

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
November 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey was called to order November 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm 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: John Kurtz, Rodney Guishard, Judith Link, Art Schenker, Roger Silva.

Absent:

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

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed. Mayor Kurtz requested that everyone keep Frank and Heather Tomasello in their thoughts, as Frank's father recently passed away.

Presentation: Proposed Eagle Scout Project – Jake Burnett, Boy Scout Troop 55

Jake Burnett gave a brief presentation regarding his proposed project, which is creation of a new raised flower bed for the Underhill Park Football Scoreboard. The estimated start time would be in March, and would take approximately 96 hours with the help of his fellow Troop Members. The cost at this time is not known; however, Mr. Burnett is looking into possible fundraising, and has indicated that Dun-Rite will be donating one ton of sand. Solicitor Sandman stated that he will donate \$300.00 on behalf of his firm.

On the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Schenker, it was moved to approve the Eagle Scout Project proposed by Jake Burnett, Boy Scout Troop 55.

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 Mr. Guishard, it was moved to approve the addition/deletion of late list items as follows:

Additions:

7C. Appoint Albert Jewitt as a Temporary Full-Time Electrical Inspector/Sub-Code Official at \$30.00 per hour effective 11/27/17, not to exceed 11 months.

Early Public Comment

Fran Saravia of the Green Team stated that the Complete Streets policy is the beginning of a broader initiative of the Green Team, that being the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program. She further stated that Sustainable Jersey is a respectable non-profit organization; they put together actions that hold municipalities accountable, starting with Complete Streets. She closed by reminding everyone that people are being hit and killed on our roads, including a close friend of hers, due to lack of awareness.

Michael Lazarchick of Mays Landing stated that his wife is a member of the Green Team and she is upset at the lack of support for Complete Streets. He defined sustainability as using our resources wisely for our community and our environment, and stated that there is a commitment to Complete Streets in the Mays Landing Neighborhood Plan. It would make the street network better and safer for drivers, transit users, pedestrians, and bicyclists. He also stated that it would gain points that would bring in money.

Susan Lazarchick of the Green Team spoke in support of the non-binding Complete Streets Resolution. She stated that their points expire, and they have lost 130 points so far. She referred to the 2017 Complete Streets Design Guide, and stated that resolutions can be different. Eight counties and 138 municipalities in the state have Complete Streets policies, and it improves safety for pedestrians, bikers, children, older citizens, and non-drivers. She closed by stating that it makes sense for our forward progress, our children, and our grandchildren, and it is non-binding.

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

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

Discussions

Complete Streets Policy.

Mayor Kurtz stated that the Green Team is indeed important and appreciated. He further stated that the Complete Streets initiative was originally sent to the Planning Board, then to Township Committee, back to the Planning Board, and currently sits before Township Committee again. He expressed concern for some inconsistencies, such as page 59 of the Neighborhood Plan, which lists “Adopt a Complete Streets Policy for Mays Landing” as an action item; the proposed resolution calls for the Complete Streets Policy to cover all of Hamilton Township. Many concerns were also expressed at the Planning Board level, such as the use of the word “shall” throughout the agreement; “shall” represents requirements rather than guidelines, which may cause future liability issues.

Administrator Mike Jacobs stated that the resolution is only non-binding insofar as it can be voted down later. The proposed resolution, in its current form, uses the word “shall” throughout. There would also be additional engineering costs for evaluation of the roads, which would affect new projects and their applicants. Some discussion ensued.

Engineer Kevin Dixon agreed that in traffic control, device, and design, when the word “shall” is used, it is mandatory. He also stated that when an application comes before the Planning Board, the Board is limited in enforcing a policy that is not reflected in the Zoning Ordinance, placing the Township in conflict with its own review process.

Mr. Guishard stated that this is a resolution, which is non-binding, so we can take or not take what we want in this resolution. He briefly outlined the evolution of transportation projects and the formation of Complete Streets. He stated again that Complete Streets is non-binding, and the judgment and application is up to us; it is not intended to tie the hands of the Planning Board. It may help to reduce accidents and fatalities, and just makes good sense. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Schenker asked if the language of the resolution could be changed, in order to get the points for grants. More discussion ensued about changing the language. Mrs. Link inquired as to how much of the Complete Streets requirements are already covered in the Master Plan and Zoning Plan. Further discussion ensued.

Solicitor Sandman stated that in New Jersey Law, the word “shall” indicates something that is mandatory, with no discretion. No judge could interpret it in any other way. He further stated that if the resolution is adopted and in effect, it is binding. Additional discussion ensued. Mrs. Link recommended that the resolution be reviewed and reworked. Mayor Kurtz stated that a vote should be taken now; the resolution does not represent what it should in its present form. Mr. Guishard stated that the matter could be tabled and the resolution reworked with the lawyers and professionals.

Motion to table the matter of Complete Streets in order to address concerns with the related proposed resolution.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mrs. Link, to table the matter of Complete Streets in order to address concerns with the related proposed resolution.

Mr. Schenker asked Solicitor Sandman if they should vote on the resolution as it stands. Solicitor Sandman explained that we must deal with the current motion to table; if it is voted down, then a motion may be made to vote on the resolution as it stands.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Link
Nay: Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Abstain: XXX
Motion Defeated 2-3-0.

Mr. Guishard stated that he will bring the matter before the solicitor and professionals and rework the resolution into a form that is acceptable to all. Some discussion ensued.

Authorize Funding for 5% Match for Fire Safety Grant/Mizpah Fire Department and Weymouth Fire Department.

Mr. Jacobs stated that Mizpah and Weymouth Fire Departments have successfully applied for and received a grant, and have asked that the Township put up the 5% match which would be \$12,086.00. The grant will provide the Departments with necessary equipment.

Resolution #2017-0428 – Resolution Authorizing Funding for 5% Match for Fire Safety Grant – Mizpah Volunteer Fire Company and Weymouth Volunteer Fire Company.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0428 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Ordinances

Ordinance #1864-2017 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Lot 1 in Block 240 as Shown on the Tax Map of the Township of Hamilton, and Granting to the Owner or Owners of Said Real Property Contiguous to Same the Right to Prior Refusal to Purchase Such Land in the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey.

Mr. Jacobs explained that this is a 2.61 acre lot off of Elwood Road with a minimum bid of \$2,100.00.

Hearing nothing further from the public, on the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Guishard, it was moved to close the public hearing of Ordinance #1864-2017.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1864-2017

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that Ordinance #1864-2017, which was introduced and passed first reading on 10/16/17 and was duly advertised in the 10/19/17 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 #1865-2017 – An Ordinance Amending Exhibit A, Section I Article II of Chapter 66 of the Code of the Township of Hamilton, Providing for the Maximum Number of Employees – PW Dept.

Mr. Jacobs confirmed that this does not change the total number of employees; it adds a supervisory position and deletes a laborer position.

Hearing nothing from the public, on the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mrs. Link, it was moved to close the public hearing of Ordinance #1865-2017.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1865-2017

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva, that Ordinance #1865-2017, which was introduced and passed first reading on 10/16/17 and was duly advertised in the 10/19/17 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.

Award of Bids/Contracts/Change Orders

Resolution #2017-0429 – Resolution authorizing first year option of Bid #2015-02, Solid Waste Collection Services Contract to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., 1/1/18-12/31/18, not to exceed \$607,596.00.

Mr. Jacobs stated that approval is recommended.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0429 be adopted.

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

Resolution #2017-0430 – Resolution authorizing the purchase of Yodok Barricade System with Trailer from Garden State Highway Products, Inc., not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Mayor Kurtz stated that the Police and Public Works will use these barricades to block roads at events and work sites, thus helping to keep our community safe. Director of Public Works Brett Noll stated that we are currently borrowing barricades from the County.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0430 be adopted.

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

Resolution #2017-0431 – Resolution approving Change Order #1 – Final for Liepe Tract Drainage Basin Remediation – Net decrease of \$23,323.98 as recommended by Robert J. Smith, Alternate Township Engineer.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0431 be adopted.

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

Resolution #2017-0432 – Resolution authorizing proposed Agreement Amendment between FireGrantsHelp and the Township of Hamilton.

Mr. Jacobs explained that the Rescue Squad is being added to the Agreement.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that Resolution #2017-0432 be adopted.

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

Resolution #2017-0433 – Resolution awarding contract for Licensed Plumber Services to Falasca Mechanical, Inc., Bid #2017-11, on an as needed basis, not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0433 be adopted.

Mr. Schenker abstained from the vote, as Falasca was a former employee of his.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: Schenker
Motion Carried 4-0-1.

Resolution #2017-0434 – Resolution awarding contract for Janitorial Services for the Township of Hamilton Buildings to Action Janitorial, Inc., Bid #2017-10 for 1/1/18-12/31/18, in the amount of \$42,000.00.

Mr. Guishard inquired if this was considered as a veteran set-aside; Mr. Jacobs explained that it was previously, but there were no bidders.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0434 be adopted.

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

Resolution #2017-0435 – Resolution awarding contract for Tree and Stump Removal and Tree Trimming Services to RPM Landscape Contractor, LLC, Bid #2017-08, on an as needed basis, not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0435 be adopted.

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

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve Business Registration Licenses.

Upon motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Schenker it was moved to approve the following Business Registration Licenses:

1. Karen's Kids Family Child Care, LLC – Home Based Child Care
2. One in All Trading – Hamilton Mall
3. VR Gaming – Hamilton Mall

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0436 – Resolution Authorizing Increase in the Health Flexible Spending Account limit from \$2,600.00 to \$2,650.00 effective 2018 and subsequent years, in accordance with the IRS Code.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0436 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0437 – Resolution authorizing release of Capital Bank Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit #2007-01 in the amount of \$55,694.40 posted as Performance Guarantee for Thelma Heights Phase II – Thelma Avenue, (Thelma Heights, LLC) as recommended by Robert Sandman, Township Solicitor based on the signed agreement between the Township of Hamilton and Thelma Heights, LLC dated 10/2/17.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0437 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0438 – Resolution denying release of First National Bank of Elmer Irrevocable Letter of Credit #307 in the amount of \$105,236.10 posted as Performance Guarantee for Guy Tunney Main Street Project (Guy Tunney) – Block 809, Lots 2, 3.01, and 3.02 due to incomplete punchlist items, as recommended by Alternate Township Engineer Robert Smith in his correspondence dated 10/25/17.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0438 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0439 – Resolution authorizing GovDeals auction of item(s) as requested by the Director of Public Works.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0439 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0440 – Resolution approving updated Memorandum of Understanding between the Township and the Hamilton Township Fire Departments/Rescue Squad and authorizing Mayor to sign same.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0440 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion to authorize preparation of a Contiguous Owner Land Sale Ordinance for Block 395, Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 – a 125' x 100' lot located at 6853 Melvin Newton Blvd. – Minimum \$300.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Schenker it was moved to authorize preparation of a Contiguous Owner Land Sale Ordinance for Block 395, Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 – a 125' x 100' lot located at 6853 Melvin Newton Blvd. – Minimum Bid \$300.00.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0441 – Resolution accepting Performance Guarantee for Toys R Us – ADA Improvements (Block 1134, Lots 14 and 15) in the amount of \$78,025.20 (Cash Escrow - \$7,802.52; Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America Bond #106702905 - \$70,222.68) as recommended by Township Engineer Kevin Dixon in his estimate dated 9/7/17.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0441 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0442 – Resolution to Amend 2017 Cash Management Plan.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0442 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0443 – Resolution to Approve Budget Transfers as recommended by the CFO.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0443 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0444 – Resolution supporting the Drive Sober or get Pulled Over Holiday Crackdown.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0444 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0445 – Resolution authorizing release of Cape Bank (fka Boardwalk Bank) Irrevocable Letter of Credit #2005-01 in the amount of \$105,637.43 posted as Performance Guarantee for Wexford Lane Subdivision – Block 1122, Lots 13, 14, and 15.03 (Select Construction, LLC), contingent upon posting of 2-year Maintenance Guarantee of \$44,015.60 as recommended by Kevin Dixon, Township Engineer in his correspondence dated 11/2/17.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0445 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0446 – Resolution denying the release of Westchester Fire Insurance Company Bond #K08465228 in the amount of \$65,508.00 posted as Performance Guarantee for South Jersey Gas Company – Cates Road – Solar Facility and Vaporizer Replacement Project (South Jersey Gas) as recommended by Robert Sandman, Township Solicitor based on review of the Bond and the release requirements therein.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0446 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion to authorize to post and advertise RFPs for 2018 Professional Services.

Upon motion of Mr. Guishard, second of Mr. Silva it was moved to authorize to post and advertise RFPs for 2018 Professional Services.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Personnel

Motion to authorize to advertise (in-house) for a Regular Full-Time Clerk in Public Works.

Mr. Jacobs explained that this is due to a 1/1/18 retirement.

Upon motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Guishard it was moved to authorize to advertise (in-house) for a Regular Full-Time Clerk in Public Works.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0447 – Resolution appointing Adrienne Carmen as a Temporary Part-time Clerk in the Tax Collector’s Office, until a Regular Full-Time Clerk is hired, effective 11/15/17 at \$16.00 per hour.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0447 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0448 – Resolution appointing Albert Jewitt as a Temporary Full-Time Electrical Inspector/Sub-Code Official at \$30.00 per hour effective 11/27/17, not to exceed 11 months.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0448 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 regular meeting minutes of the October 16, 2017 meeting are approved as presented.

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

Motion Carried 4-0-1.

Resolution #2017-0449 – A Resolution authorizing payment of approved payrolls and bills-\$5,786,354.97.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0449 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Reports

Administrator – Mr. Jacobs stated that the County has requested that we lower the lake between two and three feet so they can start inspections on the dam. He confirmed that this information has gone out on Nixle.

Solicitor – Nothing to report.

Engineer – Mr. Dixon stated that the housing demolition specs are done for the Knights Bridge Way demolition, and the environmental assessments for the 7th Street properties are underway. He also stated that Road Program contracts are ready for signature.

Township Committee:

Mayor Kurtz stated the Historic Preservation Commission is presenting its Tree Lighting Ceremony at War Memorial Park on 11/25/17. He praised our Public Works Department for their hard work in preparation for this event, which is free to the public. He encouraged all to attend.

He also observed the passing of another Election Season, when accusations fly and both negative and positive comments are made. However, the final result was in the voters' hands as they exercised their constitutional right to choose, and the hope is that these five seats will do the work of all the people. He further stated that not every decision made from this dais can be perfect for all concerned, but he believes that they can be fair to all concerned.

Mr. Schenker thanked the Merchants Association and Rotary for another wonderful Halloween Parade. It was great to see everyone out on the floats and the event was enjoyable as always.

He also clarified to the Green Team that Committee appreciates all they do; however, Committee has a responsibility to the Township to ensure that things are done appropriately, and therefore must heed the advice of the Township professionals. He further stated that he is not against the objectives of the Green Team, but he believes that they can be placed in a better formula.

Mr. Silva agreed with Mr. Schenker, stating that we spend 60% of our budget on public safety. He further expressed that traffic safety is very important, and traffic volume is building more than ever before. He also stated that the Green Team does a great job, and there is hope for a solution to be reached.

Mr. Silva also recently attended the rededication of the Historical Society building, where a plaque was dedicated to Dottie Kinsey, a well-known local historian. He also echoed Mr. Schenker's comments about the Halloween Parade, and cited how polite the young people are in our community. He closed by mentioning that the Veterans Day ceremony was a notable event, despite the extremely cold weather.

Mrs. Link stated that Mr. Guishard has done a marvelous job on the Complete Streets project; he has been working very hard with the Green Team, and his efforts are very sincere. She feels that we can make this work such that it is acceptable to all.

She also informed everyone of the tragic passing of a dear friend and local citizen, John Charleton, who died from a head injury sustained while helping a woman who was being beaten on the side of the road. She requested that everyone pray for his family.

Mr. Guishard echoed Mayor Kurtz' comments regarding the election. He also stated that he is glad to hear that Committee does recognize the importance of Complete Streets concept, and that they will work together to get it moving.

He also expressed surprise that Gale Avenue is open two months ahead of schedule, stating that it is great to see a project completed so quickly.

He further stated that the Veterans Day ceremony was successful despite the cold temperatures. It is unfortunate that the ceremony was on a Friday this year, which prevented some people from attending. On a related note, the local VFW Post is planning to get an electronic sign.

The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) recently sponsored a Dementia Discussion at the library. Additionally, the Oakcrest High School Principal has expressed interest in getting his students involved in civic activities with senior citizens.

Mayor Kurtz thanked the Green Team for attending tonight, and expressed confidence that a positive outcome can be achieved. He also stated that the crossing light at the corner of Route 40 has been knocked down approximately 35 times, one of those times actually crashing through the window of his business. The State is looking into traffic calming devices and other things, actually falling into the realm of Complete Streets, and he believes that a positive outcome will be reached for everyone.

Mayor Kurtz then opened the floor to the public.

Public Comment

Fran Saravia of the Green Team stated that this has been a learning experience, as most Green Team Members are not elected officials and therefore unfamiliar with the process. She also invited everyone to participate in a springtime walking audit through the downtown Mays Landing area which will be led by Patrick Farley of Cross County Connection Transportation Management Association (TMA). A brief discussion ensued.

Susan Lazarchick of the Green Team stated that eight counties and 138 municipalities in New Jersey have passed a Complete Streets policy, and she expressed confidence that the wording can be adjusted. She further stated that it would have been good to get feedback ahead of time that the wording was a concern, and expressed hope that a positive outcome lies ahead. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Guishard encouraged everyone to attend the Green Team meetings, which are held on the first Thursday of the month in Conference Room A at 6:30 pm.

John Percy of Laureldale expressed interest in the earlier mention of a Route 54 Bypass; it has been discussed as far back as 1985, and is still discussed today.

He further stated that the topic of Complete Streets was sent to the Planning Board for discussion, and it came back to the Governing Body with all negative responses, he himself having voted no. He clarified that he did not vote against Complete Streets, but rather against the venue. He asserted that the appropriate venue is Township Committee, as they make all decisions regarding the overall condition of the streets and sidewalks.

James Kerrigan of Mays Landing questioned whether Certified Local Government status was required of other Boards as it is required for the Historical Commission. Mayor Kurtz clarified that this was only required of the Historical Commission.

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

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Executive Session

Resolution #2017-0450 – A Resolution To Adjourn to Executive Session: Santore Gravel Pit Update – Attorney Client Privilege

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker, that Resolution #2017-0450 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 8:20 pm.

Township Committee reconvened at 8:40 pm.

On the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Schenker, it was moved to reconvene.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

The public was invited to return; one member of the public returned.

On motion of Mr. Silva, seconded by Mayor Kurtz and carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Martino, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk