

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THRYEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
AUGUST 18, 2014

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 Aline Dix, Amy Gatto Rodney Guishard and Judy Link. Also present were Michael S. Jacobs, Township Administrator, Joan I. Anderson, Township Clerk, Robert S. Sandman, Township Solicitor, and Robert J. Smith III, Township Engineer.

The meeting opened with the flag salute followed by the Township Clerk certifying compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the municipal building and by e-mailing a copy of the notice along with the agenda for this meeting to the Press of Atlantic City, Atlantic County Record, Record Journal and Current newspapers stating this meeting would take place at 6:30 PM on Monday, August 18, 2014 in the municipal building, Mays Landing, New Jersey.

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed.

Proposed Eagle Scout Project presentation by Sean McCall:

Sean McCall explained his proposed Eagle Scout Project is for making improvements at the Mattie Hall Park in the Weymouth section of the Township; that it will benefit the surrounding area by providing a safe, healthy and appealing place for children to play; it will include realigning and staining the planter box; removing and replacing some bad curbing and border around the park, weeding, leveling the ground and re-mulching; a concrete slab base for the trash container that will be bolted in place; and power-washing the playground equipment. Mayor Silva asked how long it would take to complete the project. Sean said it will take about 2 weeks complete once he gets all of the materials. Mr. Guishard asked Sean how he came up with project. Sean explained that he and his brother used the park when they were younger. Ms. Gatto asked about the budget. Sean explained that Sherman Williams agreed to donate the stain; Public Works will provide mulch and a new trash container from its existing stock; the McCall Family will donate the concrete; he will need 90' of rebar estimated to cost \$45.00; and that he, other scouts and the McCall Family will provide the labor. Mr. Guishard asked how many people would be involved and if Sean would be in charge. Sean said about 20 people will be involved and that he would be in charge. Mrs. Link asked Sean had any donations of plants for the boxes. Sean said there are already some plants there and he hasn't gotten in touch with anyone about extra plants.

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

WHEREAS, Sean McCall has presented his proposed Eagle Scout Project for making improvements to the Mattie Hall Park in the Weymouth Section of Hamilton Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton deems the proposed Eagle Scout Project to be beneficial to its residents, particularly those who utilize the Mattie Hall Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton does hereby endorse the Eagle Scout Project proposed by Sean McCall for making improvements to the Mattie Hall Park.

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

Ms. Gatto said she had received letters from Sean inquiring about different projects going at school; that he became involved in the Fire Explorer Program; and that he is a great young man. Mr. Guishard asked Sean to explain the patch on his right-hand shirt pocket. Sean

right to know that in advance and decide whether or not they want it discussed in executive session. Mr. Sandman explained that discussion on what the Committee is going to do on an on-going basis, it is appropriate but they can't cross the line by using specific examples or any detail that would identify a person or position.

Mayor Silva asked Mr. Jacobs if he wanted to comment before Mrs. Dix did since he had prepared the memo that was e-mailed to the Committee this morning explaining all of it and said that Mrs. Dix was notified of it. Mrs. Dix said she was notified and replied that the report wasn't there. Mrs. Dix said she felt the language is ambiguous because the way average citizens interpret certain words and the way other people interpret them aren't the same. She referred to the vacation schedule wording "18 days vacation at 5 years" and asked if it meant you get an increase in vacation time after completing 4 years/48 months, the start of month number 1 of your 5th year, or after you have completed 5 years/60 months like it is in the private sector. Mrs. Dix said the interpretation in Town Hall is that "at 5 years" is after you complete 4 years, 10 years would be after you complete 9 years, and 15 years would be after you complete 14 years but that isn't the way most average people interpret it. She said she thinks that changing "at 5 years" to "upon conclusion of 4 years" or adding a sentence to clarify it so that there is no misunderstanding. Mrs. Dix said she feels it is an increase of vacation time over what average people would have expected. Mr. Guishard said Mrs. Dix's interpretation isn't the way he interprets it and that he understands that your vacation time is applied on January 1st of the year you completed 5 years. Mrs. Dix said that isn't what she was told. She said all sick days, personal days and vacation time are applied to the books to be used starting January 1; the 4-year anniversary is being considered the prior January; she thinks it is too liberal an interpretation; and it would eliminate part of the problem if the vacation increase was changed to the anniversary date of hire. Mr. Jacobs presented a slide of the portion of the Teamsters' Contract that read "All vacation will be available January 1st of each year" and a slide of a portion of the Ordinance that read "All full-time employees/officers not covered by union contract shall receive the same fringe benefits with respect to health, prescription, eye and dental insurance, approved leave, personal days, bereavement leave, holidays, training and education and other collectively bargained incentives as union employees". He said it isn't subject to interpretation; it is easier to administer when everyone is treated the same; and this wasn't just made up. Mrs. Dix asked if all the Committee Members were on the same page and understood that vacation time is given in advance of the anniversary date no matter when that falls. Mr. Guishard said it is in the union contract and the Ordinance says it will be consistent with the union contracts. Mrs. Dix said that she didn't review union contracts when she looked at this; that she had Policy Manuals from 2010, 2012 and 2014; that she was only reviewing policy manuals; and that she wasn't questioning union contracts. Mr. Guishard said the Ordinance said it would be consistent with the union contract so you have to look at both and that it was pretty clear to him. He commented on people taking advantage of vacation before their specific anniversary date but they aren't getting money for it. Mrs. Dix said that she didn't suggest anything improper; that she just asked for an interpretation of "at 5 years" because she feels the vacation policy isn't what the average citizen interpret. Mrs. Dix said that as far as she is concerned that item is resolved. Mrs. Dix said the Township went to a two-tier vacation schedule in 2008 but Tier 2 was crossed off when they got the Policy Book this year; the 2012 Ordinance eliminated Chapter 66 and 80 and therefor only Tier 2 of the vacation time but it didn't eliminate anything to do with sick time, personal days or the educational stipend. Mrs. Dix said there was a long serious discussion of this in the summer of 2008; she asked why the 2004 Ordinance wasn't "blown out" if the 2008 Ordinance was "blown out"; and said that is what is confusing her. She said vacation time in the 2008 Ordinance being less generous; the Ordinance passed on a 4 to 1 vote; and Mr. Nickels voted against it because he didn't believe there should be any vacation in the first year. Mrs. Dix asked what the effective date of going back to 1 Tier is; is there a retroactive impact; what was done to identify

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the number of new hires from January 1, 2009 up to now; if a cost impact analysis was done to show lost productive time; the number of days being given out now; the number of employees affected and the amount of taxpayer money being paid for no employee production for their paycheck. She said she thinks it is the wrong time to do have done it; and it wasn't done with a full 5-member discussion in the open where witnesses could offer their input if they chose to. Mayor Silva said it was unfortunate that Mrs. Dix wasn't present at the April 7th meeting because she was celebrating her birthday. Mr. Jacobs said it was discussed in public; that he stopped the discussion in the middle of the adoption of the Handbook and explained that this part was being changed; and that it was done appropriately. Mr. Jacobs explained that in 2008 or 2009 the Township had 170 employees; it is now down to 118 or 119 employees so it is more important now than ever that a qualified person be hired; that you won't get a qualified person to leave a job that gives them 2 or 3 weeks vacation to come here for 5 days; that is why he recommended it; and the Committee voted 4-0 to delete it. Mr. Jacobs said the Township is spending millions less now than what was spent in 2009 with 170 employees. Mrs. Dix said she tape recorded Mr. Jacobs words from the April 7th video and that it was 2 or 3 minutes of comment, not a full blown discussion. She said the Township will be spending less in the future as businesses close because people losing their jobs won't be spending money; the Township needs to be cutting back and tightening up more. Mayor Silva said the Committee made those tough decisions in 2011; that they were gut-wrenching; the Township is working at minimum staffing; the people working in the Township are doing a lot more work with less people; and are still doing the work that is necessary. He commented on the Township Bond Rating going up and said it was because of good decisions the Committee made from 2011 up to today. The Mayor said that all of the Capital Projects are out now so the Township is giving people employment opportunities. Mayor Silva said he thinks the employees are doing 1000% of the work they are supposed to; they are getting bogged down by OPRA requests that take them from their work; it isn't the downturn of employment that is hurting them, it is the extra things laid on them because of the OPRA situation. He commented on having to keep people thinking positive; not preaching negativism in down times; wanting to be realistic and talk about positive things. Mayor Silva said that whether Mrs. Dix agrees with #3 (increased vacation time) or not, it was voted on on April 7th. Mr. Jacobs commented on a number of employees being present and said he didn't want them to think the Committee is thinking about layoffs. He said the Committee projected the budget for 3 years out and is good for the next 2 years with level revenue. Mrs. Dix said belt-tightening could be construed as curbing spending. Mrs. Link said that the Personnel (Committee) had many discussions about creating incentives for people to come work for the Township and stay and if the Township doesn't stay up with current salaries and benefits, people will come here for a couple of years, get trained and then go elsewhere for much higher salaries. Mrs. Link said the Township is trying to be competitive and create loyalty and that she was very much in favor of the change in vacation days as one incentive. Mr. Guishard said if the Township doesn't have a competitive policy it won't get the employees in the first place. He said the change was made because there were many attempts to hire people; they had discussions with them and know the kinds of things that are important; they made the change fully aware of what it meant; it was made because they thought it would help the Township's competitive situation and help the Township get good employees; the Committee knew what they were doing and had full discussions of it. Mayor Silva asked Mrs. Dix if there was anything else. Mrs. Dix said she thought that covered it. Mr. Sandman said it is important that the record be clear that the Committee Members were elected on election day; they were sworn in in January; they came to a meeting where an agenda was posted in advance of the meeting; the item (Ordinance) was on the agenda; it was discussed; public hearing was available either before the first reading or at the hearing on the Ordinance; regardless of the length of discussion, the words of it become the law of the community and had to be followed.

