

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
JANUARY 19, 2010

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. Prior to the Roll Call, Mayor Silva read the following statement from Ms. Gatto: *MAYOR, TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CITIZENS - PLEASE EXCUSE MY ABSENCE FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING. I AM HONORED TO BE REPRESENTING HAMILTON TOWNSHIP AT CHRIS CHRISTIE'S INAUGURAL BALL TONIGHT. THIS WAS A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY RECEIVING AN INVITATION AND I LOOK FORWARD TO INFUSING PRAISE AND EXCITEMENT WITH ANYONE I CAN ABOUT OUR GREAT TOWN SO THAT HAMILTON TOWNSHIP STAYS ON THE MINDS OF THOSE IN TRENTON IN 2010. AS A COMMITTEEWOMAN, I MADE A COMMITMENT TO THE CITIZENS TO SERVE AND I HAVEN'T MISSED A MEETING DURING MY ENTIRE TERM UNTIL TONIGHT. I APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND LOOK FORWARD TO WATCHING THE MEETING LATER THIS WEEK. THANK YOU.* Members present were Charles Cain, Dr. Harvey Kesselman and Thomas Palmentieri. Also present were Edward M. Sasdelli, Township Administrator, Joan I. Anderson, Township Clerk, Robert Sandman, Township Solicitor and Robert J. Smith, 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 faxing or e-mailing a copy of the notice along with the agenda of this meeting to the Atlantic City Press, Atlantic County Record, Record Journal and Current Newspapers stating this meeting would take place in the municipal building, Mays Landing, New Jersey at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed.

Mr. Palmentieri 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 following words on the second line of Agenda Item 5 "A. #1666-2009 Repealing & Replacing Chapter 235 of the Township Code to" are hereby deleted; and

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

7.A Insert names of Businesses:

- (1) Sunstar Vending - video games & jukebox at Applebee's
- (2) Jack Lyon (Lyon & Son) - equipment auction at Atlantic City Race Track

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN", ONE MEMBER ABSENT.

There were no executive session confirmations to be made.

There were no Early Comments on agenda items excluding those listed for public hearings.

Public Hearing/Adoption - Ordinance #1668-2010

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

MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN", ONE MEMBER ABSENT.

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Mr. Palmentieri, that the following resolution be and is hereby adopted.

WHEREAS Ordinance #1668-2010 was introduced and passed first reading on January 4, 2010 and was duly advertised in the January 6, 2010 issue of the Atlantic County Record for a public hearing to be held on January 19, 2010; 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 #1668-2010 is hereby adopted.

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

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
ORDINANCE NO.: 1668-2010

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC STREET SITUATE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND TO RELEASE AND RELINQUISH THE PUBLIC RIGHTS THEREIN, A PORTION OF SEWELL AVENUE, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, a request has been made to vacate a certain portion of Sewell Avenue, hereinafter described, which is presently a dedicated but unimproved and unaccepted municipal street; and

WHEREAS, the subject request has been made by Railroad Estates, LLC in order to comply with the conditions set forth in Item 17 of the Hamilton Township Planning Board Resolution adopted October 01, 2009 granting preliminary approval to Railroad Estates, LLC major subdivision;; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee for the Township of Hamilton has determined that the public interest will be better served by releasing the affected lands from any and all public rights therein and thereto pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-19.

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

SECTION 1.

The following herein described streets and/or alley and portions thereof are hereby vacated, subject to any existing easements:

All that certain tract or parcel of land, situate in the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey and being further described and bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at a pin found for a corner at the intersection of the Northwesterly line of Lincoln Street (50.00 feet wide and unopened) and the Northeasterly line of Sewell Avenue (100.00 feet wide and unopened), said pin South 21 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West 750.00 feet from the intersection of the Northwesterly line of Lincoln Street and the Southwesterly line of Railroad Boulevard (width varies); thence

1. along the Northwesterly line of Lincoln Street, South 21 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West 100.00 feet to a pin found for a corner; thence
2. along Lot 1 of Block 498, North 68 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West 300.00 feet to a pin found for a corner; thence
3. along Lot 1 of Block 498 and Lot 1 of Block 499, North 21 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds East 100.00 feet to a pin found for a corner; thence
4. along Lots 1 and 2 of Block 499, South 68 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds East 300.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

CONTAINING: 30,000 square feet of land.

