

August 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Quinn who issued the formal statement in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L.

Roll call was taken and present were: Deputy Mayor Quinn, Councilman Gibbs, Councilman Murphy, Township Manager William Close, Chief Financial Officer Grant Rome, Township Attorney Thomas Ryan, and Township Clerk Kate Chambers. Councilwoman Whilesmith arrived at 6:07 p.m. Mayor Hertzberg was absent.

Open Public Meetings Act- Executive Session:

On motion by Councilman Gibbs, seconded by Councilman Murphy, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was duly adopted:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the hereinafter-specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - a. Litigation
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Contract Negotiations
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when deemed appropriate.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

On motion by Councilwoman Whilesmith, seconded by Councilman Murphy and unanimously carried, Council reconvened into public session at 7:20 p.m.

Salute to the Flag:

Councilman Murphy led the assembly in a salute to the flag.

Minutes:

On motion by Councilwoman Whilesmith seconded by Councilman Murphy and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 24, 2018 were approved as presented.

On motion by Councilman Gibbs seconded by Councilwoman Whilesmith and carried, the minutes of the executive meeting held on July 24, 2018 were approved as presented. Councilman Murphy abstained.

Open to the Public:

No one wished to be heard and this portion of the meeting was closed.

Manager's Report:**Milton Road Unifi Fiber Utility Pole Project**

Mr. Close informed Council that the Unifi Fiber project was, primarily in Jefferson Township, Morris County, and that was where they had filed an application to install utility poles on behalf of Verizon. He stated that the subcontractor at the time required a Township Road Opening Permit for the 8 poles being installed with 6 of those poles being located in Sparta Township's Right-of-Way. He stated that the subcontractor was to coordinate the actual work directly with the NJDEP. He further stated that earlier this year he had shared with the Council the NJDEP Notice of Violation where they ordered that all unauthorized activities must cease immediately on the project. The Township was again being asked by Pennoni Associates Inc., an Agent for the Applicant Unifi Fiber, to sign a new NJDEP Application form for the Freshwater Wetlands LOI Line Verification and Freshwater Wetlands General Permit with a Highlands Applicability Determination. He stated that Sparta's signature would only confirm that Sparta Township owns the Right-of-Way with regard to the project areas located within Sparta, and that it was not a determination by the Township that we were for or against the project. He further stated that he was seeking Council's authority to sign on behalf of the Township of Sparta.

Knoll Heights 911 Drill

Mr. Close informed Council that a simulated fire drill had been conducted at the Knoll Heights assisted living facility. He stated that Deputy OEM Coordinator Jan Wright organized this drill. He stated that the emergency services that had assisted in the drill included the following: Sparta Fire Department, Sparta Ambulance Squad, Sparta Police Department/Dispatch Center, Sparta Office of Emergency Management, Sussex County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management, and the Sparta CERT Team. He further stated that the drill went smooth and all occupants of the building were successfully evacuated. He stated that an after-action critique had been conducted which resulted in positive input and feedback from all involved from any of the issues or obstacles encountered during the drill. He stated that future OEM drills would be scheduled throughout the year. Mr. Close commended Chief Spidaletto, OEM Coordinator, and Deputy OEM, Jan Wright, for their professionalism and continued hard work to continue keeping the residents of Sparta safe.

Station Park/Basketball Courts

Mr. Close reported that the Parks and Public Works Departments began renovating the existing park adjacent to Kids Kastle to provide for two (2) full-length High School regulation basketball courts with lights. He stated that this was a combination of work by Township personnel and contractors. He further stated that he anticipated completion of the project on or about September 4, 2018, subject to weather conditions.

Bid (CN-18-05) Lease of Communication Antenna/Transmission System Space

Mr. Close stated that the auction had been authorized by Resolution #18-68 on April 24, 2018, to accept formal bids for this Lease. He stated that the Township had accepted formal bids again on August 7, 2018, but T-Mobile (the only bidder) was unable to complete their bid submission during the first advertised period. He further stated that the Township has been advised that T-Mobile continues to express interest in leasing this space on our Mill Creek Road (Highlands) Water Tank and requested again a re-advertisement of this bid. He stated that he would be advising the Council accordingly as to the re-bid date.

Bid (CN-18-02) for Coating of Seneca Lake Water Storage Tank

Mr. Close gave an update on the status of the aforementioned bid that had been awarded through Resolution No. 18-57 on March 27, 2018, for the contract to paint the Seneca Lake Storage Tank. He stated that the project had experienced many delays due to weather conditions and moisture. He stated that the old coating had been stripped from both the inside and outside of the tank and that the new coating phase had begun. He stated that depending on the upcoming forecast, that all the painting should be completed in two weeks and that he hoped to have the tank back on-line by September.

Tomahawk Lake

Mr. Close informed Council that the Township had continued to receive complaints from the residents who live in the surrounding area of Tomahawk Lake Water Park. He stated that Chief Spidaletto and Corporal Kurt Morris would be attending the Byram Planning Board meeting scheduled for September 6th to express the multitude of issues that those Sparta residents have incurred. He stated that the issues included the overflow of traffic and trespassing complaints that the Township had received over the years. He stated that the facility had made application to the Planning Board for possible changes/additions to the park. He further stated that Chief Spidaletto had been in contact with the Byram Police Department and Chief Zabita with regard to some of the emergency response issues and concerns that Byram encountered. He stated that Chief Spidaletto would be reporting back with any information they obtain from this meeting.

Payment Drop Box

Mr. Close stated that the Township would be utilizing an alternate vendor for the project as the low bidder for concrete work in Town was backed up with existing work due to the inclement weather conditions experienced in the last several weeks. He stated that the Township Engineer was anticipating that they would be able to undertake this work in the next two weeks with completion of the project by the Labor Day weekend. He further stated that notice of this payment drop box would be included in the tax bill being mailed to all residents.

Paving and Microsurfacing

Mr. Close informed Council that the inclement weather had continued to push off the paving of West Mountain Road and Houses Corner Road. He stated that the vendor advised that August 18th and 25th are scheduled with the possibility of another crew being made available this Saturday so that both roads could be completed, weather permitting. He stated that the road resurfacing had been cancelled due to the forecast. He further stated that there were approximately six roads left and that weather permitting the project should be completed by this Friday, again with continued updates located on the Township's website.

Customer Service Seminar

Mr. Close stated that on Tuesday, August 21, Skylands Risk Management would be co-sponsoring a Customer Service Seminar with the Canning Group at the Hopatcong Municipal Building. He stated that the Township would be sending 8 to 10 people for the training which was based around the Disney Model of Customer Service. He stated that the staff does a great job with customer service to residents and professionals with whom they encounter on a daily basis, but that it was always good to keep the staff educated with updated training techniques so as to deliver excellence.

Pass It Along Triathlon

Mr. Close stated that on Saturday, July 28th the Pass It Along Triathlon Race had been held and that he was advised by Sparta Police that the event ran smoothly. He stated that the Sparta, Byram and Andover Police Departments all assisted with the event for traffic control and safety. He stated that the Public Works Department had assisted with sweeping the Lake Mohawk Country Club Roads and County Roads so as to keep the participants of the race safe.

Route 15 South Bound

Mr. Close informed Council that he had received an Advanced Traffic Impact Notice from the NJDOT. He stated that on or about August 20, 2018, the State would be performing pavement preservation with temporary shoulder and lane closures with no new traffic pattern. He stated that the work would be on State Route 15 Southbound from the Sussex County Line to Route 181 and that it would impact Sparta and Jefferson Townships. He stated that once he received more information with regard to an actual start date and times of days impacted, again weather permitting, that he would post same on the website and FB pages.

Upcoming Events

Mr. Close Mr. Close informed Council of the following upcoming events.