There were no Ordinance Introductions.

State Contract Purchases:

Mr. Jacobs explained this is part of the annual replacement schedule.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the purchase of two (2) Chevrolet Tahoe Vehicles from Municipal Equipment Enterprises, Monroeville, PA for the sum of \$64,445.76 under State Contract #82926 is hereby authorized.

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

State Contract Purchase of Emergency Light & equipment packages:

Mrs. Dix said she had a complaint last week that the intensity of the lights make it difficult for oncoming traffic to see in the road and asked if they are the same as the newest ones the Township has and if there was any way to tone it down. Chief Tappeiner said it was the first he heard of a complaint about them being too bright; they are the most modern light bars they can get; the police want them to be bright; the idea is to get your attention to slow down and to move over if possible if it is on a 4-lane highway; that he is personally comfortable with the illumination the cars have; he has seen them on the street; they are what most agencies are using; most of the complaints they get are if a vehicle is going to an emergency and they can't see the lights; and it is very important that people can see them coming. Mrs. Dix said she thinks it is more on Route 50 or Route 40 because they are only 2-lanes and moving over might be difficult because of on-coming traffic. Ms. Gatto said it means they finally have to slow down on Route 50 and wait to go around it. Mrs. Link said she thinks it is more of a safety issue and she didn't think there is any hard evidence of detriment to the citizens of the Township.

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 purchase of two (2) emergency light/equipment packages for the sum of \$25,308.82 under State Contract #81332 is hereby authorized.

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

Change Order #3 to Inter-local services contract (Bid #2010-01):

Ingrid Perez explained the size of the trash containers at A.C.I.T. was changed and fewer containers were being serviced. Mrs. Dix asked if they were recycling more and if they gave the Township reports on their recycling. Ingrid explained the recycling is done by ACUA and the Township gets the reports from them. Mrs. Link asked about disposing of a TV. Ingrid said they won't be picked up at the curb and that there is a drop off for electronics and appliances from 9 AM to Noon on the first Saturday of the month.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Change Order #3 to the Waste Management Holdings, Inc. Inter-local/Shared Services Contract (Bid #2010-01) regarding changes at Location "B" (A.C.I.T.), is hereby approved for a net reduction of \$2,563.44 retroactive to July 2013.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Mercy Realty Associates, LLC check #1103 in the amount of \$270.00 is hereby accepted to be held in escrow for four (4) years as a stormwater management system maintenance guarantee for the Dr. Lurakis medical office expansion project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mercy Realty Associates, LLC check #1104 in the amount of \$6,288.41 is hereby accepted to be held in escrow for two (2) years as a maintenance guarantee for all non-stormwater management system improvements for the Dr. Lurakis medical office expansion project.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Parker Treeworks, LLC check #8569 in the amount of \$500.00 be accepted to be held in escrow for ten (10) years as a performance guarantee for David Parker, D/B/A Treeworks LLC, forestry permit on Block 587 Lot 22.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that release of Decathlon Construction Co., Inc. maintenance guarantee for its Scranton Avenue Extension project (Block 661 Lot 28) is hereby denied due to uncompleted punch list items as recommended by Robert J. Smith III, Township Engineer, on August 7, 2014.