Being designated as a portion of Sewell Avenue as shown on the current Tax Map for the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey.

SECTION 2.

That the public rights arising from any dedication, actual or implied, of the streets and/or alley mentioned above, and indicated on copies of maps filed in the offices of the Township Clerk, as aforesaid, be and the same are hereby released and extinguished.

SECTION 3.

That any costs including publication fees or engineering expenses incurred incident to the vacating of the aforementioned and above named street, shall be paid by the person or persons in whose favor the streets are being vacated.

SECTION 4.

The Township Clerk shall immediately after 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.

SECTION 5. 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 6. Effective Date.

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

ATTEST:

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

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

Roger Silva, Mayor

ROLL CALL: CAIN	"YES"	
GATTO		ABSENT
KESSELMAN	"YES"	
PALMENTIERI	"YES"	
SILVA	"YES"	

ORDINANCE #1668-2010 INTRODUCED & PASSED FIRST READING JANUARY 4, 2010.
ORDINANCE #1668-2010 ADOPTED JANUARY 19, 2010.

Business Registration approvals

Prior to the vote, Mr. Palmentieri asked if the applicant on (2) was a private party doing business on questioned if (2) was someone operating a business on somebody else's property. Mrs. Anderson explained they lease the Race Track parking lot and was approved by the Zoning Officer many times. She explained they come 2 or 3 times a year and get a new license each time. There being no further questions or discussion, Mayor Silva called the vote.

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

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

- (1) Sunstar Vending - video games & jukebox at Applebee's
- (2) Jack Lyon (Lyon & Son) - equipment auction at Atlantic City Race Track

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN", ONE MEMBER ABSENT.

HTMUA APPOINTMENT (deferred from January 4, 2010 meeting)

Mayor Silva moved, seconded by Dr. Kesselman, that the following resolution be and is hereby adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Richard DeFeo be and is hereby appointed a Regular Member of the Hamilton Township Municipal Utilities Authority for a five (5) year term effective February 1, 2010 through February 1, 2015.

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

Mr. Palmentieri asked that Mr. Campbell be sent a letter of appreciation for his many years of service as a member of the MUA. Mayor Silva asked Mr. Sasdelli to handle it.

Mayor Silva announced his acceptance of Harry Rogers' declination of appointment to the Alternate II position on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mayor Silva appointed Grant W. Wilinski to fill the Alternate II vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission, said term to expire December 31, 2011.

Dr. Kesselman moved, seconded by Mr. Palmentieri, that Robert Pinizzotto's declination of his appointment to the position of Alternate/Conflict Municipal Court Prosecutor for the year 2010 be and is hereby accepted.

MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN", ONE MEMBER ABSENT.

Mayor Silva confirmed the Emergency Management Coordinator's reappointment of Henry Dorsey, Jr. to the Emergency Management Staff for the year 2010.

Mayor Silva announced his acceptance of the resignation of Henry Dorsey, Jr. from the Planning Board Alternate I position effective January 7, 2010. Mayor commented on reluctance to accept resignation from someone who served admirably on a board. The Mayor said Mr. Dorsey always seemed to have the best interest of the community at heart. He said Mr. Dorsey submitted the resignation with humility and deepest regrets.

Mayor Silva appointed Jack Carson to fill the unexpired Planning Board Alternate #1 term of Henry Dorsey, said term to expire December 31, 2010.

Employment Agreement approval

Dr. Kesselman questioned how the Masters Degree Incentive has worked and will work. Mr. Sasdelli explained there is a \$2,500.00 stipend for having a Masters Degree and in this proposed contract Captain Petuskey will get it for 2010 and for the years after it will be in the base pay. Mr. Kesselman asked if it was not an additional \$2,500.00 each year but when it went into the base pay it just increased the base pay. Mr. Sasdelli said in 2010 it will not be in the base pay but in 2011 the stipend will go away and it will become part of the base pay.

