

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
JANUARY 17, 2017

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey was called to order January 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor John Kurtz presiding.

Flag Salute.

Township Clerk Rita Martino certified adequate notice of this meeting was provided pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the municipal building and by publication in The Press of Atlantic City on 1/9/17, and the Atlantic County Record on 1/11/17.

Roll Call:

Present: Rodney Guishard, John Kurtz, Judith Link, Art Schenker, Roger Silva.

Absent: XXX

Also present: Rita Martino, Township Clerk; Michael Jacobs, Township Administrator;
Robert Sandman, Township Solicitor; Steven Filippone, Township Engineer

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed.

Swearing in of Municipal Court Judge – Michele Verno, Esquire

The Honorable Michael Blee, JSC administered the Oath of Office to Michele Verno, Esquire as Municipal Court Judge for a three (3) year term effective January 3, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

Judge Verno thanked everyone and stated that she intends to uphold the fine tradition of integrity set by her predecessor, Judge Switzer.

Amendment of Agenda

On motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Guishard, it was moved to amend the agenda and momentarily postpone the presentation by Fred Akers.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Addition/Deletion of Late Agenda Items

On motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mrs. Link, it was moved to approve the addition of late list items as follows:

- Additions:
- 4H. Alternate Engineer
 - 4I. Alternate Traffic Engineer
 - 10K. Resolution of Support for the Atlantic Cape Family Support Organization's application for The New Jersey Health Initiatives: Next Generation Community Leaders Grant through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, grant filed in cooperation with the Alfred Lundy Community Center.
 - 11. Adjournment to Executive Session: Award of Animal Control Contract – Attorney Client Privilege and Contract Negotiations

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Executive Session

Resolution #2017-80 – A Resolution To Adjourn to Executive Session: Award of Animal Contract

As result of executive session, Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker, that Resolution #2017-80 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Township Committee met in Executive Session at 6:40 pm.

On motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Guishard, it was moved to reconvene in open session.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 6:58 pm.

For clarity, Solicitor Sandman explained that there was an addition to the Agenda to add this discussion of the Animal Control Contract as an Executive Session item, The right of early public comment does not apply to Executive Session items; however, if official action is to be taken after the Executive Session, then those who signed up for early public comment should still have the right to be heard. If no official action is to be taken, then there is not the right to be heard in an early public comment capacity. He also stated that the Committee believes in giving the public the opportunity to be heard whenever possible. Solicitor Sandman stated that he gave the Committee his review of the documents and of the specifications in this matter. Solicitor Sandman further stated that it is his considered opinion that there were mistakes in the bid specifications, and there were probable mistakes and or omissions in all three submissions.

Resolution #2017-81 – A Resolution To Rescind Contract For Animal Control Services, Reject All Bids, And Rebid Contract For Animal Control Services

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that Resolution #2017-81 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Solicitor Sandman stated again that the individuals who signed up for early public comment may still be heard at this time if they wish.

Early Public Comment

Marylee Morinelli, a 12 year resident of Mays Landing, spoke in favor of Shore Animal Control. She stated that she currently works at a nonprofit wildlife organization in Egg Harbor Township, where she has worked with Shore Animal Control for the past two years. She found them very reliable and dependable, trustworthy, and above all, ethical.

Solicitor Sandman stated that while he is aware that many people are in attendance as proponents of one group or another, the whole matter is being redone, and the fact that one person favors one group or another is really not part of this agenda. While any comments are appreciated and encouraged, it does nothing to the rebid.

Pam Jessie of Cumberland County thanked the Committee for choosing to rebid the Animal Control contract. She hopes that whoever bids will be qualified.

Steve Serwatka of Animal Control of South Jersey stated that he believes the bid proposal deficiency Solicitor Sandman mentioned may be that he did not include a price for an animal pickup that is a personal surrender. Mr. Serwatka stated that he spoke with the County Health Department and the County Animal Shelter, and determined that such a price would be difficult to quote, as the animal may have health issues that must be addressed, resulting in a veterinary bill. Further, it is impossible to determine the true ownership of a surrendered animal. Personal surrenders should be brought to the shelter by the animal owner. Animal Control Officers are not responsible for collecting personal surrenders.