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

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

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2013, the Township of Hamilton held a public land sale of Township-owned property known as Block 547, Lots 1 and 2 on Eighth Avenue, Mays Landing, NJ; and

WHEREAS, said property was advertised and sold without special conditions; and

WHEREAS, Steven Cahill t/a Country Blues, LLC offered a bid of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) and no other bids were received,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the bid of Steven Cahill t/a Country Blues, LLC be and is hereby accepted.

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

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

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZED APPLICATIONS FOR
POST-SANDY PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANTS FROM THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY NJ

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County (the Township) has completed a Strategic Recovery Planning Report through a Post-Sandy Planning Assistance grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA); and

WHEREAS, that the Township has sustained a ratable loss attributable to Superstorm Sandy of at least 1 percent or \$1 million dollars , as indicated by the attached documentation from the Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, that the Township has attended an orientation session held by DCA explaining the grant application process; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendations of the Strategic Recovery Planning Report the Township intends to apply for Post-Sandy Planning Assistance grants for the following planning activities and in the following amounts:

1. Mays Landing Neighborhood Plan - \$48,200
2. Preliminary Investigation & Redevelopment Plan for Historic Mays Landing - \$48,000
3. Environmental Design Plan: Watershed Study (upstream of Lake Lenape) - \$50,000
4. Environmental Design Plan: Lake Lenape Dam - \$50,000
5. Utility Services Plan – \$25,000
6. Stormwater Management Sub-Plans - \$50,000
7. Open Space/Recreation Sub-Plan: Mays Landing Waterfront Development & Connectivity Plan - \$50,000
8. Development of Ordinances: Permit & Application Improvement; Floodplain; and, Long Term Emergency Housing Opportunities - \$20,000
9. Capital Improvement Plan - \$30,000

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County does hereby authorize the application for the above referenced grant(s); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township recognizes and accepts that DCA may offer a lesser or greater amount of grant funding than requested; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township agrees to comply with all CDBG-DR regulations, Post Sandy Planning Assistance Guidelines and also accepts that the proposed uses of CDBG-DR funds are not reimbursable by FEMA, SBA or other federal agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign the grant agreement or any other document in connection therewith.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the following item of revenue with off-setting appropriations be inserted into the 2014 Municipal Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87:

Revenue Title: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	
Statewide Labor Day Crackdown Grant	\$5,000.00
Appropriation title: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	
Statewide Labor Day Crackdown Grant	\$5,000.00

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee (Atlantic County) of the Township of Hamilton that the Township of Hamilton has no objection to N.J.D.O.T. approving and issuing a permit to Fleet Reserve Association Branch 13 for coin drops to be held at the Route 40/50 intersection on August 30 and 31, 2015

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the employment of Samuel Velez as a Full-time Temporary Laborer is hereby extended until October 31, 2014 at his current salary of \$15.00 per hour.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that authorization is hereby given to advertise for a Planning Board Administrator.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the minutes of the August 4, 2014 meeting are hereby approved and adopted as amended to insert "**and having a business downtown**" after the word organizations in the 7th line of Mrs. Capone's public comments.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the March 18, 2013 executive session minutes are hereby approved and adopted.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the April 8, 2013 executive session minutes are hereby approved and adopted.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the July 8, 2013 executive session minutes are hereby approved and adopted.

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

Mrs. Link moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the August 5, 2013 executive session minutes are hereby approved and adopted.

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

Ms. Gatto made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Link for approval of the October 7, 2014 executive session minutes. Mrs. Dix said the minutes needed to be amended because the words "the same" were missing on line 2 on the last page. Ms. Gatto withdrew her motion and Mrs. Link withdrew her second.

Mrs. Dix moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that the October 7, 2014 executive session minutes be amended to insert the words "the same" between the word "at" and "time" in the second line on the last page.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the October 7, 2013 executive session minutes are hereby approved as amended and adopted.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the October 21, 2013 executive session minutes are hereby approved and adopted.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the October 29, 2013 executive session minutes are hereby approved and adopted.

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

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mrs. Link, 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 to be paid, the bill list totaling \$1,640,420.01.

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

Reports:

- Mr. Jacobs said he had nothing to add to his written report.
- Mr. Sandman said he had nothing to report.
- Mr. Smith said he had nothing to add to his written report.
- Mrs. Link said she had nothing to report.

Mrs. Dix asked if there was a reason the chipper isn't being used for referred brush cutting in Laureldale. Brett explained Public Works uses its newly purchased dump trailer to haul away branches instead of the chipper because it is much faster and safer especially on a busy roadway. Mrs. Dix said she attended the A. C. Salutes the Military Parade in Atlantic City last week and that she and Ana Schleifer rode in the car with Montford Point Marine Corporal Melvin Scott who lives with his wife in Hamilton Township.

Mr. Guishard reported he attended a meeting on the Route 40 Corridor Study Report done by the State Department of Transportation with the assistance of the contractor; the study extended from Cologne Avenue east to West Atlantic City; the area was divided into about 7 sections and had about 13 criteria on which they ranked everything; the study addressed pedestrians, public transportation, and biking. Mr. Guishard said that he was told he would get a copy of the report but hasn't received it yet. Mr. Guishard said that he didn't get a clear answer when he talked to them about the sidewalks they started putting in the Township several years ago but part of that may be that the process takes so long and they may have contacted the Township years ago. Mrs. Guishard reported that through cooperative efforts between the Community, the Township and the School the flag pole in front of Oakcrest High School was recently painted; a flag was donated; and there will be a flag raising ceremony in front of Oakcrest at 10 o'clock on Thursday. Mr. Guishard reported Waste Management is donating a receptacle to replace the dilapidated flag retirement receptacle behind the VFW; Township resident Frank Williams is going to paint it; and there will be a dedication ceremony for it at 11 o'clock on Thursday. Mrs. Dix said the VFW takes the stars that are stitched on the flags off, puts them in little plastic bags and gives them to soldiers who are deploying.

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Ms. Gatto reported on the new Oakcrest High School Welcome Wagon for incoming Freshmen Project event that was held last week and combined with the National Night Out event at Oakcrest Estates; that the school is planning a Welcome Week with number of events for the first week of school. Ms. Gatto reported the school requested information on the flags the Township had on the light poles for Hometown Celebration and that they want to put Oakcrest High School flags on poles throughout town to show its community strength. Ms. Gatto reported the School had planned its Back to School Night for September 11 but rescheduled it so people can attend the Township 9/11 Remembrance Celebration. Ms. Gatto reported the Halloween Parade Committee is meeting regularly and that Oakcrest is going to put all of its Clubs, Sports and Activities groups in contest to see who can put the most exciting attraction together for the 50th Anniversary Halloween Parade. Ms. Gatto reported Laureldale Pub and Grille opened today; that a local couple is opening it; and that they put a lot of time and effort into it.

Mayor Silva reported the 9-11 Remembrance Program will be held in War Memorial Park on September 11th at 7 PM. The Mayor reported he attended a meeting with the CFO, Deputy CFO and Administrator when the Credit Reporter called to ask a number of questions on the Township's financial status and said that he couldn't say enough good things about the way Finance Office prepared themselves and answered all of the questions. Mayor Silva said that he thinks it will result in the Township Bond Rating staying the same or going up. He asked Cindy Lindsay if she heard anything on that yet. She said she hasn't. Mayor Silva said that he sat through those meetings when Mr. Sasdelli was here; that it is more positive today than it was then; and that he thinks it is because of the position the Township Committee engineered so they can move ahead. The Mayor commented on knowing that Mrs. Dix has thoughts about the state of the economy and said he didn't disagree with her but he feels there is also a positive side and that is the side he wants to continue.

Public Comment:

Debbie Kalai-Kienzle reported the electric company moved debris from a fallen tree onto her property and they are saying it isn't their responsibility. Mrs. Dix said the tree fell on the property across the street from Mrs. Kienzle and that she communicated with Mr. Sartorio about it a week ago; Brett Noll looked at it and it wasn't the Townships responsibility; the lady across the street cleaned up some of it; and the logs got moved onto Mrs. Kienzle's property. Mayor Silva said he would contact the electric company in the morning.

