

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 17, 2013
6:30 P.M.**

FLAG SALUTE

Council President Scull 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

Kenneth Cartier
Jason Allen
Diane Stinney
Norma Trueblood,
Sherry Scull

ABSENT

Also present: Mayor David Patriarca, and Business Administrator Dennis Gonzalez, Township Solicitor Andrew Bayer, Township Engineer Kelly Willis, Township Planner Rick Ragan, and Deputy Township Clerk Amy P. Cosnoski

CALL TO ORDER

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

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 91-2013

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:
MATTERS OF ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE: REGARDING POSSIBLE REVOCATION OF A BUSINESS LICENSE.
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: BROWNS MILLS SHOPPING CENTER, AND GRIEVANCE FILED BY OFFICER BENNETT, AND LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND BCCAP FOR THE NESBIT CENTER, AND UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS FOR BROWNS MILLS SHOPPING CENTER.
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 Cartier and Stinney to approve Resolution No. 91-2013. Cartier, yes; Stinney, yes; Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

Council President Scull recessed the open meeting at approximately 6:30 PM to go into closed session and 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)

FORMAL ACTION PURSUANT TO CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Bayer noted in regards to business license revocation there is Council consensus to move forward on a potential license revocation pursuant to police advice on one of their licensees. With the consent of Council they will issue a complaint and it will be a matter of public record once issued. There was Council consensus for Mr. Bayer to issue the complaint.

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.

Motion by Cartier and Stinney to add to New Business ***a. *3.** A purchase over \$2,000, approving an appraisal for the Browns Mills Shopping Center in the amount \$4,800. Cartier, yes; Stinney, yes; Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

President Scull opened the meeting to the public for comments on the consent agenda. There being no members of the public indicating a desire to be heard the meeting was closed to public comments on the consent agenda.

Mr. Allen requested to pull Resolution No. 94-2013. Mr. Cartier requested to pull Resolution No. 96-2013.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

***MINUTES FILED BY CLERK**

Regular Meeting, April 3, 2013.

***CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 85-2013

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON HAS A HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM FUNDED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA) SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS; AND WHEREAS, THIS PROGRAM AUTHORIZES THE TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ELIGIBLE HOMEOWNERS TO MAKE NEEDED REPAIRS; AND

WHEREAS, THESE HOMEOWNERS ARE CERTIFIED ELIGIBLE BASED ON THE SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT INCOME QUALIFICATIONS; AND

WHEREAS, THE FOLLOWING HOMEOWNERS WISH TO MAKE REPAIRS REGARDING SAME; AND

WHEREAS, THESE HOMEOWNERS HAVE SELECTED THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTORS WITH THE LOWEST, RESPONSIBLE BID:

HOMEOWNER	ADDRESS	BLOCK / LOT	CONTRACTOR ADDRESS	AMOUNT
FABIO PEREIRA	2 FILBERT ST	618 / 9	BREMMAN CONSTRUCTION 919 ROUTE 33, UNIT 23 FREEHOLD, NJ 07728	\$23,752.00

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE SUB-GRANTS SET FORTH ABOVE ARE HEREBY APPROVED IN THE AMOUNTS INDICATED.
2. THE MAYOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO SAID SUB-GRANTS.
3. FUNDS HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO BE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.
- 4.

RESOLUTION NO. 87-2013

RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL S-2364/ASSEMBLY BILL A3553 WHICH CREATES EARLY VOTING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, SENATE BILL S-2364 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A3553 PROPOSE TO CREATE A SYSTEM OF EARLY VOTING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND

WHEREAS, THE GOAL OF ACCOMMODATING VOTERS IN PURSUIT OF GREATER PARTICIPATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IS A WORTHY GOAL; AND

WHEREAS, THESE BILLS WOULD IN REALITY INCREASE WORKLOADS, ADD MORE COSTS TO THE ELECTION PROCESS, AND ULTIMATELY SERVE TO CONFUSE VOTERS MORE THAN IT WOULD ACCOMMODATE THEIR NEEDS; AND

WHEREAS, THESE BILLS WOULD REQUIRE FOR EACH PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION A PUBLIC FACILITY, EXCEPT A PUBLIC SCHOOL, LOCATED IN EACH MUNICIPALITY IN AN AREA OF A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF POPULATION TO BE OPEN AND AVAILABLE TO REGISTERED VOTERS STARTING 15 DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION FOR EARLY POLLING, POSSIBLY CONFLICTING WITH IF NOT PUSHING OUT OTHER IMPORTANT USES FOR THESE BUILDINGS, CAUSING INCONVENIENCE TO RESIDENTS; AND

WHEREAS, THESE BILLS REQUIRE RETRAINING OF POLL WORKERS AND DRAMATICALLY INCREASED HOURS, AS WELL AS CHAIN OF CUSTODY REQUIREMENTS TO PROTECT THE VOTING PROCESS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT RECRUITING AND TRAINING POLLS WORKERS IS ALREADY A DIFFICULT PROCESS; AND
 WHEREAS, THESE BILLS WOULD INCREASE COSTS TO MUNICIPALITIES, INCLUDING OVERTIME PAY FOR WORKERS; AND
 WHEREAS, ALTHOUGH THESE BILLS ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES TO REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXTRA COSTS AND PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION, THE APPROPRIATION DOES NOT OUTLINE A SPECIFIC AMOUNT NOR DEDICATED FUNDING, ONLY THAT WHICH THE STATE TREASURER AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING DEEM NECESSARY, AND THEY DO NOT OUTLINE THE PROCEDURE FOR A MUNICIPALITY WHOSE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST IS DENIED; AND
 WHEREAS, THE OPPORTUNITY FOR "EARLY VOTING" ALREADY EXISTS IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY THROUGH THE VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT PROCESS.
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON DOES HEREBY OPPOSE S2364 AND A3553; AND
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON DOES HEREBY CALL UPON ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE THE ADOPTION OF THIS BILL; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE SENT TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, SENATE PRESIDENT SWEENEY, SENATORS GILL AND WHELAN, SPONSORS OF S2364, SPEAKER OLIVER, ASSEMBLYMEN WISNIEWSKI, DIEGNAN, BENSON, CONAWAY, AND COUGHLIN, SPONSORS OF A3553, OUR STATE SENATOR AND ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES, THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND THE NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES.