Solicitor Sandman stated that was not the only basis for deficiency; he further stated that the statements made concerning other issues with his company were not considered for a second.

Suzanne Fenton responded to Mr. Serwatka's statement, stating that those animals that would be personal surrenders become strays, because people do not care enough about them. They will still end up at the shelter, but will have been picked up as strays after running the streets.

Laurie Zaleski opted not to speak.

Barbara Scates opted not to speak.

Hearing nothing further from the public, on the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Schenker it was moved to close early public comment.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Guest Presentation – Fred Akers re: Block 809 Lot 6

Fred Akers gave a brief presentation regarding his previous proposal for the Township to purchase Block 809 Lot 6 through application for a Green Acres grant; the due date for grant application is 2/15/17. Mr. Silva expressed concern as to why the owner is willing to sell after going to such trouble to obtain variances for the property. Some discussion ensued. Mr. Akers mentioned that he has been in contact with Green Acres personnel and that he believes the project is a good candidate to receive funding. It was confirmed that no taxpayer dollars would be required in this endeavor; the proposal would move forward only if the funding is obtained through the aforementioned grant.

On the motion of Mr. Guishard, second of Mr. Silva it was moved to move forward with Mr. Akers' proposal.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Discussions

Resolution #2017-82 – A Resolution authorizing submission of an application for a Historic Preservation Fund Grant

Phil Sartorio, Director of Community Development, briefly discussed the grant program, which involves Federal money distributed to the State level. The matter has been discussed with and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission, who would like to use the funding to create educational materials for property owners in the Historic District and the general public. Additionally, the grant may also fund educational materials for realtors to assist them in the sale of property in the Historic District, as well as updated walking maps and social media representation. The application deadline is 1/20/17; the draft is complete and the last portion is to obtain authorization of the governing body to proceed.

Mr. Guishard asked and confirmed that the source of the grant is the State Office of Historic Preservation. It is Federal money that comes to them and requires no match on the part of the Township.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-82 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Appointments of Professionals for the year 2017 or until a successor is appointed

Resolution #2017-83 – A Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Wayne Neville, AIA - Architect

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-83 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-84 – A Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Leon Costello of Ford Scott - Auditor

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-84 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-85 – A Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Joel Fleishman of Fleishman Daniels Law Offices - Bond Counsel

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-85 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-86 – A Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc. - Certified General Appraiser

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-86 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-87 – A Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Kevin Dixon, Dixon Associates Engineering - Engineer

Mr. Silva nominated Kevin Dixon of Dixon Associates Engineering, seconded by Mr. Schenker.
Mr. Guishard nominated CME Associates, seconded by Mrs. Link.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-87 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: Link
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 4-1.

Resolution #2017-88 – A Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Carl Tripician, Esquire, Law Offices of Carl Tripician - Prosecutor

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-88 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-89 – A Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Kevin Dixon, Dixon Associates Engineering - Traffic Engineer

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-89 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-90 – A Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers - Alternate Engineer

Mr. Schenker moved, seconded by Mayor Kurtz that Resolution #2017-90 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-91 – A Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers - Alternate Traffic Engineer

Mr. Schenker moved, seconded by Mayor Kurtz that Resolution #2017-91 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Appointments to Boards/Commissions

Resolution #2017-92 – A Resolution Appointing Art Schenker as Class III Member of Hamilton Township Planning Board for a one (1) year term effective 1/1/17 – 12/31/17

Mayor Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-92 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-93 – A Resolution Appointing Thelma Witherspoon as Alternate I Member of Hamilton Township Historic Preservation Commission for an unexpired 2-year term expiring 12/31/17

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-93 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Authorize the Administrator to prepare formal Fair and Open Professional Services Contracts for all appointees for 2017 or until a successor is appointed and authorize the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute same

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker to Authorize the Administrator to prepare formal Fair and Open Professional Services Contracts for all appointees for 2017 or until a successor is appointed and authorize the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute same.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Ordinances

Ordinance # 1839-2017 – An Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of Orchard Street