- A. **Summer Concert Series –Friday Nights** at Dykstra Concert Park from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please be advised the Town has put an additional handicap bathroom behind the bandshell at the Park. Additionally, we have designated an area by the UNICO monument to be reserved for handicap seating so as to make events more accessible for those with disabilities. The list of upcoming performers and information regarding the Concerts can be found on www.spartaarts.org and the Township’s website www.spartanj.org. Please remember, no dogs are allowed on Sparta public parks for the health, safety and welfare of those utilizing the parks.
- B. **Family Movie Night Under the Stars– Saturday, August 18th, Rain Date Saturday, August 25th, at dusk**. The feature movie is “Peter Rabbit”. Dykstra Park opens at 6:30 pm.
- C. **Askin & Hooker 2018 Labor Day 5K – Monday, September 3, 2018**. The Labor Day 5K, sponsored by the law firm Askin & Hooker, LLC, is a New Jersey Non-Profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Their mission is to promote environmental stewardship and environmental education for the preservation of Sussex County's natural resources, including the Lake Mohawk Preservation Foundation.

Summer events and programs for all ages are found on our website, www.spartanj.org located under Special Events.

Approval of Manager’s Report:

On motion by Councilwoman Whilesmith, seconded by Councilman Murphy and unanimously carried, the Manager’s Report was approved as presented.

Introduction of Ordinance

18-11 An Ordinance Authorizing the Enforcement of Subtitle 1, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey to be Applied to the Property Owned by RM Sparta Donuts, LLC, 550 Lafayette Road, in the Township of Sparta

On motion by Councilwoman Whilesmith, seconded by Councilman Murphy and unanimously carried, the following resolution was duly adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta that the following ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ENFORCEMENT OF SUBTITLE 1, TITLE 39 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO BE APPLIED TO THE PROPERTY OWNED BY RM SPARTA DONUTS, LLC, 550 LAFAYETTE ROAD, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA is hereby adopted on first reading and the same shall be considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Council to be held on August 28, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street and the Township Clerk is authorized to publish notice of the introduction and final hearing according to law.

Hearing of Ordinance

18-7 An Ordinance Approving an Agreement Between the Township of Sparta and Village Utility LLC, Granting to Village Utility LLC a Franchise to Serve and Municipal Consent and Permission to Construct, Operate and Maintain Wastewater Facilities in the Township Roads and Rights of Way

The second and final hearing of the ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA AND VILLAGE UTILITY LLC, GRANTING TO VILLAGE UTILITY LLC A FRANCHISE TO SERVE AND MUNICIPAL CONSENT AND PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN WASTEWATER FACILITIES IN THE TOWNSHIP ROADS AND RIGHTS OF WAY was given and held open for public discussion.

No one wished to be heard and this portion was closed.

On motion by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Whilesmith and unanimously carried, the following resolution was duly adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta that the following ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA AND VILLAGE UTILITY LLC, GRANTING TO VILLAGE UTILITY LLC A FRANCHISE TO SERVE AND MUNICIPAL CONSENT AND PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN WASTEWATER FACILITIES IN THE TOWNSHIP ROADS AND RIGHTS OF WAY is hereby adopted on second and final reading and the Township Clerk is authorized to publish said notice and the ordinance will take effect in accordance with the law.

Open to the Public – Resolutions

Dan Chiariello addressed Council and asked what the loan was for regarding resolution 7-7.

Mr. Ryan responded that it was not a loan at this time. He stated that Lake Grinnell had also discussed and negotiated a loan with the State for dam repairs but that it had not been finalized. He stated that the co-borrowers agreement that had been signed by the Township for Lake Grinnell to make application to the State had been modified to exclude two names from the list of properties.

Resolutions:

On motion by Councilwoman Whilesmith, seconded by Councilman Gibbs and unanimously carried, Resolutions 7-1 through 7-8 were duly adopted.

7-1 One Day ABC License – Samaritan Inn, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta that permission be granted to Samaritan Inn, Inc., 901 Swartswood Road, Newton, NJ 07860 for a one day liquor license on October 14, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Lake Mohawk Country Club, 21 The Boardwalk, Sparta, NJ 07871.

7-2 Refund – Tax Overpayment

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Township Council of the Township of Sparta that the Tax Collector refunds the following tax overpayment:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
2101	24	Mr. Cooper/Longstreth	97 Stanhope Rd	\$7344.76

7-3 Resolution Authorizing the Township Attorney and Tax Assessor to File a Counterclaim in the Jersey Investors Growth by Stop & Shop as Tenant Tax Appeal

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta is the Defendant in the tax appeal lawsuit captioned “Jersey Investors Growth by Stop & Shop as Tenant v. Sparta” filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey, 006793-2018; and

WHEREAS, the Sparta Township Attorneys, Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP and the Township’s Tax Assessor seek authorization to file a counterclaim on behalf of the Township in this Tax Appeal if they deem it appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta that:

1. The Township Attorneys in consultation with the Township’s Tax Assessor, are authorized to file and prosecute counterclaims, and take any other actions they deem advisable in order to defend the Township’s position(s) in the Jersey Investors Growth by

Stop & Shop as Tenant v. Sparta, appeal filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey, 006793-2018, and any actions previously taken in this regard are approved and ratified by the Sparta Township Council.

- 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council reserves the right in its sole discretion to modify or rescind this resolution as it deems appropriate.

A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Township.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase in this resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this resolution.

7-4 Resolution to Cancel Outstanding Check Balances

Whereas, there are certain accounts within the Township of Sparta with outstanding check balances from checks not returned or unclaimed; and

Whereas, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be returned to each respective account balance or credited to surplus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Sparta that the following outstanding check balances within the following checking accounts be canceled:

Check #	Date	Name	Amount
		Disbursement Account	
110001	11/13/17	Christopher Amelar	\$ 60.00
110250	12/12/17	Don Somma	\$ 381.40
110379	12/12/17	Treasurer State of NJ	\$ 258.00

7-5 Professional Services Resolution – Engineer

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. the “Local Public Contracts Law” permits governing bodies to contract for certain professional services without competitive bidding; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta has need for the professional services of a Land Surveyor; and,

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the business disclosure entity certification and the determination of value shall be placed in a file with this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta as follows:

- 1. The Township of Sparta hereby makes the following appointment:

Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc.
301 Gibraltar Dive, Suite 2A
Morris Plains, NJ 07950

In an amount not to exceed \$750.00

2. Political Contribution Disclosure: This contract has been awarded to Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc. based on the merits and abilities of Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc. to provide the goods or services as described herein. This contract was not awarded through a “fair and open process” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. As such, the undersigned does hereby attest that Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc., its subsidiaries, assigns, or principals controlling in excess of 10% of the company has neither made a contribution, that is reportable pursuant to the Election Law Enforcement Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 or 19:44A-16 in the one (1) year period preceding the award of the contract that would, pursuant to P.L. 2004, c 19, affect its eligibility to perform this contract, nor will it make a reportable contribution during the term of the contract to any political party committee in the Township of Sparta, County of Sussex if a member of that political party is serving in an elective public office of the Township of Sparta, County of Sussex when the contract is awarded, or to any candidate committee of any person serving in an elective public office of the Township of Sparta, County of Sussex when the contract is awarded.
3. Vendors performing work for and on behalf of Sparta Township must conduct business according to the highest ethical standards. The Township recognizes the right of individuals to engage in outside activities that are private in nature and unrelated to municipal business. However, business dealings can create or appear to create a conflict between the individual and the Township’s interest.

Prior to becoming a vendor for the Township, all vendors are required to disclose possible conflicts so that the municipality may assess and prevent potential conflicts. Vendors, after being engaged by the Township, shall not engage in matters that create a conflict of interest for the Township. If a potential conflict arises, a vendor is required to promptly notify the Township Manager of the possible conflict of interest. The vendor shall not take any action that will be adverse to the Township.

4. A copy of this resolution shall be published in the New Jersey Herald as required by law within ten days of its passage.

7-6 Professional Services Resolution – Acting Planner

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta desires to hire an Acting Planner to work with the Township Zoning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta has determined it would be in the best interest of the Township of Sparta to retain Russell Stern, AICP, PP, LLA of Russell Stern Limited Liability Company to serve as the Acting Planner for the Township Zoning Board; and

WHEREAS, the compensation for professional services to be rendered may exceed the maximum permissible amounts specified in the Public Contracts Law, but said services constituting “professional services” are exempt from public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(10)(a) of the Public Contracts Law because said services are rendered or performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, rendered or performed by a person whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance thereof requires knowledge of an advanced type in the field of learning required by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study as distinguished from general academic training, instruction or apprenticeship; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of Sparta is desirous of appointing Russell Stern, AICP, PP, LLA of Russell Stern Limited Liability Company as the Acting Planner for the Township of Sparta’s Zoning Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta that Russell Stern, AICP, PP, LLA of Russell Stern Limited Liability Company, 33 Maple

Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940, is hereby appointed as Acting Planner for the Township of Sparta's Zoning Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Acting Planner will be compensated at the rate of \$150 per hour, and \$210 per hour for litigation services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement for Professional Services on behalf of the Township.

A Notice in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law shall be published in the New Jersey Herald as required by law.

A copy of this Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Township.

7-7 Resolution Authorizing the First Amendment to the Co-Borrower Agreement Between the Township of Sparta and Lake Grinnell Association

WHEREAS, the LAKE GRINNELL ASSOCIATION and THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA are parties to a Dam Rehabilitation Co-Borrower and Shared Responsibility Agreement dated April 2015 ("Co-Borrower Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the LAKE GRINNELL ASSOCIATION has requested that Schedule "C" to the Co-Borrower Agreement be amended as reflected in the attached document entitled "First Amendment to Dam Rehabilitation Co-Borrower and Shared Responsibility Agreement".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute the First Amendment to the Co-Borrower Agreement.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately, however, it shall be void and of no effect in the event that Lake Grinnell Association fails or refuses to execute the First Amendment to the Co-Borrower Agreement.
3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this resolution.
4. A copy of this Resolution as well as the Amendment shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Township.
5. All appropriate Township of Sparta officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this Resolution.

7-8 Resolution for Line Striping Township Roads

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council has awarded Contract #36 for "Traffic Striping on Roadways" to Denville Line Painting Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta wishes to utilize Denville Line Painting, Inc. ("Denville Line") through its membership in the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council ("MCCPC") to perform the required traffic striping of municipal roadways and purchase the above state services; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Finance Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Sparta, in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township hereby confirms the authorization for the performance of traffic line striping by Denville Line Painting, Inc. pursuant to MCCPC Contract #36, for a total amount not to exceed Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000); and
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk, together with all the other officers, professionals and employees of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.
3. The forgoing project is subject to the certification of availability of funds by the appropriate officers of the Township.
4. Resolution shall take effect as herein provided.

On motion by Councilwoman Whilesmith, seconded by Councilman Gibbs and carried, Resolution 7-9 was duly adopted. Councilman Murphy left the council chambers prior to the adoption.

7-9 Resolution Authorizing the Exclusion of Properties Subject to the Glen Lake Beach Club Special Assessment From Being Included in Future Tax Sales During the Pending Litigation

WHEREAS, the Sparta Township Council adopted Resolution No. 16-126 on August 23, 2016 accepting the findings of the Sparta Township Assessment Commission imposing a special assessment for the Glen Lake Beach Club loan from the State of New Jersey under the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”), from the “Dam, Lake, Stream, Flood Control, Water Resources, Wastewater Project Bond Act of 2003”; and

WHEREAS, a lawsuit was filed by some of the affected property owners which resulted in a Judgment and Order being entered by the Honorable Stuart A. Minkowitz, A.J.S.C. on November 14, 2017 and February 22, 2018, invalidating the special assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Sparta filed an appeal of the matter on March 14, 2018 which appeal is pending before the Appellate Division; and

WHEREAS, the Sparta Township Council, has determined that any uncollected special assessment payments shall not be included in a Township tax sale pending final disposition of the appeal and any related proceedings. However, this exclusion does not apply to any delinquent property taxes or municipal utilities charges owed to the Township of Sparta; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that:

1. Any outstanding special assessment payments for the Glen Lake Beach Club special assessment shall not be included in the upcoming tax sales based on the trial court’s Judgment and Order entered on November 14, 2017 and February 22, 2018 pending final disposition of the Township of Sparta’s appeal of this matter and any related proceedings. Nothing within the Resolution shall be deemed to exclude from a tax sale any delinquent real property taxes or municipal utility charges.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Township.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase in this resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this resolution.

Council Liaison Reports:

Councilman Murphy wanted to know if Council agreed with the language for the historical marker so that Mr. Close could prepare a purchase order for the Sussex County Historical Society.

After Council discussion it was agreed to move forward with the marker.

Councilman Gibbs stated that the Recreation Department was having an Open House/Farewell retirement party for Donna Jenkins on Friday, August 17th from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the lower level of the Library. Councilman Gibbs stated that he had worked with Donna Jenkins, who was the Recreation Program Supervisor for eight years, and that after 28 years of dedicated service she was retiring. He stated that it had been a pleasure to work with her and that she did an incredible job. He asked that Council respond to the RSVP that was on the bottom of the invitation.

Deputy Mayor Quinn stated that the Planning Board and sub-committee had been cancelled because there had only been one application and that person had been away on vacation.

Deputy Mayor Quinn stated that she had attended a Health Department meeting and that she would be posting information over the next few weeks about programs that were available. She stated there was a social service program for seniors that were homebound and reclusive. She stated that there was a Special Child services program for parents to lend guidance and direction for a child who had special needs. She stated that there were radon test kits available. She further stated that there were immunization programs available as well. She stated that the information was on the Library's website and on the County Health page.

Old Business:

No old business this portion of the meeting was closed.

New Business:

No new business this portion of the meeting was closed.

Open to the Public:

Dan Chiariello, 15 Cambridge Drive addressed council and stated that he noticed the website update, that it looked good and asked if it had been completed.

Mr. Close stated that the website was part of the existing provider. He stated that the old provider had been in the process of doing an update and brought it forward as part of the completion of their job. He stated that it was not the new site. He stated that he anticipated that up by the end of September. He stated that there was a process to bring the data over which had not been completed.

Mr. Chiariello stated that it did look like another scan on top of the other.

Deputy Mayor Quinn stated that it was a template so that it was the same content mapped, but that it was a much better modern interface. She further stated that they wanted to get it up and running until the new site was done.

Mr. Chiariello inquired about the electric charging stations that had been brought up at a previous meeting. He asked if that was still being considered.

Mr. Close stated that it was still in the process and that he was looking for grants. He stated that the town brought the Grants Consultant back and that he was revisiting that with them. He stated that the program was not out yet and that he has an application ready to go. He further stated that he would like to move it forward. He stated that there were a couple of locations in town that would be good spots to have one in the community but that he wanted to incorporate that as part of a grant first before proceeding on our own.

Mr. Chiariello stated that there were private companies that offer that as an option.

Mr. Close stated that he knew about partnering with private companies and that he had looked into that. He stated that there were other programs out there and that volkswagon was willing to invest money throughout the country as part of their goodwill campaign.

Mr. Chiariello asked if the town would be willing to accept private donations.

Mr. Close stated that the first thing that would be done would be to spec it out because of the variety of charging stations and then put it out to bid. He further stated that he was not ready to do that at this time.

Expenditures:

On motion by Councilman Gibbs, seconded by Councilman Murphy and unanimously carried expenditures in the amount of \$5,577,623.80 were approved as presented.

Adjournment:

No one else wished to be heard and no further business was brought up, motion was made by Councilman Gibbs, seconded by Councilwoman Whilesmith and unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Chambers, RMC
Municipal Clerk