Dr. Kesselman moved, seconded by Mr. Palmentieri, that the following resolution be and is hereby adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the employment agreement between Captain Michael Petuskey, effective January 1, 2010 be and is hereby approved with a salary of \$110,750.00 per year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute same on behalf of the Township.

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Mayor Silva announced his acceptance of Chief Stacy Tappeiner's declination of appointment as Emergency Management Coordinator for a 3-year term to expire December 31, 2012.

Dr. Kesselman asked if this was required because that individual has to be a Township employee. Mayor Silva said it wasn't. He said there are various opinions on that. The Mayor said he thinks that the Chief felt that in light what he is managing each day and in the best interest of the community he would step down.

Mayor Silva appointed Robert Mattle, Jr. to fill the unexpired Emergency Management Coordinator vacancy for a term to expire December 31, 2012.

Mayor Silva confirmed the Emergency Management Coordinator's appointment of Captain Michael Petuskey to fill the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator term for the balance of the Year 2010.

Mayor Silva amended the January 4, 2010 appointment of William Christman as a Class IV Member of the Planning Board from 4 years to 3 years, said term to expire December 31, 2012. Mayor Silva explained Mr. Christman was appointed to a 4 year term at reorganization but his term must run concurrent with his term on the Environmental Commission pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law.

Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Dr. Kesselman, that approval of the minutes of the January 4, 2010 Reorganization and Regular Meeting be deferred until the next meeting.

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

Mr. Palmentieri moved, seconded by Dr. Kesselman, that the following resolution be and is hereby adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that all properly executed and approved payrolls and bills are hereby ordered paid, the bill list total being \$1,872,494.77 as of January 14, 2010.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN", ONE MEMBER ABSENT.

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Reports

ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. Sasdelli reported the Local Finance Notice has extended the deadline for introduction and approval of the municipal budget from February 10th to March 31st and the deadline for final adoption from March 20th to May 11th. He said the reason given for this was that Governor Christie won't give his budget address until March and they don't want municipal budgets due until he gives that address. The Mayor asked Mr. Sasdelli to have a presentation for the next meeting on the time frame, etc.

SOLICITOR: Reported he and his associate Colin Bell have met with various department heads and the Engineer over the past two weeks. He said he thinks they have a pretty firm grip on where they stand on the issues, know what the Committee's agenda is and what they want from them.

ENGINEER: Mr. Smith reported receiving some response letters from a few of the developments where there are storm water management issues outlining some preliminary plans they are going to initiate to remediate the basins. He reported receiving a letter from the Engineers representing Hamilton Commons, Consumer Square, Timber Glen and Victoria Point indicating they are going to start moving to remediate some of these basins in the very near future. The Mayor asked if Mr. Smith felt they got the message that they are responsible for the basins. Mr. Smith said he did. Mayor Silva said the Committee appreciated Mr. Smith staying on top of it and that it is one of his priorities.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Dr. Kesselman commented on the traffic back up at the light at McKee Avenue and the Black Horse Pike by Canal's because the light only stays green for 7 to 10 seconds. He asked if there was any way the Township could relieve that pressure or the sequencing of the light. Dr. Kesselman said a he heard a lot about that from the Fairways residents and he didn't know if it was a state, county or township issue. Mr. Sasdelli explained 322 is a state highway and McKee Avenue is the Township's road. He said he and the Chief will look into it and can deal with the Department of Transportation to see what options there are to improve the timing of that light. Mayor Silva said another one that has been brought to his attention is when heading east out of McDonald's parking lot to head up Leipzig and suggested that be looked at also. Mr. Sasdelli said he and the Chief will meet and bring back what the options are.

Dr. Kesselman referred to the preliminary analysis of the costs of various boards and commissions excluding Zoning and Planning and said the Industrial Commission is clearly the most costly. He said the Township spends \$30,000-plus a year on it yet all the land within the Industrial Zone has been contracted. Dr. Kesselman said this is one of a very few townships in the State of New Jersey that still have an Industrial Commission and he doesn't believe the Township can continue to absorb that cost. He said it is almost \$3,000.00 per meeting. He said the Industrial Commission is another bureaucracy that any kind of developer has to go through when they want to develop in the Township and those monies might be better spent to reduce the structural deficit. Dr. Kesselman said he believes that is an issue that has to be brought up during the budget discussions. Mayor Silva asked if the solicitor could be asked to preliminarily look into the legal issues that could arise. Mr. Sasdelli said the Township has an opinion from last year's solicitor that he can give to Mr. Sandman to read and do whatever additional research he feels is needed. Mr. Cain he agreed with Dr. Kesselman on this. He said he has asked for a review of all boards and commissions so the Committee can see the exact cost to the public and taxpaying residents. Mr. Cain said he thinks the Committee should specifically look at the resolution that allows the Industrial Commission to receive 10% of the land sales especially since the infrastructure is in place and there are two very large pending land sales.

Dr. Kesselman reported the Strategic Planning Process will commence on Friday with a meeting that will consist of him, Mr. Cain who will be Vice-Chair, Mr. Sasdelli and Lisa Hedrick. He said they will review the steps they will use during the planning process and the model which is called a balance score card and they will begin to involve the entire community shortly thereafter. Dr. Kesselman said volunteers who want to help the town develop a vision statement and strategic priorities in the next 3 to 5 years. He said that way they can begin to align the budget to those priorities. Dr. Kesselman said this will be an opportunity for those who want to help the community without having to run for an elected office to provide their input.

Dr. Kesselman commended Mr. Sasdelli and the webmaster for posting the collective bargaining agreements on the township website. He said it is a good first step on the issue of transparency and accountability. Dr. Kesselman said he believes there should be a section that lists all the employees' annual salaries and cost of their benefits as well as what is spent on solicitors, engineers and other professionals each year. He said he believes it is critically important that the public have access to that information without having to file OPRA requests.

Dr. Kesselman thanked Mayor Silva for his willingness to work in a bipartisan fashion and commend the fact that he has been literally omnipresent at every single meeting during the past several weeks. He said it is a pleasure to be able to work in that kind of atmosphere.

Mr. Palmentieri said he echoed everything Dr. Kesselman said. He referred to the changes in municipal budget introduction and adoption requirements and said it really doesn't serve the Township because the State is on a fiscal year beginning in July and the Township is on a calendar year budget that began January 1st. Mr. Palmentieri said the State is preparing a budget for July that won't be introduced until March while the Township is spending money that it may not have based on what appears to be deteriorating economic conditions. He said that with that in mind and as Liaison for Administration, he would like to stick to the normal schedule and put together a budget based on whatever is known to be the facts currently. Mr. Palmentieri said the Committee can always adjust it when it comes due to be adopted. He said that in the meantime, the Committee has to avoid spending money it doesn't have and to implement any potential savings it can prior to wasting half a year which would produce only half the benefit to the Township.

Mayor Silva said he agreed with Mr. Palmentieri and asked Mr. Sasdelli if he could have a power point presentation on where the Township is now for the first or second meeting in February because the numbers are obviously changing. Mr. Sasdelli commented on the CFO being with the Township for 25 years and said Mr. Tuthill said this is the first time the Township has ever had a decrease in ratables. He said the Township has about \$4 million less in taxable ratables in 2010 than there was in 2009. Mr. Sasdelli said the Township is used to the ratables increasing by \$14 million, \$20 million or \$30 million. Mr. Palmentieri said the average was about \$20 million and was as high as \$70 million one year. Mr. Sasdelli explained losing ratables means the tax levy will have to be raised just to collect the same amount of money they had last year before they will start bringing in additional revenue. Mr. Palmentieri commented on the County decrease in ratables being \$4 billion and said it is a wide-spread phenomenon.

Mr. Cain reported he received a letter from Timber Glen and commented on the Engineer knowing drainage basins were a top priority. He said that in September the weather permitted the problem there to be corrected and he wants to be sure Mr. Smith, not the developer, is dictating when weather permits. Mr. Cain said he believed there were many opportunities out there and meanwhile homes in Hamilton Walk are flooding. He said he would appreciate Mr. Smith keeping on top of this.

Mr. Cain suggested that Section 228-10 of the Township Code Peace and Good Order be looked at. He said it was written in 1946 and has to do with discharging a fire arm in a residential district. Mr. Cain asked that member from Land Use, Public Safety, Mr. Sasdelli, and the Chief of Police review it and bring recommendations back to the Township Committee for adoption. Mr. Sasdelli asked that the Solicitor be included.

Mayor Silva congratulated all the new board appointees and welcomed them to their new responsibilities. He said he trusted they would serve the Township well as they have in other capacities.

The Mayor said commented on having three priorities and said one of them is the budget. Mayor Silva said the budget will dictate what the Committee can and can't. He said that, hopefully, they can fulfill needs of the community let alone starting to address the wants. Mayor Silva said his second priority is (drainage) basins. He said they play a big part of what goes on in the community because they affect public safety and personal property. Mayor Silva said the third priority is the reval that hopefully will be completed this year. He said the last he heard it was on target. The Mayor said this is probably a good time to do a reval because the value of everyone's home is down and hopefully the end result will be something they will be able to tolerate. Mayor Silva said it means a whole host of new issues the Committee will be facing. He said his priorities haven't changed, at least for now, and he hopes the Committee will be able to accomplish them this year.

Public Comment:

Lorraine Granese commented on the municipal court being unable to collect over \$1 million in fines when she left office in 1997 and said she understands that the amount is now \$2 million. She said she doesn't know the procedure for collecting fines but there has to be a better way of tracking down people who owe the township \$2 million. Ms. Granese said if one-fourth was collected it would be \$500,000 and one-third would be \$700,000. She said that she discussed it with the Mayor and he told her that part of Chief Tappeiner's Management Plan was to try to formulate some kind of plan to try to collect the money. She said she thinks that should be a priority instead of talking about shutting down the senior center. Ms. Granese said she is sure quite a few of the people live in the Township or the County and that the Township could start tracking them down and get the money they owe. Mayor Silva said he believed Mr. Nickels brought it up and the Township tried

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to do it. Mr. Sasdelli said Ms. Granese is correct; the Township has slightly over \$2 million in delinquent court fees. He explained the Township issues bench warrants, takes away their driver's licenses and puts them in jail but some are dead and some are out of the country. Mr. Sasdelli explained that when Mr. Nickels and Mr. Mangels brought it up at a public meeting 100 were randomly selected and given to notch collection agency to see if it would be worth giving them a larger sample. He said they reported back that they felt it wasn't worth the effort and that they were basically uncollectible. Mr. Sasdelli said Chief Tappeiner addressed it in his management plan and that he would try to get a portion of it. He said commented on why it is difficult to collect but agreed that the Township should collect whatever it can. Ms. Granese said she thought trying to collect from people who live in the municipality should be a priority and commented on the possibility of a police officer knocking on someone's door or doing something like what the Sheriff's Office does with deadbeat dads. She said that collecting only one-quarter of it would mean a lot instead of laying people off and furloughs. Mayor Silva commented on the State sending amnesty notices to people who owe them money that there would be no fines or penalties if they paid up. The Mayor commented on the downside being that if \$500,000.00 was collected a portion of it has to be turned over to the State. Mr. Sasdelli said portions would have to go to the State and to the County. Mayor Silva said he agreed with Ms. Granese that the Township should start seeing what they can do. Ms. Granese said she remembered the Township converted some State Statutes into municipal ordinances so that the Township kept a greater portion of the money. She asked if court fines can be paid by credit card. Mr. Sasdelli said they can. Mr. Cain said he thinks the new Chief should be given time to implement his plan. Mr. Palmentieri asked how many individuals make up the \$2 million. Mr. Sasdelli said he know the number. Mr. Palmentieri said he thought part of the problem is that it is a large number of relatively small amounts and that makes it more costly to collect but another review of it should be done to see what the Township can get.

John Pucci thanked Mr. Cain for asking for a review Chapter 228-10 of the Township Code. He said he brought it forward and had concerns that it should be revised. Mr. Pucci commented on being told by the Zoning Board to fill out a \$500.00 application; by the Planning Board that they couldn't listen to him because they weren't directed to do so by Township Committee; and by the Township Committee before that to get an attorney. He said he did seek counsel and was prepared to take action. Mr. Cain said Mr. Pucci did bring a situation to the forefront and in the interim several sportsmen contacted him who had grave concerns about it so he thought it was appropriate to open discussion on it.

Mr. Pucci asked if any of the officials knew who said *"To provide the highest quality service to all residents equally in the most efficient, cost effective and professional manner possible with a skilled team of employees and volunteers dedicated to the needs of our residents and committed to excellence, fiscal responsibility and professional management"*. Dr. Kesselman said it is the Township's Mission Statement. Mr. Pucci asked that it be put on the front page of the website. He questioned the method of putting something on the website. Mr. Sasdelli asked Mr. Pucci what he wanted on the website that isn't currently there. Mr. Pucci asked that the bill list be put on the website so the residents could review it along with the agenda for upcoming meetings. Mr. Sasdelli said it is already in a PDF file and would be easy to do.

Mr. Pucci commented on having been a security guard at Young Skating Center and an incident with some undesirables from Pennsylvania who came there. He said they were expelled and at no time were the children in any danger of any harm. Mr. Pucci said they came back several weeks later and the police were called. He said the police were there in two minutes and he didn't know if he could explain to the public, the union, or the Committee the relief he felt as a security guard when he saw their lights coming down 13th Street. He said the police arrived in full force and told the undesirables to leave our kids alone and get out. Mr. Pucci said he didn't want to talk about the budget because that is the Committee's responsibility, or about million dollar payments into their (police) pension fund. He said he lives near the township line in one of the farthest places outside of town and is concerned about response time when the Township loses 4 and maybe 5 police officers. He suggested the Committee think about the feeling the residents have when and if they negotiate again. He said if he had anything to do with it, he would put everyone, including the union reps in Conference Room A until they got it done. Mayor Silva said it is their call. Mr. Pucci asked for the highest level of effort on all sides to get it done and fixed without interfering with the response time of his police department.

Scott Thomas said he lives in the center of town and there was an incident on his street last week, the police came and took the drug dealers off the street. He asked what he is to tell his kids when the police department is 4 or 5 short and there are two drug houses on his street and nothing can be done. Mr. Thomas said he didn't spend \$200,000 to live in a drug neighborhood. He said more cops should be hired.

Joseph Nickels referred to comments by Dr. Kesselman and Mr. Cain about looking at all of the Boards and Authorities and said that in 1994 he recommended taking away the practice of giving MUA Members a salary but he lost the argument. Mr. Nickels asked the Committee to do it in 2010 for any new appointments. He said he thinks it is wrong that they are the only Board except the Township Committee taking a paycheck and that they gave themselves full benefits somewhere in the range of 1998 to 2000. He said it was bad enough that they get paid but taking benefits for a part-time job is outrageous. Mr. Nickels said people on the Zoning Board, Planning Board, Historic Commission or any other Commission do not have that option given to them. He said it didn't make sense to him in 1994 and doesn't make sense now. Mr. Nickels said he wants to believe that it is not a personnel vendetta against the Industrial Commission and if it is going to be done he recommends it be looked at in-toto before any new people are sworn in on the MUA. He said that adding another burden on the taxpayers for someone else coming on that board taking salary and benefits is unconscionable.

There being no further questions or comments from the public, Mr. Palmentieri moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that the public comment portion be closed.

MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN", ONE MEMBER ABSENT.

There being no further matters to come before the Township Committee tonight, Dr. Kesselman moved, seconded by Mr. Palmentieri, that this meeting be and is adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN", ONE MEMBER ABSENT.

ATTEST:

JOAN I. ANDERSON, R.M.C.

TOWNSHIP CLERK