Hearing nothing from the public, on the motion of Mayor Kurtz, second of Mr. Schenker, it was moved to close the public hearing of Ordinance # 1839-2017.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1839-2017

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker, that Ordinance #1839-2017, which was introduced and passed first reading on 1/3/17 and was duly advertised in the 1/6/17 edition of the Press of Atlantic City with public hearing held as advertised and closed be and is hereby adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Ordinance # 1840-2017 – An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank – Calendar Year 2017

Hearing nothing from the public, on the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Guishard, it was moved to close the public hearing of Ordinance # 1840-2017.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1840-2017

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker, that Ordinance #1840-2017, which was introduced and passed first reading on 1/3/17 and was duly advertised in the 1/6/17 edition of the Press of Atlantic City with public hearing held as advertised and closed be and is hereby adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Introduction of Ordinance

Ordinance # 1841-2017 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 130 of the Hamilton Township Code Governing Buildings Unfit

Mr. Jacobs confirmed that this was previously handled at the County level, but the County no longer has the inspectors for this type of work. He stated that this Ordinance allows our inspectors to do the work.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that the following Ordinance #1841-2017 be introduced on first reading with public hearing to be held February 6, 2017:

Ordinance No. 1841-2017 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 130 of the Hamilton Township Code Governing Buildings Unfit

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Award of Bids/Contracts/Change Orders

Resolution #2017-94 – A Resolution to Approve Change Order No. 2 for the 2016 Road Program as recommended by Alternate Township Engineer Robert J. Smith III in his correspondence dated December 29, 2016 – net increase in the amount of \$8,750.00.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-94 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-95 – A Resolution to Award Contract to Electronic Recyclers International, Inc. (ERI) in the amount of \$2,100.00 for the calendar year 2017 for the monthly collection of TVs, computers and e-waste and authorize the Mayor to sign same.

Mrs. Link moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-95 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Mr. Guishard asked and confirmed that the price for such a contract fluctuates from year to year, and obtaining contracts for such services is not always easy.

Consent Agenda

Approve Business Registration Licenses:

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard to approve the following business registration license(s):

1. Swinterton Builders – out of state contractor
2. SOLV, Inc. – out of state contractor

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-96 – A Resolution authorizing the release of Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. SB1796840001 in the amount of \$21,306.23 posted as a 2 year maintenance guarantee for Eaglesmere (fka Glen Eyre Palette III) – Site Improvements (Conson LLC) upon its expiration date of 1/20/17, as recommended by Steve Filippone, Township Engineer.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-96 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-97 – A Resolution authorizing the release of Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. SB1796910001 in the amount of \$93,250.44 posted as a 2 year maintenance

guarantee for Eaglesmere (fka Glen Eyre Palette III) – Site Improvements (Conson LLC) upon its expiration date of 1/20/17, as recommended by Steve Filippone, Township Engineer.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-97 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-98 – A Resolution authorizing the release of Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. SB1796890001 in the amount of \$213,857.82 posted as a 2 year maintenance guarantee for Eaglesmere (fka Glen Eyre Palette III) – Residential Major Subdivision (Conson LLC) upon its expiration date of 1/20/17, as recommended by Steve Filippone, Township Engineer.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-98 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-99 – A Resolution authorizing transfer of \$25,000.00 from Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the Affordable Housing Escrow Fund of the Hamilton Township MUA.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-99 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-100 – A Resolution Establishing a Municipal Drug Alliance Program Budget.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-100 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-101 – A Resolution Approving 2017 JIF Safety Incentive Program Contract and Authorize the Mayor to Sign Same.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-101 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-102 – A Resolution Accepting Contiguous Land Sale Bid of Daniel L. Jassby for Lots 12, 18, & 19 in Block 362 (50 x 100, .34 acre and 50 x 100 lot located at Shreveport & Arlington Ave.) for a purchase price of \$600.00.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that Resolution #2017-102 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion of no objection to the Division of ABC granting a special liquor license permit to Atlantic Cape Community College for their SJ Beer, BBQ & Bacon Festival to be held June 2, 2017, 4pm to 10pm and June 3, 2017, 12pm to 9pm, beer to be dispensed.

