

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON**

**MEETING MINUTES  
OF  
REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 19, 2011**

**6:30 P.M.**

**FLAG SALUTE**

Council President 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, and followed by roll call.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Jason Allen  
Ken Cartier  
Richard Prickett  
Sherry Scull  
Diane Stinney

**ABSENT**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 40-2011**

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:  
POTENTIAL LITIGATION INVOLVING THE BROWNS MILLS SHOPPING CENTER AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVING THE BROWNS MILLS SHOPPING CENTER AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNIONS.
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 Scull and Stinney to approve Resolution No. 40-2011.

Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Allen, yes; Prickett, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion Carried

Council President Cartier recessed the open meeting at approximately 6:30 PM to go into closed session, and 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 Cartier reported that there would be no formal action necessary pursuant to closed session.

Council President Cartier advised that the Presentation for this evening has been postponed.

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

closed the meeting to public comments on consent agenda items.

Councilman Allen requested that Res. 41-2011 be pulled from the consent agenda. Councilman Prickett requested that Res. 43-2011 and PO 201-00725 on page 11 of the bill list in the amount of \$141,155.48 for the Train Station Phase II be pulled from the consent agenda.

Motion by Scull and Prickett to adopt consent agenda as amended. Scull, yes; with the exception of PO 700092, Scull abstained, Prickett, yes; Stinney, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

### **\*MINUTES FILED BY MUNICIPAL CLERK**

Regular Meeting, December 29, 2010; Reorganization Meeting, January 1, 2011; Regular Meeting, January 5, 2011.

### **\*CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 42-2011**

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:

KARIN M. LORA, \$229.52, OVERPAYMENT OF SOLID WASTE ACCOUNT, BLOCK 48, LOT 72  
SERON T. VERRETT, \$200.00, OVERPAYMENT OF WATER ACCOUNT, BLOCK 69, LOT 13

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 44-2011**

WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO RELEVANT AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS INCLUDING THE ROBERT T. STAFFORD DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT (42 U.S.C. CHAPTER 68), THE LAW ENFORCEMENT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT (42 U.S.C. CHAPTER 111), AND THE PANDEMIC AND ALL HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS ACT (PL 109-417 (2006)), THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAY PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERING AND DAMAGE WHICH RESULTS FROM DISASTERS; AND

WHEREAS, ACCORDINGLY, THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS FEDERAL CORRECTION INSTITUTION, FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY ("FCI FORT DIX") AND THE PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT (COLLECTIVELY, THE "PARTIES") DESIRE TO PROVIDE EACH OTHER WITH MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE DURING NATURAL DISASTERS AND/OR LAW ENFORCEMENT EMERGENCIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE PARTIES DESIRE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (THE "AGREEMENT") TO MEMORIALIZE THE TERMS OF SUCH MUTUAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, AS FURTHER SET FORTH IN THE AGREEMENT; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL HAS DETERMINED THAT IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH FCI FORT DIX FOR MUTUAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE MAYOR AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FORT DIX FOR MUTUAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A. FEDERAL CORRECTION INSTITUTION, FORT DIX
- B. GLUCKWALRATH LLP

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 45-2011**

WHEREAS, THE UNIFORMED SHARED SERVICES AND CONSOLIDATION ACT, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, ET SEQ. AUTHORIZES JOINT ACTIVITIES AMONG MUNICIPALITIES AND WAS ENACTED WITH THE INTENT TO FACILITATE AND PROMOTE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF PEMBERTON (THE "BOROUGH") IS IN NEED OF A VEHICLE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM ("GPS") FOR USE IN ITS POLICE VEHICLES AND THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON (THE "TOWNSHIP") HAS A QUALIFIED GPS SYSTEM THAT IS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE BOROUGH'S POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND WHEREAS, THE PARTIES BELIEVE THAT SHARING POLICE GPS SERVICES WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO BOTH THE TOWNSHIP AND THE BOROUGH, AND TO THEIR RESPECTIVE TAXPAYERS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE MAYOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF PEMBERTON, IN A FORM LEGALLY ACCEPTABLE BY THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR, FOR THE COOPERATIVE USE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S VEHICLE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A. DONNA MULL, CLERK, BOROUGH OF PEMBERTON
- B. TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION
- C. GLUCKWALRATH LLP

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 46-2011**

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON (THE "TOWNSHIP") HAS DETERMINED THAT THERE EXISTS A NEED FOR A SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR THE PROVISION OF THIRD PARTY CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION FOR ALL WORKER'S COMPENSATION AND GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIMS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP; AND

WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(M), A MUNICIPALITY MAY ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR INSURANCE CONSULTING SERVICES, WITHOUT COMPETITIVE PUBLIC BIDDING SO LONG AS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES ARE MET; AND

WHEREAS, THE INSURANCE SERVICES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TOWNSHIP'S SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM QUALIFY AS EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES BECAUSE THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED ARE OF SUCH A QUALITATIVE NATURE THAT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICES CANNOT BE REASONABLY DESCRIBED BY WRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS; AND

WHEREAS, DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE WORK PERFORMED BY INSERVCO INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. ("INSERVCO") AND ITS EXPERIENCE AS AN INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENCY, THE TOWNSHIP WISHES TO ENTER INTO A TWO (2) YEAR CONTRACT WITH INSERVCO AUTHORIZING THEM TO PROVIDE THIRD PARTY CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR ALL WORKER'S COMPENSATION AND GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIMS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP; AND WHEREAS, INSERVCO HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT IT IS QUALIFIED BY ITS TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SERVICES IN THE MANNER AND ON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE PROPOSED CONTRACT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON THAT THE MAYOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A TWO (2) YEAR AGREEMENT, IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR, WITH INSERVCO INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE CONTRACT IS AWARDED AS AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(A)(II)); AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT DUE TO THE UNIQUE NATURE OF THE SERVICES BEING PROVIDED IT WAS IMPRACTICABLE TO OBTAIN TWO COMPETITIVE QUOTATIONS; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE CERTIFICATION OF EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE, AS REQUIRED BY THE N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3(B), SHALL BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK WITH THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A NOTICE STATING THE NATURE, DURATION, SERVICE AND THE AMOUNT OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE PUBLISHED AND THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE MAINTAINED ON FILE AND AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK.

RESOLUTION NO. 47-2011

WHEREAS, IN 2008, THE TOWNSHIP BUDGETED \$24,000.00 AS A CONTRIBUTION FOR THE BROWNS MILLS FIRE COMPANY IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:14-34; AND

WHEREAS, ORDINARILY WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION MUST BE PROVIDED BY THE FIRE COMPANY PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF FUNDING ESTABLISHING THAT 50% OF THE FUNDS WERE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, AND SUPPLIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE BROWNS MILLS FIRE COMPANY HAS ADVISED THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR THAT THE ORGANIZATION CANNOT LOCATE THE DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT SUCH PURCHASES IN 2008; AND WHEREAS, THE FIRE COMPANY HAS FURTHER ADVISED THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR THAT THOSE RECORDS ARE BELIEVED TO BE LOST, MISPLACED, OR STOLEN; AND

WHEREAS, THE FIRE COMPANY HAS REPRESENTED THAT DESPITE NOT HAVING THE DOCUMENTATION THE ORGANIZATION DID, IN FACT, EXPEND 50% OF THE FUNDS RECEIVED FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, AND SUPPLIES IN 2008; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL ACCEPTS THE REPRESENTATIONS OF THE BROWNS MILLS FIRE COMPANY THAT IT EXPENDED THE 2008 FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, AND SUPPLIES; AND WHEREAS, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER HAS CERTIFIED THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE 2008 BUDGET TO PAY THE BALANCE OF THE 2008 CONTRIBUTION TO BROWNS MILLS FIRE COMPANY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT ANY BALANCE OF THE 2008 FUNDING THAT WAS APPROPRIATED FOR THE BROWNS MILLS FIRE COMPANY BE RELEASED TO THE ORGANIZATION.

RESOLUTION NO. 48-2011

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-19 AUTHORIZES THE ADOPTION OF A TEMPORARY MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOT TO EXCEED 26.25% OF THE TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE PRIOR YEAR'S BUDGET EXCLUSIVE OF ANY APPROPRIATION FOR DEBT SERVICE, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; AND,

WHEREAS, 26.25% OF THE TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2010 BUDGET, EXCLUSIVE OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEBT SERVICE, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IS

\$ 5,584,505.59 FOR THE CURRENT FUND AND \$ 415,050.30 FOR THE WATER UTILITY FUND;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE MADE:

100	MAYOR/BUSINESS ADMIN.	
	SALARY & WAGES	65,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSE	9,000.00
110	TOWNSHIP COUNCIL	
	SALARIES & WAGES	9,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	1,500.00
120	TOWNSHIP CLERK	
	SALARIES & WAGES	65,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSE	12,000.00
130	FINANCE	
	SALARY & WAGES	65,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSE	25,000.00
135	AUDIT SERVICES - OTHER EXPENSE	25,000.00
145	COLLECTION OF TAXES	
	SALARY & WAGES	55,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSE	9,000.00
146	SOLID WASTE BILLING	
	SALARY & WAGES	12,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	3,000.00
150	ASSESSMENT OF TAXES	
	SALARY & WAGES	55,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSE	9,000.00
155	LEGAL SERVICES - OTHER EXPENSE	52,000.00
	ENGINEERING SERVICES -	
165	OTHER EXPENSE	30,000.00
170	URBAN ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	
	SALARY & WAGES	15,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSE	1,000.00
180	PLANNING BOARD	
	SALARY & WAGES	10,000.00

	OTHER EXPENSES	3,000.00
185	ZONING BOARD	
	SALARY & WAGES	15,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	4,000.00
195	CODE ENFORCEMENT	
	SALARY & WAGES	35,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	4,000.00
	INSURANCE	
210	OTHER INSURANCE PREMIUMS	261,575.00
215	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	100,000.00
220	GROUP HEALTH FOR EMPLOYEES	200,000.00
225	UNEMPLOYMENT	100.00
	FIRE & EMS SERVICES	
254	FIRE DEPARTMENT	42,400.00
260	AID TO FIRST AID SQUADS	25,000.00
240	POLICE	
	SALARY & WAGES	1,020,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	75,000.00
252	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
	OTHER EXPENSES	1,000.00
290	STREETS & ROADS	
	SALARY & WAGES	200,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	75,000.00
310	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	
	SALARY & WAGES	200,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	50,000.00
315	FLEET	
	SALARY & WAGES	65,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	67,000.00
340	ANIMAL CONTROL	
	SALARY AND WAGES	35,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	2,500.00
370	RECREATION	
	SALARY & WAGES	85,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	20,000.00
371	SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES	
	SALARY & WAGES	45,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	35,000.00
490	MUNICIPAL COURT	
	SALARY & WAGES	75,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	12,500.00
	UNCLASSIFIED	
265	FIRE HYDRANT RENT	7,000.00
275	PROSECUTOR	12,000.00
300	TRAFFIC SIGNAL ELECTRIC	2,500.00
302	DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS	1,500.00
305	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	225,000.00
355	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	1,500.00
430	ELECTRICITY	125,000.00
435	STREET LIGHTING	100,000.00
440	TELEPHONE	30,000.00
441	POSTAGE	30,000.00
445	WATER	1,000.00
446	NATURAL GAS	15,000.00
447	HEATING OIL	15,000.00
455	SEWER	1,500.00
460	GASOLINE	125,000.00
465	TIPPING FEE'S - COUNTY LANDFILL	210,000.00
470	CONTINGENT	100.00
472	SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE	200,825.59
	PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS	
471	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	517,924.00
475	POLICE & FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	683,081.00
	2010 TEMPORARY MUNICIPAL BUDGET	5,584,505.59
345	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	3,600.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	-
<b>CURRENT FUND</b>		
DEBT SERVICE		
BONDS PRINCIPAL		1,034,500.00
INTEREST		613,430.25
		1,647,930.25
2004 BURLINGTON CO BRIDGE LEASE		
(82.40%) PRINCIPAL		155,024.00
INTEREST		89,415.34
		234,439.34
2005 BURLINGTON CO BRIDGE LEASE		
(43.25%) PRINCIPAL		64,875.00
INTEREST		52,714.18
		117,589.18
GREEN TRUST		
PRINCIPAL & INTEREST		36,842.75
ENVIRON INFRASTRUCTURE LOAN		
PRINCIPAL & INTEREST		52,267.87
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE		
PRINCIPAL	2,500,000.00	
INTEREST	31,250.00	
		<u>2,531,250.00</u>

TOTAL - CURRENT DEBT SERVICE		4,620,319.39
WATER UTILITY FUND		
SALARY & WAGES		195,000.00
OTHER EXPENSES		200,000.00
SOCIAL SECURITY		20,050.30
TOTAL - WATER UTILITY		415,050.30
WATER UTILITY DEBT SERVICE		
BONDS		
PRINCIPAL		104,500.00
INTEREST		5,277.26
2004 BURLINGTON CO BRIDGE LEASE		
(17.60%) PRINCIPAL		30,976.00
INTEREST		19,098.42
		50,074.42
2005 BURLINGTON CO BRIDGE LEASE		
(56.75%) PRINCIPAL		85,125.00
INTEREST		69,168.32
		154,293.32
TOTAL - WATER DEBT SERVICE		314,145.00

<b>SEWER UTILITY FUND</b>		
BONDS		
PRINCIPAL		363,909.63
INTEREST		211,730.37
TOTAL - SEWER DEBT SERVICE		575,640.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT TWO CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FILED WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

**RESOLUTION NO. 49-2011**

WHEREAS, IN 1975 THE NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT DETERMINED THAT MUNICIPALITIES MAY NOT VALIDLY EMPLOY THEIR ZONING POWERS TO PREVENT THE CREATION OF A VARIETY AND CHOICE OF HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES.

WHEREAS, IN RESPONSE TO THE SUPREME COURT DECISION, THE LEGISLATURE ESTABLISHED THE "FAIR HOUSING ACT," P.L.1985, C.222, WHICH EMPOWERED THE COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING (COAH) TO ASSIGN MUNICIPALITIES AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS.

WHEREAS, COAH HAS RESULTED IN A COMPLEX SYSTEM OF ADMINISTRATION THAT MICROMANAGES ALL TYPES OF DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING MARKET RATE- AND LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS COMMERCIAL, RETAIL, AND INDUSTRIAL GROWTH THROUGH A DETERMINATION OF EACH REGION AND MUNICIPALITY'S HOUSING NEEDS BASED ON DIFFICULT TO PREDICT AND FALLIBLE POPULATION AND JOB GROWTH PROJECTIONS.

WHEREAS, COAH PUTS AN UNNECESSARY BURDEN ON OUR TOWNSHIP BY MICRO-MANAGING OUR ZONING LAWS AND FORCING DEVELOPMENT CONTRARY TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR RESIDENTS.

WHEREAS, MUNICIPALITIES MUST HAVE CLEAR AND REALISTIC STANDARDS TO GUIDE MUNICIPAL ACTION TO ENSURE THAT NEW JERSEY IS AN AFFORDABLE, APPEALING HOME FOR ALL THE STATE'S RESIDENTS.

WHEREAS, S1 ELIMINATES COAH AND REPLACES IT WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL, PREDICTABLE AND EASY TO ADMINISTER SYSTEM WITH MINIMAL STATE INVOLVEMENT THAT SETS REALISTIC STANDARDS AND EMPOWERS MUNICIPALITIES TO DECIDE HOW THESE STANDARDS SHOULD BE SATISFIED.

WHEREAS, S-1 WAS RECENTLY PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF THE LEGISLATURE AND IS AWAITING ACTION BY THE GOVERNOR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, HEREBY URGE THE SWIFT SIGNING OF S-1; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR CHRISTOPHER CHRISTIE, TO SENATE PRESIDENT STEPHEN SWEENEY, TO ASSEMBLY SPEAKER SHEILA OLIVER, TO OUR STATE SENATOR DAWN MARIE ADDEIGO, TO OUR TWO REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PATRICK DELANY AND SCOTT RUDDER, AND TO THE NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES.

DISTRIBUTION LIST

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SENATOR, DISTRICT 3  
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7. ASSEMBLYMAN SCOTT RUDDER  
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MEDFORD, NJ 08055

**OTHER RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 41-2011**

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Pemberton, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, that the 2010 Budget of Pemberton Township Municipal Utilities Authority, being PTMUA Resolution 29-2010 as attached and made a part of this Resolution, is hereby approved, pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Agreement of Lease between the Township of Pemberton and the Pemberton Township Municipal Utilities Authority, Article IX, Section 9.2.

Councilman Allen noted that on page 5 of the PTMUA budget there are some increases and requested an explanation as to the reason for the increases since there are not detailed reports filed with the PTMUA budget. Council President Cartier and Councilwoman Scull confirmed that the increase was in Salary and Wages due to a negotiated contract and increase in benefits cost.

Motion by Prickett and Scull to adopt Resolution 41-2011. Prickett, yes; Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 43-2011**

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
\$56.50	250146	KENNETH NAPOLI	PO BOX 283, NEW LISBON, NJ 08064	845/18
\$104.75	250142	DOLORES HODGSON	44 RAIL WAY, BROWNS MILLS, NJ 08015	907/1
\$330.00	250141	JAMES & ELIZABETH PRICE	1 DUCK ISLAND ROAD, NEW LISBON, NJ 08064	841/16-23
\$69.03	250144	CLARENCE & RICHARD DOOLITTLE	530 NEW JERSEY ROAD, BROWNS MILLS, NJ 08015	744/12-13

Councilman Prickett advised that it was unclear regarding the transfer requested for the Autozone as to the amount and where it was being transferred to. Council President Cartier asked and received confirmation from the Solicitor that the resolution can be amended to remove that line and it can be handled at the next meeting when an explanation has been received from the Finance Department.

Motion by Prickett and Scull to adopt Resolution 43-2011 as amended to exclude account No. 250127 but including the rest of the accounts. Prickett, yes; Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2011

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE HEREBY APPOINTED TO THE PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY, FOR THE TERMS INDICATED BELOW:

		TERM
ROBERT BAILEY	REGULAR MEMBER	2/1/11-2/1/16
JAMES PICKETT	ALT. #2 MEMBER	2/1/11-2/1/13

Council President Cartier noted that he did not receive any other letters of interest other than Mr. Bailey's and Mr. Pickett's. Township Clerk Mary Ann Finlay confirmed that any letters she received were forwarded to Council via email.

Motion by Scull and Stinney to adopt Resolution 50-2011. Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Prickett, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 51-2011

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, BY ORDINANCE NO. 26-1999, CREATED THE PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP ALLIANCE GROUP ("TAG"); AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT JASON ALLEN SHALL SERVE AS THE COUNCIL LIAISON TO TAG FOR THE YEAR 2011.

Mrs. Scull nominated Jason Allen to the position noting that he is very familiar with TAG and would be excellent for the position.

Motion by Scull and Stinney to adopt Resolution 51-2011 appointing Jason Allen as Council Liaison to TAG for the year 2011. Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Prickett, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Prickett asked Councilman Allen and Councilman Allen affirmed that he is comfortable with the appointment.

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

ORDINANCE NO. 3-2011 (Title read by Council President Cartier)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS," OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO REQUIRE CONTRACTUALLY BASED STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS IN CASES OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO VOLUNTEER FIRST AID OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS UNDER N.J.S.A. 40:5-2

Motion by Prickett and Scull to introduce Ordinance 3-2011 with a public hearing on February 2, 2011. Prickett, yes; Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2011 (Title read by Council President Cartier)

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

Motion by Scull and Stinney to adopt Ordinance No. 1-2011.

Council President Cartier opened the meeting for public comment on Ordinance 1-2011. There being no members of the public expressing an interest to speak, the meeting was closed to the public for comments on said ordinance.

Council President Cartier asked Council for discussion on the ordinance and hearing none asked for Council to be polled on the motion.

Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Prickett, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2-2011 (Title read by Council President Cartier)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AMENDING CHAPTER 41 OF

THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF CHAPLAIN

Motion by Scull and Stinney to adopt Ordinance No. 2-2011.

Council President Cartier opened the meeting for public comment on Ordinance 2-2011. There being no members of the public expressing an interest to speak, the meeting was closed to the public for comments on said ordinance.

Council President Cartier asked Council for discussion on the ordinance and hearing none asked for Council to be polled on the motion.

Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Prickett, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Review of draft leaf collection ordinance as recommended by Township's Safety Committee.

Councilman Prickett noted that the audit of safety procedures that was performed observed employees are picking up leaves that are too heavy and too high. He further commented that it was not his idea but he had heard of the idea of using a trash truck to pick up leaves which would eliminate the need to lift heavy bags over the head and the trash truck could compact them and hold more and he thinks this would be a good alternative. Council President Cartier thought that idea made sense and he questioned how this proposed ordinance addresses those safety concerns. Mr. Vaz advised that the workers are trained to lift the bags a certain way but due to what the residents are putting in the bags and that the bags are put out early and get wet causes them to become even heavier. He explained that the proposed ordinance is more for enforcement purposes. Mr. Vaz noted that the safety issue will be addressed with more training and finding alternative ways of collecting the leaves as Councilman Prickett mentioned. Councilwoman Scull recalled that they had previously used the back hoe or a similar piece of equipment to assist in putting the leaves in the trucks. Mr. Vaz explained that they have one piece of equipment that can assist in the leaf pickup therefore it is not very effective. Councilwoman Scull commented that the cost for worker's compensation for those injuries is quite substantial. Mr. Vaz advised that a North Jersey town that is in the JIF along with Pemberton Township suspended their leaf collection program and they hired a contractor to do it and there is a lot of pressure for the towns that belong to the JIF to do away with services such as leaf and brush collection and sanitation collection because of the enormous workers compensation costs. Councilwoman Scull asked about using a leaf vacuum and Mr. Vaz advised that option has been looked into. Councilwoman Stinney read from the memo received from the Safety Coordinator so the public is aware of the astronomical cost to the Township. Mr. Vaz added that is the direct cost, once it hits the JIF and MEL level that exposure gets factored into the rate which they pay at renewal time. Council President Cartier asked Council if they are ok with the wording and such on the ordinance and with no Council member expressing any concerns over the proposed ordinance, Council President Cartier asked that the ordinance be placed on the next meeting for introduction.

**BILL LIST**

Councilman Prickett explained that he pulled PO #20100725, because of his concern that they are paying the contractor half of the bid that was accepted by the Council when it seems to him that there is still a lot of work that needs to be done at the site. Council President Cartier asked the Engineer to address Councilman Prickett's concerns. Mr. Vaz interjected that as a general matter of business, the Engineer certifies a certain amount of work has been performed and payment has been requested, the Township is obligated under law to pay within a certain period of time and further that they have performance bonds in place on the project. Ms. Willis advised that the completion percentage of the job is greater than the 52% than what is being requested for payment and there are some items of work that are completed that they are not requesting payment for at this time. Ms. Willis further explained that there are items they have told the contractor they are not paying for and there is a retainer that is being taken from the payment requested. The Engineer's office has spoken with the contractor about the issues with the certified payrolls and they have been advised that no other payment request will be entertained until those issues have been resolved.



Motion by Scull and Stinney to pay PO #700174 in the amount of \$141,155.48, also with the understanding that the Engineer and Administration stay on top of the work that is going on out there to insure it gets completed properly. Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Prickett, no; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Vaz noted that he had included in Council's agenda package a memo explaining a possible need to have a resolution added concerning the contract with the Marketing and Branding Consultant. Additionally, if that resolution is approved then he would ask Council to add and approve two invoices in the amounts of \$1,850 and \$4,698. Mr. Vaz explained that this amendment to the contract would add the second part of their proposal that was approved last year. Mr. Vaz noted that in his discussions with the UEZ Coordinator Maurice Jones that the project is essentially complete, they just need to give the final report.

Motion by Scull and Stinney to add Res. 52-2011 to the agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 52-2011

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, UNDER THE AUTHORIZATION OF RESOLUTION 60-2010, ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT WITH JGSC GROUP, LLC, TO STUDY THE TOWNSHIP'S MARKETING NEEDS;  
WHEREAS, FUNDING FOR THE CONTRACT WAS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH A GRANT AWARDED BY THE URBAN ENTERPRISE PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,000;  
WHEREAS, TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AWARDED AN INITIAL CONTRACT TO JGSC GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,830 THAT WAS INTENDED TO COVER THE MARKETING RELATED SERVICES. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE INITIAL CONTRACT AWARD AND THE JGSG PROPOSAL (\$98,460), WHICH AMOUNT IS \$13,630, COVERS THE SCOPE OF SERVICES FOCUSED ON IDENTITY/BRANDING AWARENESS AND WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT;  
WHEREAS, THOSE SERVICES HAVE BEEN ONGOING AND ARE NEARLY COMPLETE (THE GRANT PERIOD EXPIRES ON JANUARY 31, 2011);  
WHEREAS, IT IS NECESSARY TO AMEND THE CONTRACT BY INCREASING THE COST FOR SERVICES BY \$13,630 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AWARD OF \$98,460.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT THE CONTRACT WITH JGSC GROUP IS HEREBY AMENDED TO REFLECT A TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE OF \$98,460, WHICH IS THE AMOUNT OF THE COMPANY'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL FOR THE COMPLETE SCOPE OF SERVICES (THAT IS, MARKETING AND BRANDING); AND
2. THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER, AND JGSC GROUP.

Councilman Prickett expressed that he does not understand why the Branding work was not included in the original contract when Council approved the \$84,830. He is concerned that the Branding work being done now has not been approved by Council and that they are being asked to approve work after it has been started. Mr. Vaz noted that that in part was correct, however, clarified that when the RFP was put out it was for both the Marketing and Branding, JGSC was approved but they requested to have their proposal split into two contracts. The original contract was for the marketing portion and this contract is for the branding portion. Mr. Vaz further explained that the RFP that was approved by Council was for both services and the grant received covered the full amount bid by JGSC. Councilman Prickett thanked Mr. Vaz for his explanation.

Council President Cartier asked for any further discussion, their being none he requested the Township Clerk to poll the Council on the motion.

Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Prickett, no; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Scull and Stinney to adopt Resolution 52-2011. Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Prickett, no; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

Council President Cartier advised that there are two bills from JGSC that need to be addressed, one in the amount of \$1,850 and the other in the amount of \$4,698.

Motion by Scull and Stinney to add invoice #662 dated October 2010 for the amount of \$4,698 and #670 dated November 1, 2010 for \$1850.

Councilwoman Scull noted that she recalled this had been discussed previously and further noted that the amount is still within the grant funds received. Councilman Prickett asked regarding the grant money and questioned if this is really UEZ money that has been collected within Pemberton Township which is actually part of the 3% that residents pay into the UEZ account and the UEZ authority has allowed them to use these funds. Mr. Vaz noted that the UEZ Authority calls it a grant and it is stated so on all the

documents received. Mayor Patriarca explained that the funds are the Township's in the sense that it was put aside for their use by the State. It is State tax dollars that they are turning over to them that they are not collecting; rather they are putting it aside for the Township's use in revitalizing their business district. Councilman Prickett questioned if JGSC would be coming back for the remainder of the \$110,000 grant. Council President Cartier noted that the resolution just approved the rest of the Branding so the project should be complete. Mr. Vaz advised that according to Mr. Jones, the UEZ Coordinator, the JGSC Group is wrapping up the project. Mr. Vaz additionally explained that if they wanted to spend the difference between the \$98,460 bid by JGSC Group and the \$110,000 grant they would have to go back and ask the UEZ Authority to allow them to use it.

Council President Cartier requested the Township Clerk to poll the Council on the motion.

Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Prickett, no; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Scull and Stinney to approve invoice #662 and invoice #670. Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Prickett, no; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

#### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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

**Charles Applegate**, Primrose Lane, Browns Mills – **1.** Commented on the discussion regarding leaf collection and advised Council that the Navy had the same issues at Lakehurst Naval Air Station and they contract with a solid waste contractor to pick up the leaves and it worked out well for them. **2.** Noted that he came to the meeting to thank Council for the job well done on the snow removal for the last storm. Mr. Applegate advised that he has been in the township for 37 years and his street, Primrose Lane and Lobelia are usually snow packed and difficult to get up because they are steep hills, however during this last snow storm he encountered a courteous Public Works employee who advised he would come back with some sand and he did just that and some additional trucks and for the first time Primrose and Lobelia were down to blacktop the day after a snow storm. Mr. Applegate noted that he sent an email to the Supervisor of Street and Roads, but thought he would come to the meeting to tell them that he appreciates the work that the Township employees do and feels they are a good bunch of people that work for the Township. Mayor Patriarca noted they have looked at different options for the leaf collection and they continue to look at the options.

**Scott Hamilton**, 140 Medford Street, Browns Mills – **1.** Congratulated Council and Mayor on their election. **2.** Commented on the economic situation of the country and gave a narrative of how he understands it happened and what needs to be done to fix it through manufacturing goods. **3.** Noted that he knows of no one other than those that work directly for the government who has received a substantial pay raise since September of 2007 and he has heard rumor of a possible property tax increase, and expressed that this should not be considered at all. Mr. Hamilton expressed that as their friends and neighbors are forced to scale back on non-essential items, so should the government scale back on its non-essential spending. He further commented that he has faith in the Council and Mayor that they can do what needs to be done but asked if they have the resolve to do what is right for the residents who are the true owners of Pemberton Township.

**Ray Wells**, Browns Mills – **1.** Advised that he did not have a report to give tonight from the Schools, but he did have some information to leave with the Council to show them how they communicate with the students and parents. **2.** Added to the comments made by Mr. Hamilton regarding the shortfall in the unfunded pension benefits for state workers. Council President Cartier noted that it is being put back on the municipalities to make up. **3.** Mr. Wells further noted that the Township is losing business and Pinelands does not help the situation.

**Thomas Inge**, Browns Mills – **1.** Congratulated the Mayor and Council on their election, noting he had spoken as a Council Person and wanted to do it as a resident. **2.** Noted that it is going to be a very tough year to get the budget squared away. **3.** Congratulated Mr. Cartier on his appointment as Council President and reflected that Mr. Cartier has stepped up to the plate in the

past and has done a great job. **4.** Expressed belief that it was Mayor McCullough who brought up the idea of using a trash truck to collect leaves. Mr. Inge further commented on the different ideas on how to deal with the leaf pick up and knows it will be a tough decision to make, he suggested using a work release program to collect the leaves. **5.** Commented on the budget meetings coming up noting that employees are concerned about keeping their jobs. He reflected noted that the last time lay offs was discussed it was being done by department and some long time employees would have been laid off before others and he does not think it should be done that way. He feels they should keep the people that have more time vested with the Township. He does believe that some of the projects that have been done by the Township employees rather than contracting out has saved the Township money and noted that the employees also need to understand the sacrifices that need to be made. He shared that his wife has worked for the federal government for 24 years and her pay has been frozen for the next two years due to legislation signed by President Obama. **6.** Advised he was glad to see everybody.

**Rich Koster, Browns Mills – 1.** Advised that back in the 90's he lost his job paying \$880 a week and had to take a job paying \$280 a week. He shared that he had to learn to do what the essentials are and expressed that is what the Township needs to do, maintain infrastructure, police department and penal system and cut out the luxury items such as entertainment. He expressed that the Township has too much debt that needs to be brought down and they have to live within their means.

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

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**Andy Bayer:** No report.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Kelly Willis:** Ms. Willis commented that she was not at the last meeting and wanted to congratulate everyone and thank everyone for appointing ARH for another year and she is very much looking forward to working with everybody. She further commented that it was very nice meeting Mr. Allen. Ms. Willis noted that she does not have an Engineer's report this evening but can entertain any questions. Council President Cartier advised Council that Ms. Willis is now the Planning Board Engineer as Brett Ingram will be moving on so Ms. Willis will be picking up the reigns there.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Patriarca commented on how well Tom was moving around this evening and that he looks good. In addition noted that it is evident that Mr. Inge picked up a pretty good handle on the situation the township is in and appreciates him going out into the public and telling them what is happening in their town and it was good to see him up and about.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Council President Cartier advised that they had received notice on the adjusted budget deadlines. He relayed that Council will receive the budget by February 25<sup>th</sup> and must introduce by March 11<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued on setting a budget meeting and it was determined a budget meeting would be held on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> to begin at 9 a.m. and further budget meetings can be scheduled if needed.

**Jason Allen: 1.** Announced that he had the opportunity to attend the kick off meeting for the program, Life Opportunities, Inc. Team Youth Initiative which is a teen based program for teenagers ranging from 14-19 and the program focuses on mentoring and character building and the theme this year is encouraging positive choices. He further advised that they meet twice a month at the BMIA building from 6-8 p.m. Mayor Patriarca advised that they would get the contact and meeting information up on the Township website. **2.** Commented that he was happy to see Mr. Inge getting around so well.

**Rick Prickett: 1.** Announced that this Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m., the BMIA is hosting a meeting with Rudy Irizarry to discuss Veteran's affairs in Pemberton Township. **2.** Expressed hope that everyone is staying safe with all this ice and hoped other people were shoveling the

snow for him and wished everyone a good night.

**Diane Stinney:** **1.** Advised that the Friendship AME Church held a Dr. Martin Luther King celebration and it was great to see the Pemberton Township ministerial come together. She noted that she had started a program about 10 years ago with Reverend Odum, they looked around the Township for those that exemplified those deeds of Dr. Martin Luther King and it is a good thing to teach about volunteering and doing things for the community. She publicly thanked Mr. Tait of the Community News for the coverage. **2.** Reported that she has been asked by Dr. Gorman to sit on the committee for the restructuring process for the Helen Fort Middle School and encouraged all residents to get involved in the process. She expressed that it takes the parents' involvement to get it done right, noting that the meeting will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at the Helen Fort Middle School.

**Sherry Scull:** **1.** Commented on the restructuring of the Middle School and advised that they did not make the AYP for literacy arts and believes it is important for the public to understand that the vast majority of the middle schools throughout the country are in the same position. Councilwoman Scull further explained that there are sub-categories and they only have to fail one of those sub-categories to not pass the AYP and there are many different factors that make up the score. She also noted that she would like the public to understand that there are good things happening in their schools and that the Middle School has improved with Ms. Hutchinson, who is an administrator who lives in their town and they are looking for suggestions from the community. **2.** Advised the public that there will be a meet and greet for the new high school Principal Ms. Christine Vespe at the High School library at 2 p.m. on Friday afternoon. **3.** Noted that she thinks the letter to the County must have done some good because she was amazed at how good the roads were after last week's storm. **4.** Congratulated Mr. Inge on the condition of his facility after the storm, she was there and the parking lot was dry and well done and the food was good too. Thanked everyone for coming out.

**Ken Cartier:** **1.** Thanked everyone for their comments noting it was going to be a tough budget year. He commented that he does not agree with layoffs because it becomes a detriment to the economy and he does agree that luxury items need to be the first to go. **2.** Reminded everyone to be safe with the next storm coming in and expressed that everyone did an excellent job in clearing the roadways after the last storm. He wished everyone a safe ride home and advised there would be no further closed session.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ann Finlay, MMC  
Township Clerk