. Mr. Smith said they did and he forwarded both e-mails this afternoon and commented on Pinelands being a slow-moving agency. Ms. Gatto said they made it clear at the last meeting that they had it; it was not going to be a problem; and by this meeting it would be a done-deal.

Mr. Sandman said it was an honor to serve with Mr. Cain and Dr. Kesselman as their solicitor and a taxpayer in the town; he is extraordinarily proud of what they have done; and he will miss them both.

Mr. Smith said he enjoyed working with Dr. Kesselman and Mr. Cain and they will be missed. He welcomed Mr. Guishard and Mrs. Link and said he looked forward to working with them.

Mrs. Dix reported attending a Purchasing Agent meeting where the topic was "Active Shooter"; meeting with Mr. Jacobs on Thursday and explaining the notes she took; and said the Township needs to have plans for every event that can happen. She said she will look forward next year making sure whatever group from the Staff is responsible to start planning the different types of strategies that would be used.

Mrs. Dix commented on the work of various Strategic Planning Committees and thanked Dr. Kesselman for it and said it makes a difference when Trenton looks at the Township. She said thanked Mr. Cain for the respect has shown her for the last eight years and said she will miss him.

Ms. Gatto commended the fire departments for coming together in fighting recent fires and said the Police, Red Cross and ambulance squad were also there. She reported receiving notice of the fire companies 2013 leadership and that four out of the five Fire Chiefs are changing. Ms. Gatto thanked Cologne's Chief Elkner, Mays Landing's Chief Connelly, Laureldale's Chief Gabriel and Mizpah's Chief Cortes for their service and dedication to the community. Ms. Gatto suggested the Committee recognize them at an early meeting in 2013.

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Ms. Gatto said it was a pleasure working with Dr. Kesselman and thanked him for his time and his wife for her help. She said Mr. Cain had been a great public servant and partner on Committee; she hoped his children knew that his time away from them was a tremendous benefit to the community; and that she thanked him for it. Ms. Gatto said it was an honor to serve with both (Mr. Cain and Dr. Kesselman).

Mayor Silva said it is amazing what can be accomplished when no one wants to take credit and when you work as a group and for all the right reasons to make things happen. He said that was clearly demonstrated during the years Mr. Cain and Dr. Kesselman were on the Committee and it was appreciated.

Dr. Kesselman congratulated Rodney Guishard and Judy Link and wished them the greatest fortune as they assume their new position. He commended Bruce Strigh and David Wigglesworth on an excellent race and their commitment to the Township through their work on the Planning Board and other things. Dr. Kesselman thanked Tom Palmentieri and Ed Sasdelli who provided advice during the first year he and Mr. Cain served. He thanked Mr. Jacobs and said one of the best things the Committee did was get Mr. Jacobs to come here. Dr. Kesselman said Mr. Sandman has been extraordinary; his commitment to the town is second to none; the Committee was lucky to have him as Solicitor and member of the Township. He said Mr. Smith and his firm have done a great job. Dr. Kesselman said Mrs. Anderson has extraordinary history (with the Township); and Stacy (Tappeiner), Mike Petuskey, Steve Blankenship, and the Staff have done an incredible job. He commented on the number of employees going from 177 to 117 and said the quality of services barely declined and that was commendable. Dr. Kesselman thanked the volunteers who worked to make Strategic Planning happen and said they provided guidance for the Township Committee for the future. He said Jennie Ayers worked very hard on it. Dr. Kesselman commented on working with Mrs. Dix since the early '90s and said there has never been a time when they didn't connect on issues; she is a wealth of information; and the town is fortunate to have her. He commented on how long he has known Ms. Gatto and said she has matured into an extraordinary young leader, He said she demonstrated it in one of the toughest years in the history of the Township when the number of employees had to be reduced; she did it with dignity, in a way that was never personal, and for what was best for the Township. Dr. Kesselman said Mr. Silva was a great Mayor two of the three years he was on Committee; a leader with Class; has clearly articulated the vision of the Township; and has kept him as informed as anyone could. He thanked Mayor Silva. Dr. Kesselman commented on Mr. Cain convincing him to run for Township Committee and said he is another wealth of information and suggested the Committee keep him involved. He thanked his wife.

Mr. Cain thanked Dr. Kesselman and said the relationship they created goes far beyond the Township Committee and he is honored to be his friend. He thanked everyone who supported him, voted for him and had confidence in him. Mr. Cain commented on thinking, after he was first elected and saw what was going on, that he couldn't have been elected at a worse time but looking back thinks he couldn't have been elected at a better time. He said Mayor Gatto's leadership during one of the worst times the Township has ever seen was stellar. Mr. Cain said Mayor Silva has done an amazing job building consensus on the Committee, being available to the residents, and letting them know the Committee is here to serve them. He said he is proud that partisan politics were put aside and the Committee made decisions solely on what was best for the town; he thinks they handled everything well as a Committee; and he thought appointing Mr. Sandman was a brilliant idea. He said Mr. Jacobs is a true gentleman and very knowledgeable. Mr. Cain said he appreciated Ms. Gatto's comments. He commented on seeing this as a leave-of-absence and said he hopes that that someday the voters will look at his record and see fit to put him back in office but at this particular time his time is needed elsewhere.

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Public Comment:

John Pucci thanked the Township Committee as a whole for their efforts and commitment to the Township. He commented on having served on the local School Board with Dr. Kesselman 10-12 years ago; thanked him for his three years on Township Committee and wished him well.

Jim Link said Dr. Kesselman and Mr. Cain did a tremendous job and thanked them for the time they put in, their perseverance, their integrity and putting the Township citizens before themselves. Mr. Link said he has a lot of confidence in the ability of the Committeepersons-elect. He commented on the volunteers in the athletic associations being in the same boat. Mr. Link asked the Township Committee not to put Mr. Guishard in an untenable position that he assumed. He said it will be a very, very difficult situation and he thought it would behoove the Committee to come up with a mission statement saying where they want (the Task Force) to go. Dr. Kesselman said he thought what he heard Mr. Guishard say was that once he gets the smaller group together there is an understanding of what the broader parameters are but that group should define the task very clearly and there may have different levels to it, how to deal with the short range problems vs. how to deal with the long range problems. Dr. Kesselman said he thought that rather than constrict it at this point, Mr. Guishard should be afforded the opportunity of working with the Mayor and his fellow committee persons at the time to tighten up the task. Mr. Link said he thinks the mission statement should come directly with the signature of the Township Committee on it.

Mr. Guishard thanked Mr. Cain and Dr. Kesselman for their service.

David Wigglesworth said he was proud of what the Committee did for the town and no amount of money could bring what Dr. Kesselman and Mr. Cain brought to the town; he appreciated all they have done; and he wished them well in their new ventures.

Debbie Kalai-Kenzle thanked Dr. Kesselman and Mr. Cain and all the Committee Members for their time and commented on not having to come to every meeting because they did a great job.

Jim Kerrigan said Dr. Kesselman and Mr. Cain will be missed. He said he hoped Mr. Cain will stay on the Planning Board and that Dr. Kesselman would run for a Board in the future.

There being no further comments from the public, Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that the Public Comment portion be closed.

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

There being no further matters to be discussed tonight, Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Kesselman, 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