Upon motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Guishard it was moved to confirm no objection to the granting of a Special Liquor License Permit to Atlantic Cape Community College as outlined.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-103 – A Resolution Authorizing GovDeals Auction of Various Items as Requested by the Director of Public Works.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-103 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-104 – A Resolution of Support for Atlantic Cape Family Support Organization’s Application for The New Jersey Health Initiatives: Next Generation Community Leaders Grant

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-104 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Personnel

Resolution #2017-105 – A Resolution Setting the Salary for Michele Verno, Esquire as part-time Municipal Court Judge at \$100,000.00 annually, effective 1/3/17.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-105 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Approvals:

Mr. Schenker moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that the reorganization and regular meeting minutes of the January 3, 2017 meeting are approved as presented.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain:

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-106 – A Resolution authorizing payment of approved payrolls and bills-\$2,419,892.56.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-106 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Reports

Administrator – nothing additional at this time.

Solicitor – none at this time.

Engineer- Mr. Filippone reported that on the Buffalo Pike Associates Project, no work has occurred on the connector road since before the holidays. They are still waiting for the design of barricade, the striping, and the signage, revisions are being done by DOT.

Home Goods store is making continued progress, and is expected to open in March. The adjacent temporary parking lot is expected to be open in the next week. Renovation on the stormwater basin is still underway.

The Auto Zone project is moving along quickly and expects to open next month. Site work is nearly complete.

Site work continues on the Michael Zyndorf project, and Holy Cross Cemetery is continuing with stormwater basin work. Additionally, four new street opening permits have been processed.

Floor plan and elevation view is complete for the Underhill Park Bathrooms. Utility plan for water and sewer is also complete. The project is expected to go out to bid in the next thirty days.

Township Committee:

Mr. Silva stated that one week ago the Lake Lenape Dam Committee met, and the County is going to go out for preliminary engineering services for the evaluation and rehabilitation of Lake Lenape Dam. He further stated that this is a lengthy, long-term project, and he hopes to continue to give updates in the future. He mentioned that work is expected to be done on the bridge as well. Some discussion ensued as to funding of the project.

Mr. Guishard stated that he attended the South Jersey Transportation Program Office (SJTPO) meeting and discovered some good things. When the state previously made available the transportation trust funds, we did not get as large an increase as hoped; it does, however, appear that a more substantial increase may happen next year. Additionally, there is a possibility that the Township may be compensated for costs incurred with halting recent transportation projects.

He further mentioned that the Citizens' Advisory Committee has been redirected to identify key areas to work on with SJTPO. This would include things such as assistance building bike paths, smart traffic lights, etc.

Mr. Silva congratulated the Police Department on their recent Body Camera Grant.

Mr. Schenker thanked Township Engineer Steve Filippone for all of his great work during the past year, particularly with the project in front of the mall area and the Underhill Bathroom project. Mr. Guishard and Mrs. Link agreed.

Mrs. Link stated that she has concerns regarding traffic, particularly the light at Routes 40 and 50. Cars turning left off of Mill Road onto Route 40 are in competition with opposing cars waiting to turn right. She suggested a green arrow may alleviate the problem. Some discussion ensued.

She further mentioned the recent accident at Underhill and Route 40, where there is no light at all.

Mayor Kurtz stated that it is unusual for Committee to go to Executive Session at the beginning of a meeting, and he thanked Fred Akers for his patience in the slight delay of his presentation.

He further mentioned that budget meetings continue with the Administrator, CFO and Finance Committee, and he invited the public to attend the upcoming budget presentation.

Mayor Kurtz then opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comment

Jim Kerrigan of Mays Landing stated that work will begin on the Bridge in the fall and is expected to take 18 months. He further stated that he agrees with Mrs. Link about the traffic issue at Mill Road and Route 40.

Mary Jo Coutts thanked the Committee for her reappointment to the Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA).

Fred Akers thanked the Committee for allowing him to make his presentation. He also congratulated them on how well-designed the Municipal parking lot is.

Hearing nothing further from the public, on the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Guishard it was moved to close the public portion.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

On motion of Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Schenker and carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Martino, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk