

TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON

**MEETING MINUTES
OF
REGULAR MEETING**

DECEMBER 1, 2010

6:30 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilman Cartier led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, announced that notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, followed by roll call.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Ken Cartier
Thomas Inge
Richard Prickett
Diane Stinney (arrived at 6:50 p.m.)
Sherry Scull (arrived at 6:50 p.m.)

ABSENT

Also present: Mayor David Patriarca, Business Administrator Chris Vaz, Township Solicitor Andy Bayer, Township Engineer Chris Rehmann, and Township Clerk Mary Ann Finlay.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilman Cartier called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Res. No. 254-2010

RESOLUTION NO. 254-2010

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 PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE PUBLIC SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM DISCUSSION OF AND ACTION UPON THE HEREINAFTER SPECIFIED MATTERS.
2. THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE SUBJECT MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED IS AS FOLLOWS:
PERSONNEL AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS
3. IT IS ANTICIPATED AT THIS TIME THAT THE ABOVE-STATED SUBJECT MATTERS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC WHEN THE MATTERS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.

Motion by Prickett and Inge to approve Resolution No. 254-2010.
Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion Carried

There was consensus of Council to move Closed Session to the end of the meeting to allow the attendance of Councilwoman Scull and Councilwoman Stinney. Councilman Cartier recessed the open meeting at approximately 6:30 PM. Councilwoman Scull and Councilwoman Stinney arrived at 6:50 PM and Closed Session was held at that time. Councilman Cartier then reconvened the open meeting at approximately 7:00 PM.

(Reference Note: Closed Session minutes are transcribed and filed separately and considered part of these minutes)

Council President Scull advised that there was no formal action necessary pursuant to closed session.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda: All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine by the Township Council and will be enacted by one motion. Should a Council Member wish to discuss a consent agenda item separately, that item can be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the regular agenda.

Council President Scull opened the meeting to public comments on consent agenda items only. There being no members of the public indicating a desire to be heard, Mrs. Scull closed the meeting to public comments on consent agenda items.

Motion by Cartier and Stinney to add to consent agenda bill list payment to Browns Mills EMS for \$12,500.00 and payment to Hartford Life for \$477. Cartier, yes; Stinney, yes; Inge, yes; Prickett, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried

Motion by Cartier and Stinney to add to consent agenda Transfer Resolution No. 261-2010 and Authorizing Treasurer's Escrow Account Refunding Resolution No. 262-2010. Cartier, yes; Stinney, yes; Inge, yes; Prickett, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Cartier requested to have Resolution No. 257-2010 pulled from the consent agenda.

Councilman Inge requested to have New Business item B 1. pulled from the consent agenda.

***MINUTES FILED BY MUNICIPAL CLERK**

Regular Meeting, November 3, 2010.

***RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 255-2010

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO REFUND MONIES TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS FOR THE AMOUNTS AND REASONS SET FORTH:
CORELOGIC, \$875.31, OVERPAYMENT OF FOURTH QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES, BLOCK 772, LOT 50
VINCENT & RUSSELLA DEPAUL, \$954.30, OVERPAYMENT OF 2010 PROPERTY TAXES, BLOCK 915, LOT 12
CENTURY 21 VAN HORN, \$52.50, DUPLICATE PAYMENT OF WATER BILL, BLOCK 391, LOT 90
PURVIS & PAMELA COLEY, \$1,023.26, OVERPAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO TDV STATUS, BLOCK 748, LOT 19
ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PEMBERTON, \$1,442.72, PROPERTY DEEMED EXEMPT FOR 2010 AS CHURCH, BLOCK 823.01, LOT 2.06
THOMAS F. THROWER, \$912.38, REFUND DUE TO TDV STATUS, BLOCK 1104, LOT 18
TIMIOS, INC., \$409.90, OVERPAYMENT OF 4TH QUARTER 2010 PROPERTY TAXES, BLOCK 772, LOT 10

RESOLUTION NO. 256-2010

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 PROVIDES FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN; AND
WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE TAX ASSESSOR THAT PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 1104 LOT 18, 334 UNIVERSITY AVE. OWNED BY THOMAS F. THROWER QUALIFIES FOR A VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2010; AND
WHEREAS, THE DETERMINATION BY THE TAX ASSESSOR IS THE RESULT OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PERMANENT AND TOTAL WARTIME SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY EVALUATION FROM THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION; AND
WHEREAS, THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO CANCEL PROPERTY TAXES ON BLOCK 1104 LOT 18 AS A RESULT OF THE GRANTED EXEMPTION; AND
WHEREAS, THE TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY FROM JANUARY 1, 2010 TO OCTOBER 1, 2010 IS \$2,743.20 ; AND
WHEREAS, TAXES LEVIED FOR 2010 IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,655.58 ON BLOCK 1104 LOT 18, OF WHICH ALL HAS BEEN PAID, CREATING AN OVERPAYMENT. THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO REFUND THE BALANCE PAID ON TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$912.38 TO THE HOMEOWNER.
WHEREAS, IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE GOVERNING BODY TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL BALANCE OF TAXES DUE ON SAID PROPERTY AS OF OCTOBER 1 2010 TOTALING \$912.38.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL 2010 PROPERTY TAXES ON BLOCK 1104 LOT 18 AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2010, AS SAID PROPERTY HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO QUALIFY FOR A VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION UNDER N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30.
2. THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$912.38 TO: THOMAS F. THROWER, 334 UNIVERSITY DR., PEMBERTON, NJ 08068.
3. THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR, TAX ASSESSOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AND THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION.

RESOLUTION NO. 258 -2010

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON HAS RECEIVED AN AGREEMENT FROM THE DVRPC FOR THE TDCI FOR PROJECT NO. 11-66-104, BROWNS MILLS FORM-BASED CODE; AND
WHEREAS, SAID AGREEMENT IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THIS RESOLUTION;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE MAYOR AND CLERK ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.

RESOLUTION NO. 259-2010

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON HAS MADE AVAILABLE, AS A BENEFIT TO ITS VARIOUS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, CERTAIN MEDICAL AND HEALTH BENEFITS, WHICH ARE PROVIDED THROUGH ITS SELF-INSURED MEDICAL PLAN KNOWN AS THE PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP MEDICAL BENEFITS PLAN, AND
WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP IS CONTRACTUALLY OBLIGATED TO CONTINUE PROVIDING SAID HEALTH BENEFITS TO MOST OF ITS WORKFORCE; AND
WHEREAS, SAID PLAN INCLUDES THE NEED TO ENTER INTO A THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT; AND
WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL DESIRES THAT THERE BE NO INTERRUPTION IN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, INCLUDING CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION; AND
WHEREAS, CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE, INCLUDING CONSULTANT SERVICES, ARE EXCEPTED FROM THE FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW PURSUANT TO

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(M) AND ARE, INSTEAD, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION, TOGETHER WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S BROKER OF RECORD, RECEIVED PROPOSALS FROM NUMEROUS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMPANIES AND EVALUATED THE COST EFFECTIVENESS, THOROUGHNESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THOSE PROPOSALS; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION HAS ALSO EVALUATED THE COST EFFECTIVENESS, THOROUGHNESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE CURRENT SELF-INSURED MEDICAL BENEFITS PROGRAM AND DETERMINED THAT THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT WAY OF PROVIDING MEDICAL BENEFITS TO ITS EMPLOYEES IS TO CONTINUE THE SELF-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS THAT TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CORESOURCE, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RELATED TO THE PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP MEDICAL BENEFITS PLAN; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER HAS CERTIFIED THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE AWARD OF SAID ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE TOWNSHIP WILL CONTINUE ITS SELF-INSURED MEDICAL BENEFITS PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP MEDICAL BENEFITS PLAN, WHICH PLAN SHALL INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR MAJOR MEDICAL, DENTAL, PRESCRIPTION, OPTICAL AND ALL OTHER FORMS OF HEALTH COVERAGE CURRENTLY MADE AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP.
2. THAT A CONTRACT FOR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, INCLUDING CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION, IS HEREBY AWARDED TO CORESOURCE, INC. AS AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM CORESOURCE, INC.
3. THAT THE CONTRACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2011, AND TERMINATE ON DECEMBER 31, 2011, UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO TERMINATE SOONER BY AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES.
4. THE MAYOR IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED, IN THE MAYOR'S DISCRETION, TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2012, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2012, AND FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2013, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2013, IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(6), WHICH PERMITS CONTRACTS FOR INSURANCE RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OF UP TO THREE YEARS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE MAYOR IS ALSO AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN INTERIM CONTRACT WITH CORESOURCE, INC., RETROACTIVELY EFFECTIVE ON NOVEMBER 22, 2010, SO THAT CORESOURCE MAY COMMENCE THE TRANSITION FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S PRESENT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROVIDER; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS CONTRACT ACTION SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE TOWNSHIP'S LEGAL NEWSPAPER

RESOLUTION NO. 260-2010

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 authorizes appropriation transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year; and WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer funds between appropriations contained in the 2010 municipal budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Pemberton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the following budget appropriation transfers are hereby approved:

Current Fund Appropriation . 2010 Transfer #2				
FUND ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CLASSIFICATION	FROM	TO
01-2010-0001-0480-2	Judgments	O&E	53,200.00	
01-2010-0001-0155-2	Legal Services	O&E		50,000.00
01-2010-0001-0275-2	Municipal Prosecutor	O&E		3,000.00
01-2010-0001-0130-2	Sewer	O&E		200.00
	CURRENT FUND		53,200.00	53,200.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Chief Financial Officer, Municipal Treasurer, and Business Administrator.

RESOLUTION NO. 261-2010

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 AUTHORIZES APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS DURING THE LAST TWO MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR; AND WHEREAS, IT IS NECESSARY TO TRANSFER FUNDS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS CONTAINED IN THE 2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE FOLLOWING BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS ARE HEREBY APPROVED:

CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION . 2010 TRANSFER #3				
FUND ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CLASSIFICATION	FROM	TO
01-2010-0001-0480-2	JUDGMENTS	O&E	39,964.00	
01-2010-0001-0130-2	FINANCE	O&E		21,535.00
01-2010-0001-0465-2	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	O&E		7,250.00
01-2010-0001-0145-2	REVENUE ADMIN. TAX COLLECTOR	O&E		11,179.00
	CURRENT FUND		39,964.00	39,964.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, MUNICIPAL TREASURER, AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR.

RESOLUTION NO. 262-2010

WHEREAS, PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP REQUIRES FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION AND OR HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, THAT A TREASURERS ESCROW SUB-ACCOUNT BE ESTABLISHED, AND WHEREAS, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER HAS DETERMINED THAT NUMEROUS PROJECTS ARE NOW COMPLETE; AND WHEREAS, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WISHES TO REFUND THE REMAINING MONIES TO THE APPLICANTS, AND CLOSE OR MERGE THE RELATED ESCROW SUB ACCOUNTS.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY HEREBY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING REFUNDS TO THE APPLICANTS AND AUTHORIZES THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO CLOSE THE RELATED TREASURERS ESCROW SUB-ACCOUNTS.

Refund Amt.	Acct#	Acct. Name	Mailing Address	Block & Lot
To be determined	1236	Great Northeastern Enterprises	214 Sykesville Road Suite 2-1a Chesterville, NJ 08515	557-3/40
160.00	250110	Great Northeastern enterprises	214 Sykesville Road Suite 2-1a Chesterville, NJ 08515	557-38/40

NEW BUSINESS

b. Purchases at \$3,900.00 or over:

- *2. Public Works Dept.: Plumbing supplies and new water meters for Water Department, from Atlantic Plumbing Supply Corp., in the amount of \$23,119.46.
- *3. Police Dept.: Annual Power Suite Subscription to facilitate transmission of policy, procedure and training requirements, from Innovative Data Solutions, in the amount of \$4,050.00.
- *4. Police Dept.: One Dell laser printer and five desktop base standard PSU computers, from Dell Computer Corp., in the amount of \$4,942.66.
- *5. Tax Assessor's Dept.: Notification of Assessment Post Cards, from Micro-Systems-NJ.Com, LLC, in the amount of \$5,724.54.
- *6. Fire Dept.: Annual hose and ground ladder testing, from Waterway, Inc., in the amount of \$7,099.86.

***PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Approval by Council required for payment of vouchers on bill list dated 11/23/10.

Motion by Cartier and Stinney to approve Consent Agenda as amended. Cartier, yes; Stinney, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 257 -2010

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON HAS RECEIVED AN AGREEMENT FROM EASTERN ARMORED SERVICES, INC. FOR BANKING SHIPMENTS; AND

WHEREAS, SAID AGREEMENT IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THIS RESOLUTION;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE MAYOR AND CLERK ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH EASTERN ARMORED SERVICES, INC.

Councilman Cartier noted that he understood this to be a free service to the Township and pulled it so he could abstain. Mr. Vaz explained that the bank pays for the service but it is still required that they have a contract with them.

Motion by Stinney and Prickett to approve Res. 257-2010. Stinney; yes; Prickett, yes; Cartier, abstain; Inge, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2010 (Title Read By Mrs. Scull)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES, COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON

Motion by Cartier and Stinney to introduce Ordinance 20-2010 with public hearing to be held on December 15, 2010. Cartier, yes; Stinney, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR FINAL ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2010 (Title Read By Mrs. Scull)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 492, LOT 35 AND 36 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Mrs. Jean Dwane, Browns Mills ó Questioned where the property is located and how large it is. Mr. Vaz advised that it is wooded property located deep into the woods off of South Lakeshore Drive, off of Rockland Street and it is 40x100.

John Shaw, Browns Mills. ó Asked how much they are paying for the property. Mrs. Scull replied that they are paying \$1. Mr. Vaz further explained that this was property they were in the process of foreclosing on the property and the owner, The American Red Cross contacted the Township and offered the property in lieu of the foreclosure.

George Petronis, Browns Mills ó Asked if the surrounding property was Township owned and if there were any future plans for the property or if the Township was intending to just resell it or keep it as open space. Mr. Vaz did not have the information on the ownership of the surrounding property and there were no immediate plans for the property, they just looked at the consideration of saving the cost of the foreclosure.

Motion by Cartier and Stinney to adopt Ordinance No. 19-2010. Cartier, yes; Stinney, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorization for Township Clerk to advertise for Council's Reorganization meeting on January 1st, 2011 at noon, and first regular meeting on January 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Prickett questioned if the email was correct that the Reorganization was to be held at the Municipal Building as opposed to the High School. Mrs. Finlay noted that is correct.

There was Council consensus to advertise the reorganization meeting as noted.

Purchases at \$3,900.00 or over:

1. Public Works Dept.: Delivery of 95 cubic yards of Class "A" concrete for the Lake Valley Tree and Sidewalk project, from Mershon Concrete, LLC, in the amount of \$14,725.00.

Councilman Inge asked Administration and the Engineer about the ownership of the property and responsibility for the repair. Mr. Vaz explained that the Township had never done the Ordinance that would transfer the responsibility of repair to the homeowners. Mr. Vaz further explained the project will include removal of the dead trees and the trees causing the problems with the sidewalks and they will work on the ones where the homeowners are having problems with their insurance companies. In addition, they will salvage as many sidewalks as possible and put in the ADA curb cuts at the intersection. The Township had received estimates of doing the work which came in at several hundred thousand. Mr. Inge asked the Engineer if this was the project they had put a grant in for and Mr. Rehmann explained they were unsuccessful in securing that grant.

Motion by Inge and Stinney to approve purchase of concrete. Inge, yes; Stinney, yes; Prickett, yes; Cartier, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Council President Scull opened the meeting to general public comments. Those indicating a desire to be heard were:

Steve Skulomoski: Browns Mills - 1. Asked for clarification about the responsibility of the sidewalks. Mr. Vaz explained that there is a statute that gives the Township the authority to do certain things and delegate certain responsibilities that might otherwise be the towns to the homeowner, such as snow removal and maintenance. The Township has a snow removal ordinance, however has not done the ordinance transferring the maintenance responsibility to the homeowner. Mr. Vaz further advised that this was researched for over three years to determine the responsibility of the repairs and that this is a problem throughout the State. 2. Publicly thanked Mrs. Stinney for her donation, both monetary and food, to the VFW for the homeless dinner. 3. Thanked Mr. Inge for all his hard work for his 4 years of public service. Ms. Stinney noted that she was honored to be asked to be part of that dinner service.

Jean Dwane, Browns Mills ó 1. Congratulated Mr. Prickett on winning again and was sorry to see that Mr. Inge lost and thanked Mrs. Stinney for giving them the third vote for the back ground checks. 2. Commented that she had checked with the Planning Board Secretary and was advised that handicapped parking should be the closest to the entrance of the building and asked that they make sure every business puts the handicapped parking by the entrance. She noted that the handicap parking should be by the closest door when one enters any building 3. Commented that she had brought it to the attention of Council in January of 2009 that they were not recording the votes of the actions taken at the meetings and that was against the law and that

it was continuing to not be done. Mrs. Scull explained and confirmed with Mrs. Finlay, Township Clerk, that the votes of all Council actions are recorded in the minutes for every meeting. Mrs. Dwane noted that she did not see them and agreed to meet with Mrs. Scull to look at minutes. Mrs. Dwane further asked how many papers the meetings are advertised in and was informed they are advertised in two papers, the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times.

John Shaw, Browns Mills ó 1. Asked about the white stripe at the intersection of Hanover and East Lakeshore Drive that he requested in the beginning of October of 2010, he noted that it still has not been replaced and it could become a legal issue for the Township which he is trying to avoid. Mr. Vaz advised that he will check with the Public Works Superintendent on the matter.

Sharon Ockens, Browns Mills ó 1. Explained to Council about the community service program called Angel Food Ministries which has been in the Township for four years. She is the director for the Pemberton location and there is also a location in Browns Mills. Ms. Ockens further explained that the program is not based on income and the food cost is based on what is ordered off of their menus. She advised that the program helps feed over 5 million families nation wide. **2.** Asked why there is not a lot of court ordered community service programs in the Township. She believes there are a lot of community organizations that could benefit from community service programs. Mr. Vaz explained that if an organization wishes to use community service it can be arranged as long as the organization is willing to be responsible for tracking the time and certifying it. Mr. Vaz further explained that the Township no longer uses community service because of bad experiences with it in the past. Mrs. Stinney advised Ms. Ockens that there is a program on Ft. Dix called Youth Challenge and they are willing to do community service. **3.** Commented on her concern with Imagination Kingdom being closed for maintenance on the days that the children are not in school. Mr. Rehmann explained that there was an issue with the surface of the playground and the contractor had to order a sealant and it was scheduled to be done as soon as it came in which happened to fall on those days. It was further explained that good weather was required to apply the sealant and that it was just an unfortunate coincidence that this occurred on the days the children were out of school.

There being no additional members of the public indicating a desire to be heard, Council President Scull closed the meeting public comments.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Andy Bayer: No Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chris Rehmann: No Report

MAYOR'S REPORT

Business Administrator Christopher Vaz: Commented that if this is Mr. Inge's last meeting that he would like to thank him for his service noting he did a good job and he knows it is not easy being a Council person having been in that seat before himself.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Rick Prickett: **1.** Commented that he spent part of his Veteran's day at the Memorial in Pemberton and he was concerned that they did not have a formal service at the park that day. **2.** Noted that the Train Station show was a terrific event with a lot of attendees. **3.** Commented that the tree at Reflections Park is one section higher and more beautiful this year and is proud of the Lions Club and thanked them and the Township for putting the tree up. **3.** Advised that they are decorating Whites Bogs this weekend and invited the public to come out between dawn and dusk to walk through the village. He further advised that there are moonlight tours, the schedule for which can be found on the website. He wished everyone a good night.

Diane Stinney: **1.** Thanked all those that participated in the train show, her grandkids enjoyed it so much that they went back twice. **2.** Thanked all the Veterans, Buffalo Soldiers and Col. Grosso for attending the Veteran's Day program at St. Marks Baptist Church. In addition, thanked Col. Michael Warner and his wife, also Paul Tuliano and Ms. Baker who all attended

the ceremony. **3.** Hoped to see everyone at the Winter Parade.

Ken Cartier: **1.** Wished Mr. Inge good luck and said it was a pleasure working with him the past four years even though they may not have always agreed, they always worked to do what is best for the Township. He thanked everyone for coming out and wished them a safe trip home.

Thomas Inge: **1.** Thanked Mrs. Dwane for coming out to the meeting. **2.** Advised that he is going to try to make to the next meeting. **3.** Commented on the Daddy and Me program held at the school. He noted that it was an excellent program with a lot of things to do for the fathers and their children and wanted to thank the teachers and aides who volunteered their time. There were about 500 participants who all had a good time and the food provided was really good. **4.** Expressed hope that everyone could make the Winter Parade, he believed there were seven floats but there may be more added, it is always a great event. Also expressed hope the Lions Club will be with their trailer and have hot chocolate and cookies. He is looking forward to seeing everyone at the next Council meeting.

Sherry Scull: **1.** Commented and Dad and Me Day, she was still in awe of the event and thanked the Mayor for coming and for Tommy participating. She noted that about 35 of the local PTEA members volunteered their time. She relayed that Radio Disney was there, a motivational speaker for the Dads, face painters, a clown making balloon hats and a story teller and felt it was a really great day. She shared that Martucci's provided the food and it was very good. **2.** Commented that she did attend the Train Show later in the day and it was very well attended and the volunteers for the Historic Trust did a very good job in setting it up. She expressed that it was unfortunate that they had to cancel the weekend hayrides for the upcoming weekend due to the work at the train station, but advised they would be held next year. **3.** Commented that she was disappointed not to receive an invitation to a Veteran's Day event this year and as the liaison to the Veterans she will discuss with them about possibly moving the parade to Veterans Day and only holding a memorial ceremony on Memorial Day. She thanked everyone for coming out and hoped to see them at the parade.

Councilman Cartier noted that the parade festivities begin at 3pm and the parade kicks off at 5pm and the tree lighting is at 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ann Finlay, MMC
Township Clerk