John Newsome explained he has had an issue with water coming into his basement since he moved into Chancellor Place in 2009; that the problem is that the retention pond in back of his house doesn't drain properly; and that he was here to see if there was anything the Township Committee could do to help him. He said he isn't able to get (flood) insurance because it isn't designated a flood area and he isn't able to make a (homeowner's insurance) claim because the water is coming from under the ground. Mr. Newsome said that he knows that the basins are supposed to be inspected every year; he isn't sure that one was done this year; that the Township Ordinance says the basins are supposed to drain within 72 hours; it doesn't and every time there is heavy rain or precipitation water is still standing there; he has to have repairs made to his basement whenever it overpowers his sump pump; it has cost him thousands and thousands of dollars; and the Homeowners' Association is saying that everything is okay. The Mayor commented on seeing water from the basin near the road by the Electric Company running across the road. Mr. Newsome explained the basin he is talking about is the one towards Atlantic Avenue. Mr. Smith said that the Homeowners' Association is responsible for maintaining the basin. Mr. Newsome said the Association has an engineer coming out who is telling them everything is okay but the basin is not draining within 72 hours and it is causing his sump pump to run continuously. Mayor Silva asked Mr. Smith to contact the Property Manager about it and Mr. Newsome to leave his phone number with the Administrator so they can get back to him. Mr. Smith said he believed he was given one

inspection report and that he and Mr. Jacobs will look into it. Ms. Gatto asked if the Township had any way to compel the Association to take care of it. Mr. Smith explained the maintenance bond expired and the only thing the Township could do is issue a property maintenance violation of the site plan because the site plan requires the basins to drain within a certain period of time. He said he is 100% certain Nancy Rainbow would not allow a development to proceed if they hadn't filed the Covenants and Restrictions. Mr. Sandman said some of those Restrictions were initially limited to 10 years but the obligation for maintenance is always the Association's. He suggested the residents band together and get counsel. Mr. Sandman explained that if nothing is ultimately done, the Township may not have standing but Mr. Newsome would have standing to sue the Association to make it do what it is supposed to do. Mrs. Dix suggested the Newsomes may have received a copy of the covenants and restrictions when they bought their home. Mr. Sandman said he is sure it is in every title policy issued. The Mayor asked Mr. Smith to look into it and communicate with Mr. Newsome.

Robert Campbell, Sr. commented on Nicole Scribner decorating a car and being in the Salute to the Military Parade; on the Township Veterans Advisory Board (VAB) being well represented in the parade; and not seeing many people from Mays Landing there. Ms. Gatto asked that the VAB Board let the Township Committee Members know (about it) next time. Mr. Campbell thanked Ingrid Perez, Mr. Jacobs, and the residents for supporting the new flag retirement bin. He said the Veterans' Advisory Board and other Veteran's Organizations will be discussing with Township Committee the possibility of holding a job fair for any veterans working in the casinos; that a walk will be held in front of the Showboat Casino at 6:30 on Wednesday for the purpose of having a prayer session; a prayer rally will be held immediately after that at a church on Atlantic Avenue; and any of the Township Committee Members who can attend will be well accepted. Ms. Gatto commented on her brother and others in his age group (24 years old) that are also losing their jobs and asked Mr. Campbell if the organizations would consider having recruiters at the job fair for people in that age group. Mr. Campbell said they will have a lot of people there; the American Legion has a state-wide program to help veterans find jobs and they are working with its director to bring it to Atlantic County. He said 17 new suicide prevention centers have been opened through the V.A. system and AtlantaCare is planning to have on-site hospital care for veterans.

Ana Schleifer commented on watching the video of the last meeting; thinking that Mrs. Dix was accused of something that she thought was wrong regarding telling elderly people not to go to Brownie's because Chris is a democrat Square; and that it was offensive to her. She said Mrs. Dix is a walking encyclopedia and knows her history. Mrs. Schleifer commented on a speed limit sign by Wheaton's factory that was down for a long time being back up within a week after she called Mrs. Dix about it. She said this is not a time to be divided and fighting with each other and she thinks the Township needs healing because a house divided against itself will not stand.

Sandy Nelson said she totally agreed with Mrs. Schleifer. Mrs. Nelson said that she believes the lights on the police cars are a public safety problem; that at night you can't tell whether the car is off the road or partially in your lane until you are right up to it; that the police do have their cars are partially in the lane for their protection; and that sometimes you can't pull over because of other cars along side of you. She said that she has family members who have epilepsy; that the flashing lights can cause them to have grand mal seizures; and she thinks they are too bright and aren't necessary.

There being no further questions or comments from the public, Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mrs. Link, that the public comment portion be closed.

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

August 18, 2014

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that this meeting be adjourned to an executive session to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreements which is exempt from public discussion pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body will not reconvene in public session because no action is expected to result from the discussions at this time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of said executive session shall be made known as soon as the basis for confidentiality is no longer confidential.

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

ATTEST:

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

The public session ended at 8:23 PM. The Township Committee waited until all members of the public had left the room before starting the executive session.