RESOLUTION NO. 92-2013

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW 2013 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTORS WITH RELATED OPTIONS FROM CHERRY HILL WINNER FORD UNDER STATE CONTRACT #82925 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,216.00

WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12, A MUNICIPALITY MAY, WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BIDS, PURCHASE GOODS UNDER ANY CONTRACT FOR SUCH GOODS ENTERED INTO ON BEHALF OF THE STATE BY THE DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; AND

WHEREAS, THE PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON (THE "TOWNSHIP") PURCHASE TWO NEW 2013 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTORS WITH RELATED OPTIONS FROM WINNER FORD OF CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY, UNDER STATE CONTRACT #82925 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$63,216.00; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE NEW AND FUNCTIONING EQUIPMENT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND

WHEREAS, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP HAS CERTIFIED THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE PURCHASE OF THESE POLICE VEHICLES.

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 AUTHORIZATION IS HEREBY GRANTED TO PURCHASE TWO NEW 2013 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTORS FROM WINNER FORD OF CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY, UNDER STATE CONTRACT #82925 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,216.00; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVD THAT THE MAYOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURCHASE OF THE TWO POLICE VEHICLES DESCRIBED HEREIN ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER HAS EXECUTED A CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO, AND THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SAID CONTRACT FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 3-01-25-240-000-510; AND

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

- A. CHIEF JANTAS, PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
- B. TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR
- C. TOWNSHIP CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
- D. GLUCKWALRATH LLP

RESOLUTION NO. 93-2013

WHEREAS, THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ("SDA") HAS IDENTIFIED A 2011 CAPITAL BUILDING PROJECT PORTFOLIO TO ADVANCE SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS FROM THE STATEWIDE PRIORITIZATION PLAN (HEREINAFTER "PLAN"); AND,

WHEREAS, AS A RESULT OF THE PLAN, THE PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PLAN TO RENOVATE/OR ADD TO THE DENBO/CRICHTON SCHOOL SITE RANKED HIGH ON THAT PLAN; AND,

WHEREAS, FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, SDA APPROVED AND MOVED FORWARD WITH OTHER CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION PROJECTS ON THEIR LIST AND THAT THE DENBO/CRICHTON SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT IS AN ESSENTIAL AND CRITICAL CAPITAL PROJECT FOR OUR STUDENTS HERE IN PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP TOWN COUNCIL AND MAYOR WHOLE HEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE DENBO/CRICHTON SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT AND RECOMMEND THAT THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY MOVE FORWARD AND APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL BUILDING ON THAT DENBO/CRICHTON SCHOOL SITE. IT WILL REPLACE AN AGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ALLOW FOR MORE EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES. WITH DECLINING STATE AID TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, THIS CONSOLIDATION WILL SAVE THOUSANDS IN DUPLICATIVE COSTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

RESOLUTION NO. 95 -2013

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING AND/OR CLOSING OF TREASURER'S AND/OR DEVELOPERS ESCROW SUB-ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS, PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP REQUIRES FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION AND/OR HOME IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS, THAT A DEVELOPER'S ESCROW SUB-ACCOUNT ACCOUNTS 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 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 DEVELOPER'S ESCROW SUB-ACCOUNTS:

ESCROW ACCOUNT	DEVELOPER	AMOUNT
1240	WEST PEMBERTON SOLAR	\$2,064.51

NEW BUSINESS

***a. Purchases over \$2,000**

- *1. Community Development Department: Purchase of computers for Code Enforcement from Bob Johnson's Computer Stuff, Inc., in the total**

amount of \$3,169.94.

*2. Community Development Department: Purchase of computer software and hardware from Comcate, Inc. for Code Enforcement in the amount of \$13,090.00.

*3. Appraisal services for Browns Mills Shopping Center in the amount of \$4,800. to

*e. Annual Mobile Home Park and Annual Used Car Dealership Licenses for 2013: Belaire Trailer Park (Note all municipal charges have been paid up to date as required).

Approval by Council required for payment of vouchers on bill list dated 4/12/2013.

Motion by Allen and Stinney to approve the consent agenda as amended. Allen, yes; Stinney, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, yes; Scull, yes (however abstained on budget account – legal services, pg. 3 on bill list 301-20-155-000-275, p.o. #1301048 in the amount of \$1,015.) Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 94-2013 (Pulled from Consent Agenda)

RESOLUTION NO. 94-2013

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2012 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT AND ACCEPTANCE THEREOF WHEREAS, THE MANDATORY SOURCE SEPARATION AND RECYCLING ACT, P.L.1987, C.102, HAS ESTABLISHED A RECYCLING FUND FROM WHICH TONNAGE GRANT MAY BE MADE TO MUNICIPALITIES IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL SOURCE SEPARATION AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS; AND WHEREAS, IT IS THE INTENT AND THE SPIRIT OF THE MANDATORY SOURCE SEPARATION AND RECYCLING ACT TO USE THE TONNAGE GRANTS TO DEVELOP NEW MUNICIPAL RECYCLING PROGRAMS AND TO CONTINUE AND TO EXPAND EXISTING PROGRAMS; AND WHEREAS, THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION HAS PROMULGATED RECYCLING REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE MANDATORY SOURCE SEPARATION AND RECYCLING ACT; AND WHEREAS, THE RECYCLING REGULATIONS IMPOSE ON MUNICIPALITIES CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS AS A CONDITION FOR APPLYING FOR TONNAGE GRANTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MAKING AND KEEPING ACCURATE, VERIFIABLE RECORDS OF MATERIALS COLLECTED AND CLAIMED BY THE MUNICIPALITY; AND WHEREAS, THIS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2012 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT AND MEMORIALIZES THE COMMITMENT OF THIS MUNICIPALITY TO RECYCLING AND INDICATES THE ASSENT OF TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON TO THE EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE MUNICIPALITY AND THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THE RECYCLING ACT AND RECYCLING REGULATIONS; AND WHEREAS, SUCH A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGES DONNA MCBREEN IS A CERTIFIED RECYCLING COORDINATOR AND ENSURES THAT THE APPLICATION IS PROPERLY COMPLETED AND TIMELY FILED UNDER THE LAW. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON HEREBY ENDORSES THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2012 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT BE DEPOSITED IN A DEDICATED RECYCLING TRUST FUND TO BE USED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECYCLING.

Motion by Cartier and Stinney to approve Resolution No. 94-2013. Cartier, yes; Stinney, yes; Trueblood, yes; Allen, abstained; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-2013 (Pulled from consent agenda)

RESOLUTION NO. 96-2013

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ADAMS, REHMANN & HEGGAN FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF A TOWNSHIP WATER MAIN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,050.00 WHEREAS, AFTER CONDUCTING A FAIR AND OPEN COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW, IN JANUARY 2013 THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON (THE "TOWNSHIP") APPOINTED CHRIS R. REHMANN, P.E. AND ADAMS, REHMANN & HEGGAN ("ARH") TO SERVE AS THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2013; AND WHEREAS, AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER, ARH PROVIDES A VARIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE TOWNSHIP WHICH ARE AUTHORIZED ON A PROJECT-BY-PROJECT BASIS; AND WHEREAS, APPROXIMATELY 4800 FEET OF THE TOWNSHIP'S WATER MAIN, SPECIFICALLY LOCATED WITHIN IVY STREET, CRESCENT DRIVE, N. LAKESHORE DRIVE, PEONY STREET, VERBANA STREET, SUNSET BOULEVARD AND GOLF CLUB STREET NEEDS REPLACEMENT; AND WHEREAS, ON APRIL 11, 2013, ARH SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL TO THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE DESIGN, SURVEYING, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES PERTAINING TO SUCH WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,050.00, AND AS FURTHER SET FORTH IN THE APRIL 11, 2013 PROPOSAL LETTER ON FILE WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WISHES TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTRACT WITH ARH FOR THESE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,050.00. 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 ADAMS, REHMANN & HEGGAN IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM DESIGN, SURVEYING, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES NECESSARY TO THE

REPLACEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 4800 FEET OF THE TOWNSHIP'S WATER MAIN LOCATED WITHIN IVY STREET, CRESCENT DRIVE, N. LAKESHORE DRIVE, PEONY STREET, VERBANA STREET, SUNSET BOULEVARD AND GOLF CLUB STREET, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,050.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER HAS EXECUTED A CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO, AND THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SAID CONTRACT FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 3-05-55-500-000-281; AND

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

- A. ADAMS, REHMANN & HEGGAN
- B. TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR
- C. TOWNSHIP CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
- D. GLUCKWALRATH LLP

Mr. Cartier noted corrections are needed to this. The Mayor advised that the charge lines indicated in the resolution should both reflect the Water Department the 500 series line and not the General Expense line.

Motion by Cartier and Allen to approve Resolution No. 96-2013 as amended. Cartier, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes; Stinney, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 7-2013 (Title read by President Scull) (Public Hearing held 3/20/13, Final Adoption tabled till 4/3/13, no action taken 4/3/13)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF A TOWNSHIP OWNED AMBULANCE TO LOURDES EMS

President Scull advised that Council took no action at the last meeting and the Township Clerk had advised that they either formally table it, or vote it down or approve it.

Motion by Stinney and Allen to adopt Ord. No. 7-2013. Stinney, no; Allen, no; Cartier, no; Trueblood, no; Scull, no. Ordinance is defeated.

ORDINANCE NO. 8-2013 (Title read by President Scull)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, ESTABLISHING THE PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND PROVIDING FOR A CONSOLIDATED PEMBERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMPANY.

President Scull opened the meeting to the public for comments on Ord. 8-2013. Those commenting were:

Fred Moorehead, President of Browns Mills Emergency Squad – 1. Thanked Mr. Gonzalez for having frank and open discussions concerning EMS services in the Township. He gave him more time than he had ever expected and had a willingness to listen. He noted disagreeing with Mr. Gonzalez appreciates the opportunity to speak with him. He personally regrets the situation noting he likes serving this community and does not like defending his service. He expressed this is about the service his squad offers the Township and their future. They believe they have one, but the Mayor says they have none. He relayed that the Township went from six equipped ambulances down to four with those remaining four within a mile of each other on one side of the Township. The increase in arrival times to certain areas has been affected and the resources through respond to mass casualty events have been cut by a third. 24 hours after

the tabling the ordinance that they just voted down, last month when it was tabled that ordinance would have begun to significantly decrease their squad's emergency calls. He noted that this Administration took action to put his squad third out 24/7. This action will negatively impact the number of their calls which will discourage their volunteers, decrease their training and experience and probably encourage them to go elsewhere for opportunities to serve. He questioned how this action increase efficiency and serve the community. He noted that in his discussions with Mr. Gonzalez they offered to man a sub-station to help cover the absence of 199 which was declined because of the cost of the building. He noted having offered to be placed under the fire company's supervision but maintain their 501 C3 and to run from their own facility which was declined. He commented that they could offer to change their admission procedures to more closely mirror the fire department's in the new ordinance and keep their identity. He advised however, that the Mayor said funding their squad is an unnecessary expense or at least funding the building. He expressed that the fire company's primary mission is fighting fires; emergency squads' primary mission is treating and transporting patients. Placing the squad's mission in the fire company will not increase neither the efficiency nor the effectiveness of patient care nor increase the fire company's ability to fight fires. He questioned why it's being done. He noted that volunteers that wish to serve their community on the emergency squad should not be forced to join a fire company to do so nor should firefighters have to join an emergency squad to serve their community. Nobody should imply that if one doesn't join a fire company that person doesn't care about public service. He expressed this is a shameful, derogatory judgment that appears to denigrate all volunteer service done outside the fire department. For these and many other reasons they will hear they request that this ordinance be returned to the Administration so that only willing organizations be authorized to merge and that alternative futures of other volunteer organizations can be reconsidered and reevaluated. Mr. Cartier noted to Mr. Moorehead that he had recently put out a flyer that he received in his mail box. He noted it was very well put together and noted that in it he said the Mayor closed Pemberton First Aid and Rescue, to which Mr. Moorehead agreed. Mr. Cartier pointed out that the Mayor did not contract with Pemberton First Aid and Rescue, to which he also agreed. Mr. Cartier then reflected that the Mayor did not close them and did not contract with them, noting they are still able to operate. Mr. Moorehead disagreed. Mr. Cartier clarified they are able to operate in Pemberton Borough and the Mayor did not close them down and did not contract with them so he felt they should be fair there. Mr. Moorhead explained he attempted to be absolutely fair and truthful and did not mean to imply something that was not true. Mr. Moorhead questioned that if the Mayor did not close it by not offering a contract then what closed it and cut it off from operating in this Township. Mr. Cartier expressed they closed themselves. Mr. Cartier then noted that he stated that by not offering the contract that response times to the west side of town are going to be greatly increased. He noted that at the last meeting he asked the Mayor for information regarding response times from the County for 2012. He advised that he took the time to evaluate it and noted that 186 has the best response time to any point in this Township than any other service in this town including Browns Mills and had the best time to the west end of town than any other organization in this Township so to say that it is going to cut down response time to the west end exaggerates the situation. Mr. Moorehead explained it was not intentional in that he was only referring to the distance involved. Mr. Cartier acknowledged but noted that 199 can't get there better than 186. Mr. Moorehead debated that information and expressed he would be fascinated to get a copy of those

statistics. President Scull asked if all Council members received that information to which Mr. Cartier explained that he asked for the information at the last meeting and received the raw data which he had to interpret himself. Mrs. Stinney advised having received the same thing in the mail as well and she took it as that the Mayor closed down 199 a week before the contract was supposed to have been closed. Mr. Cartier reiterated that the Mayor did not close them. Mrs. Stinney asked what happened since the contract was not supposed to end till April 1st. He noted the Mayor did not renew the contract. President Scull reminded that Mr. Moorehead still had the floor to which Mr. Moorehead advised he didn't have anything else. Mr. Allen asked the Mayor, noting that at the last meeting he had also asked if the public would have access to the response time data, if anyone has contacted him to take a look at the information outside of Mr. Cartier. The Mayor advised no one has. He also clarified that the Mayor does not have the authority to close down any volunteer emergency squad. President Scull expressed they will not get into a debate noting that everyone knows that 199 in Pemberton was shut down and received a letter on their door telling them they were to cease operations in the Township and to her that is shutting them down.

Bruce Beatty, BMES member – 1. Noted he worked for 28 years as paramedic in this Township and County and also belonged to the fire department for fourteen and half years and is an exempt firefighter for Pemberton Township but has not belonged to the Fire Department for many years. In regards to the combination of EMS and Fire there apparently is expectation for there to be some efficiency as a result of that. In reading professional journals, Fire Engineering, Fire Chief and Fire House magazine on a regular basis for 30 years, every single article regarding the combination of EMS and Fire talks about how having EMS benefits the fire company and talks nothing of the benefits for the EMS. Over the course of his time with the Browns Mills Emergency Squad and with the fire department they have tried to work together on numerous occasions. He noted years ago they tried to get a joint extrication team going between the fire department and the emergency squad and fire officers talked to them for months and during the course of those conversations they approved an agreement between the fire company and emergency squad that would have improved the extrication service in this Township which went to the Browns Mills Fire Co. for a final vote and was turned down, noting that nobody wanted to participate in it. He advised having asked the Fire Chief what the problem was who told him their officers came back from all the meetings stating they were not making any progress and that what they were doing was not worth while. He reflected that for years they have had members that belonged to both the fire company and the emergency squad and they have never prevented any single EMT that belonged to the Browns Mills Fire Co. or any other organization in this squad from riding on a volunteer ambulance with their members. Their by-laws always permitted that. He relayed that these people do not come out in any numbers and ride on the ambulance. Generally assumed fire fighters in large part do not want to be ambulance drivers. His proudest moment in the EMS service in Burlington County was when the twin towers came down during 9/11 events and they formed three task forces at the Burlington County Communications Center, one fire, one police and one ems. He advised that he was the Burlington County EMS Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management. During the event the city of New York advised that they really did not need police officers or fire trucks and asked to send them home. When the trucks arrived the County Communications Center got a call from the Township's Emergency Management

Coordinator, the current Fire Chief noting that he was not going to permit his ambulance to go to New York City and stated to send it home. He advised it came back home to Pemberton Township. The ambulance crew asked what they could do. He advised that he suggested they take the ambulance back to the Township, get a privately operated vehicle and drive it back to the Communications Center augment the crews of other ambulances that are going to New York. He advised that there were six other ambulances in the Township at that time and the Fire Chief could not spare one crew to support the people of the city of New York. He expressed having been embarrassed and noted that that man is still the Chief of this Fire Department and he will never serve under that individual. President Scull asked him to keep his comments to the issue at hand. He advised that when 199 had duty crews their arrival times in the west end of the Township far exceeded those of 186. He then commented on the money for keeping the buildings open. He noted they get \$25,000 a year from the Township, and their insurance is paid for as well as their fuel. Every year they had to submit vouchers how they had spent every single penny from the year before but it does not take into consideration the thousands of man hours that their people contributed voluntarily and freely to this Township for the cost of one full-time employee of the Township they had the equivalent of 13 plus surge capacity.

Nancy Volk, Browns Mills Emergency Squad – 1. Advised she has been a resident of Browns Mills since 1986 and a member of the emergency squad for 17 years and they have been incorporated and working in this Township for almost 75 years. The original argument for closing their building and putting us under the fire department was to save money but it seems that it has now become the need of the Mayor to control who joins the squads. She noted his reference of someone stealing their money and others misusing funds can not be controlled by the Mayor. No police report or anything in their past gave any indication that they would steal. They are not the only Township organization that has had someone steal or misuse funds. As a group of volunteers who are willing to selflessly give their time they don't see how combining them with the fire department will save money in the long run. She expressed that other than police or fingerprint checks there is no way for anyone to know that someone will do something that they shouldn't. She expressed that they do it because they enjoy it and want to help other people. She asked Council to look at all aspects of this decision and determine what is best for the Township, not what is best for the Mayor.

Sharon Hearsch, Deputy Chief of Squad 189 – 1. Relayed that their squad building located at 30 Juliustown Road is the only one Township approved to ride overnight duty crews because they have the proper bunk facilities. She expressed that if their building is taken from them they are not going to have the people in quarters to man the ambulance which means that everyone will be waiting for them to get out of bed, get dressed, respond to the building, pick up an ambulance and be on their way to get there quickly and safely. The building has a kitchen, bathroom, bunk rooms, common room, bay, supply rooms and ample supply area in the back. If this is taken they don't know where all their stuff if going to go nor what they are going to have. She relayed they have their personal computer lines all hooked up already, HIPPA violations they have to be careful of with the fire fighters and they need their own secured line in the building. She also pointed out that if they are in quarters they are with their ambulance and if they are not they cant respond, noting that response times are

going to increase in order to respond properly. She expressed that if their loved one is having crushing chest pains at 3 in the morning or their child is choking they are not going to want to wait for them to get from home to the building in order to respond.

Dorothy Garrison, Public Information Officer for Browns Mills Emergency Squad – 1. Has served the Squad for 18 months. She noted that all EMTs have the same qualifications regardless of status; volunteers are all held to same standards and state certifications as any paid EMT. She advised that the state of New Jersey requires that all EMTs undergo a background check prior to sitting for the state exam. In New Jersey the Administration Code, Title 8 Dept. of Health and Senior Services, Ch. 40A EMT b. Training and Certifications, subparagraph 6.2 eligibility to sit for the exam, paragraph d. states that a person shall not be allowed to sit for the NREMT basic certification examination if he or she has been accepted into pre-trial intervention, conditional discharge or other diversionary programs or has been convicted of any crime, disorderly persons offense and or a petty or disorderly persons offense involving possession, utilization, sale and or distribution of any controlled substance representing a risk of harm to the health, safety and welfare of the patients and involving patient abuse and neglect. One of the issues that has arisen is the lack of sterner background checks. Currently all members of the Browns Mills Emergency Squad undergo a Township background check with the Pemberton Police Department. When students attend training they are also required to submit to a state background check prior to sitting for the examination. The only background check left would be for a federal background check. She noted that no matter how many background checks are done, no one can predict what a person will do in the future.

Mark Hearschap, Browns Mills Emergency Squad Chief – 1. Has been hearing comments and seeing some on Face Book from certain officers in the fire company stating that if they put the ambulance in the fire house if one wants to volunteer they should come wherever it may be. He stated that in the history of the Township that is not how it has ever been. He reflected that when Magnolia Fire Company closed a majority of firefighters went to other companies outside of the Township. When Country Lakes closed and Presidential Lakes ambulance was closed and when 199 was no longer in service those volunteers did not come to other squads in the Township but rather went elsewhere. Historically its being said that Fire Department EMS works, but that has already failed twice in this Township since he has been here ten years. He expressed knowledge that currently there are firefighters that live within the fire department purview and firefighters have moved from one side of their town to the other side and their supposed to be responding to one station or the other and they get special permission to remain in the firehouse they have been at because they didn't want to go to the other station. He expressed that even in a merged fire department there are people with personality conflicts that don't want to go whatever station that they are supposed to. He has been on the squad for 7-8 years and they have grown together as a family. He expressed that to be told to serve for somebody else after he has already been a member of the Browns Mills Fire Company; he chose never to do it ever again. From politic reason he will not go into the specific reasons. He reiterated that currently they work together as a unit and gave examples of getting their two ambulances out during a major fire or during hurricane Sandy although they were told not to send their ambulances outside other areas of the state. He noted several professional services they have

performed. Most of the experienced members are not planning on going to the merged Fire Department. He noted that the Fire Department has stated that they have fourteen EMTs but when they have a fire those EMTs are going to be on a fire truck and will not be able to take the ambulance. The next ambulances are going to be coming off of mutual aid because Lourdes can only send one and they do not have rehab services as they do. The rig response area for those units coming out or if during a motor vehicle accident if both ambulances are on the road they have to go to either Camden or Trenton. With those four firefighters they have taken out an entire engine company. He noted already having been asked by the Fire Chief to bring their turn out gear with them on the ambulance when the firefighter EMT rides because he wants to make sure he has enough firefighters on the engine. He posed that if they are already in a situation where he wants the firefighter EMTs to bring their turn out gear if they lose four firefighters since they are on the ambulance or there is a major fire and one ambulance is on scene and there is a collapse before anyone else gets there the two ambulances that are going to be sitting in the firehouse are going to sit there unless they have enough EMTs. They have several EMTs that want to go for training but he noted that the drop out rate is 40-50%, noting that it is a very difficult course. He relayed that they operate currently and have a good working relationship with Lourdes and have done everything the Township has asked of them and would like to continue to remain in existence.

Joseph Sams, Browns Mills – 1. Volunteers freely offer to do something and have been credited in saving many peoples lives during the terror attacks in the Boston Marathon just three days ago. The other side of Pemberton Township is the Joint Base McGuire and Lakehurst which is a huge target for terrorists. If they have already cut six ambulances down to four and by the end of the year it's proposed to cut it down to three is a disservice to the Township and to the people who are paying their salary as well. He noted that station 189's history goes back to 1840. He expressed that the ordinance proposed by the Mayor is to no longer use station 189 and 199 service by the end of 2013 is absurd. He reflected that this country has worked with volunteers dating back to 1637 and without volunteers back then they would not have declared their independence in 1776. He noted US Military is still volunteer service. He noted that Council members and the Mayor volunteered to run for office and without volunteers the Township would not run the way it is. He noted that the Mayor claims to save money on taxes and they cut \$25,000 last year on the budget by shutting down station 199 and questioned how much did everyone save in their taxes, then noted nothing. He expressed they are going to cut down the other \$25,000 to bring it down to zero and still they are not going to save anything. The Fire Department receives three-four times as much as the emergency squads are receiving per year and \$25,000 is nothing which barely covers bills to run the station, let alone all the supplies needed. He expressed that as a tax payer his taxes are not going to save them money and if he gets injured he gets charged \$600 to ride in a Lourdes ambulance and questioned where that is saving money and for whom is it saving money for. He noted that his taxes are still not going down and now he's paying \$600 for an ambulance ride. He expressed hope they don't do to them what they did to station 199 by going in the middle of the night to hang something on their door which is cowardly and they did not even follow their contracts. He reiterated that closing 189 is not going to help. He has 12 years in the fire service and has seen shared services and has volunteered with Mt. Holly Fire Department and was with Pemberton Emergency Squad and Mt. Holly's. He advised that Westampton is a shared services organization but when they get a

fire their paid squad members are now getting on the fire truck to go to Mt. Holly and not responding to Westampton Township, noting they are two paid towns. He expressed Browns Mills, a volunteer town and they are now going to share their services and they are going to get on the fire truck, Lourdes is going to be tied up doing something else, and they are closing down their stations that are saving peoples' lives. He understands that the Fire Department has some EMTs but some are not going to want to merge either. He noted they have a tremendous amount of people here tonight supporting their squad. They would have to be an idiot to shut down their stations. President Scull expressed that was not a nice comment.

Tom Hurley, Presidential Lakes – 1. He has been in this town since 1964 and a member of Presidential Lakes 1970 and has been Chief, Squad Captain, an EMT, Pemberton Township Emergency Management Coordinator, a career firefighter in Philadelphia, transferred to Warminster Naval Air Station and quit that to become a Pemberton Township Police Officer. He noted that he has worked for a lot of Chief's, and has had so many supervisors. He relayed they have a problem with Pemberton Township Fire Department. He noted speaking to a few of them before the ordinance was passed and he went over all the lines and discussed what was wrong with it, then they voted for it. He noted that after that he asked Mr. Cartier why he voted for it and noted that he replied that it was a good place to start. He does not believe it's a good place to start and does not believe that it's proven to Mr. Cartier that it's a good place to start; there are too many problems with it. There is an individual...President Scull interject that there will be no discussions regarding individuals. Mr. Hurley then noted that several years ago before the ordinance was enacted there was a \$100,000 given to the fire companies and now its \$130,000. He noted they closed the station, removed to squads and questioned why the money has gone up as it does not appear that they have saved anything. He questioned that if this consolidation takes place who is going to pay off the mortgages and the bills for the other companies. He noted there has been a history of the two volunteer organizations having a conflict with each other, noting that one feels more superior to the other and that is not a good way for volunteers to work. He advised that it's going to continue that way until something is done about it and this ordinance just increases that superiority feeling. He noted to Mr. Cartier that he wishes he had a chance to look at the statistics because most of these people can tell him he used to do them for all of the squads for the town. He commented that the idea of people responding and the firemen keeping their gear in the cars and responding in their own vehicles to fire scenes only creates hate, discontent and inconvenience. He stated that if this is all for saving money he proposed that Presidential Lakes will forego their \$13,000, they don't want it, just lease the vehicles to Presidential Lakes and leave them alone. He asked if that would be a problem noting they can and want to do that, and the want the harassment to stop. They want to see this ordinance to go away, noting that this consolidation is not a good idea.

Rosemary Bishop, Browns Mills Emergency Squad – 1. Has been a member since 1981, is currently the Treasurer and Trustee and has concerns regarding a lot of the parts of this ordinance. She noted her concern is addressed to Mr. Gonzalez noting he made a statement a previous meeting that if their Squad chooses and votes as a squad to merge with the fire company they would be grandfathered in as members of the new Fire Department. However, if they choose not to and they fight and lobby they are going to be treated differently

and have to go through the whole process. She expressed that is blackmail. She stated that if Mr. Gonzalez would reconsider that statement and then working with the fire companies, which the squads have had no opportunity to be part of the constitution and by-laws that they are working on which they say they have been doing for two year's without the squad's involvement. She relayed there is now a draft of the by-laws that has been provided to Mr. Gonzalez and the Mayor and they still have not seen it and have no input. She questioned how they can make a decision as to what they want to do, when they want to force them to join when they want to remain volunteers of their own organization and does not believe their squad has ever violated whatever the Township has wanted. In fact they reported their ex-treasurer to the Township and prosecuted their own treasurer, recouped the money that was stolen from the tax payers and questioned what more they want from their organization.

Daniel Haines – 1. Advised that his granddaughter had an accident the Sunday before Easter. He advised that Lourdes had four calls that day, they made contact with her, they were there then they had another call from a lady that was having a stroke and left his granddaughter sitting there with blood running down her arm and knot on her head as big as a baseball. He expressed that Lourdes could not even handle four calls and questioned how they are going to handle Pemberton, Presidential Lakes and all the rest of the towns. He advised his granddaughter sat there for 45 minutes with the police and Lourdes gave the police a neck brace to put on her, then they decided to come back to tend to her after they took care of the rest because they had an accident on Trenton Road, one at the Acme, a call for the stroke victim which was only 5-6 blocks away and another call 5-6 blocks away. He expressed belief that it is illegal for an ambulance to make contact with a person that is bleeding and a knot on her head and then took her to Lourdes. He advised that that night they had to take her back to the hospital because she was fainting and falling down and she had a bad concussion. He questioned if they can't handle what they have just four blocks away how are they going to handles the entire Township. He expressed that after all that they had the gall to send them a bill for \$600 for a ride from the Acme to the hospital.

James Meads – 1. He noted his family members are members of the Presidential Lakes Fire Department when it had an emergency squad. He expressed that when he was a child all he wanted to do was grow up and become a volunteer and by them shutting down all these squads they are stopping the volunteers. He expressed that volunteers don't do this for money or fame but rather because they care and they just want to continue doing their job. His family grew up doing this and he wants to be able to do the same without the fear of knowing that his squad could one day be shut down.

Susan Gazera – 1. First thanked the volunteers and noted that she does not have any association with any of the squads but is here as a tax paying citizen of 30 years. She relayed that she has a daughter with a serious developmental disability, gets night seizures and 21 years ago the Presidential Lakes EMS responded within 20 minutes, two members from their homes and if she had had an airway obstruction it could have meant the difference between life and death. She is concerned with the ordinance regarding the consolidation of the Fire Department and Emergency Squads. She called her home owners' insurance company today and in Presidential Lakes they are located in fire protection class #1 which specifies that she is within 1000 feet from a fire hydrant and under 5

miles of a fire department. She asked the insurance company what would happen if that fire department closed and was told she would immediately go into fire protection class #2 which increases her homeowners insurance by \$500 a year. She strongly suggested that anyone in Presidential Lakes check with their homeowners' insurance because she can guarantee that it is going to be universal. She expressed that for health and well being, protection and psychological benefit of knowing that they have volunteers living down the block that are there when they need them means a lot and she would hate to see that endangered. She urged Council to consider that and the effect of homeowners insurance especially out in Presidential Lakes because it is going to be devastating. She expressed that it may save tax money, but not that much.

Jessica Collette, Pemberton Township – 1. Shared that her little boy gets seizures when his temperature spikes. Anyone that has experienced this knows that time is of the essence. She expressed that to cut down the number of ambulance services or to not allow these good emergency services personnel to service the community would be a disservice to the community. She asked the Mayor and Council to allow the emergency squads to continue in Browns Mills so that everyone can have a better quality of life.

Thomas Maahs, Presidential Lakes – 1. Noted that he was a strong advocate of Ord. 8-2009, the creation of Pemberton Township Fire Department. He noted at the time they had written plans to include EMS in it and EMS billing. Prior to bringing that ordinance to the table they decided to pull the EMS billing and EMS out of the ordinance because they knew they would not get that ordinance passed, and some of them thought it was the right thing to do. He advised they have had their problems with Ord. 8-2009, they have had court battles, and this move they are making right now is detrimental to their volunteers. He requested they sit down to talk to them and they will make it work for them. He asked that they not force them to close their doors. He noted there was comment at the last meeting, regarding how small the membership is out of Presidential Lakes. He acknowledged that they have a small membership but questioned what their call percentages are because they do it.

Bill Mauro – 1. He has been a Presidential Lakes resident for 33 years and questioned if it is their intention to closed Presidential Lakes firehouse. He noted that in the past he sold fire insurance and one of the first questions asked is if they are more than 100 feet from a fire hydrant and more than a mile from a firehouse. He expressed they are not doing him any favors by trying to shut down the firehouse. He noted that right now its 300 yards and its bad enough that they can't get to his house because the streets are in such poor condition but that is only because he lives in Presidential Lakes. He questioned whose idea this was. President Scull addressed his question as to their intention to close Presidential Lakes she advised thinking she can speak for all of Council and does not believe there is anyone of them that wants to see Presidential Lakes close down. He noted that is nice to hear but unfortunately with past performances with Presidential Lakes he does not trust any of them. President Scull explained that Council wants Presidential Lakes up and running, to have volunteers, to make their calls but Council does not have any intention of closing them down. He noted not knowing that the EMS services were closed and relayed that a few years ago his wife who has asthma had a very severe attack and is sure that it falls on deaf ears. Mr. Cartier noted that his wife also has asthma so it does not fall on deaf ears. President Scull noted that she as well has asthma. He noted it

was so bad that he did not think he had time to get her to the hospital on time on his own so he called for EMS. He advised that the first people to show up because they lived around the corner were the Hurleys. He advised it was at least 15-20 minutes before the squad actually got there but in the meantime the Hurleys took over, administered oxygen and they were there and now he finds out they have closed down EMS. He expressed hope that none of them have the same situation some day.

Andrew Pearl, Browns Mills – 1. Advised that he has major health issues and these volunteers take him to the hospital a lot. He noted having been through Lourdes before and their hospitals treat one like meat wagons and paying \$600 to go right to their hospital is ridiculous and does not understand that those that are doing it for free and treat one with respect why they want to let Lourdes get a monopoly in this area and questioned if someone is getting a kick back. President Scull explained there is no money involved.

Ana Feliciano, Presidential Lakes resident – 1. Resident since 1986 and has no personal relationship with the members of the Fire Department or EMTs. She advised that on November 26th, 2010 she and her family had the unfortunate need to request an ambulance to come to her home. She advised that her brother had been suffering from what seemed to be a seizure, had been battling brain cancer for five years at that point and they were told the ambulance would be there as soon as possible. She advised that this was at 4 o'clock in the morning when she called and had expected 5-10 minutes for someone to arrive at the house, noting from previous experiences where the members of the volunteers groups had been there, knew the home and the family and never took 10 minutes to arrive. However, on this particular instance it was 4:35 before the ambulance from Lourdes to arrive and she had kept calling dispatch who told her they were coming from Deborah. When they arrived she had asked what had taken them so long and they told her they could not find the house because they were not familiar with the area. She advised that when they examined her brother they found that whatever was happening to him was beyond their capabilities so she told them to get on the radio and get someone from Virtua. The paramedics from Virtua arrived just under 14 minutes and right away they knew what to do, administered oxygen, prepped him and took him down and he was to travel in the Lourdes ambulance. The paramedic told the ambulance driver to follow him. She noted her mother was in the ambulance with him and she was in her personal vehicle following them. She advised that somewhere along route the ambulance got lost again. Her mother was attempting to direct them where to go and he told her that they have to follow what the GPS tells them which is their requirement. She advised that when they finally arrived at almost 5:30 in the morning to Virtua the paramedics once her brother was in, they went out and ripped into them because it was absolutely unacceptable. She shared that unfortunately her brother passed away six days later, his systems were shutting down because his brain tumor was beyond anything that could have been done. She advised that the pain that he suffered during the additional 35 minutes for these people to arrive is unforgivable. The reason she came here was that she had heard that perhaps Lourdes would taking over for the services that they already have and for her to have them take over when they had such excellent services, regardless of how much money or no money they were paying it is just something that can not be done. It is something that Council can not allow to happen.

Ruby Dorough – 1. As a member of the squad for over 15 years she can't

believe that they could even consider merging or closing an organization that has carried this Township for 75 years. She questioned where the others have been and where they are going. She noted that they know where Browns Mills is and they are going to stay there. She noted that attempting to merge is like putting two women in one kitchen; they can't make it. She advised that they have an organization that has been working and has worked for 75 years and questioned why they would try to destroy it and should be working on trying to keep it there. In regards to talk of moving the ambulances she questioned where they are going to put them, noting that is more expenses they are incurring. She advocated for the organization and expressed that "if it isn't broken, don't try to fix it".

Jean Coffield, Arney's Mt. Road – 1. Noted that she just found out yesterday after receiving the flyer that their emergency squad was closed down and wants Council to know that they had another doctor that came out of that emergency squad that was closed down. Her nephew worked there as a volunteer and finishes his residency this June. She expressed that it is not a lot of money for them to pay to have these squads with people that are doing it because they love people and it is sad to see them close.

Dolores Edgehill – 1. Noted that she shares the same complaint as Ruby Dorough in that they are going to close down the ambulances for Pemberton and questioned where they are going to go if they need an ambulance, all the way to Presidential Lakes or Country Lakes. She expressed that they are here and they are supposed to get convenience for everyone. She noted that everyone is not 20 and 30 years old, everyone is older and full of people in her area. She questioned how they could put that aside and put whatever they want in. She noted they are paying taxes and doing things here so if they are going to do that the President must be telling that he's going to be President of this whole place because that is the only way they can do that. She relayed they can't do that; they can't take something from one place and put it another place and think they are going to get everything done. She expressed they need their ambulances and asked that they not take them away from them. She noted that they have only one ambulance to go around for them in their area and asked them to leave it alone and do not put their foot in it because her mouth is very big, when she is ready and she does say things. She shared that she has lived 45 years in Lake Valley Acres and knows all the things that go around and does not get into it but when things start to happen she puts her foot down on that.

Tony Miehle – 1. Noted living in the Township since 1991 and came here because he was stationed in McGuire during Desert Storm and was commuting from his home town of Jackson and really came to love this community. He came to this place from a position of service already because he served in the Air Force. While living here he was invited to join the Browns Mills Emergency Squad and served this community in that respect for about 5-6 years. He expressed that this is an extremely emotionally charged issue as they can tell from the number of people who are out here and from what he has been hearing he has not heard anyone that was in favor of merging the squad with the fire department. However he has heard that a lot of people who serve their volunteer spirit are being squashed. He stated that if they have an emergency squad and they have a bunch of people that are going to serve as EMTs and then take away their ambulances and their ability for them to serve in the way that they are trying to serve the community he questioned how long they will have them as servants, noting that they are going to go away. He expressed that now they will

become fully dependent on a paid service. He proposed that when they go from getting something for nothing and have to pay for it, it may be a zero fee contract but it's an increase in taxes to those people who have to pay that bill. They have uncounted volunteer man hours and there are a lot of rumors going around this and he did reach out to the Mayor's office to try to get some input on this. He noted the previous commenter that spoke of the increase in her homeowners' insurance and if that comes to be it is an increase in taxes on that person. It may not be a tax that goes to the Township but if there is something that can be done to keep these fire departments and squads in place they should. He noted that people join to serve the way they want to serve and the cost savings that's being talked about he is not buying it. He noted having sat here during budget hearings when Clare Wadsworth offered places to cut the budget one right after another and each one of her suggestions was told to be insignificant. He noted to Mr. Cartier what his statistics professor told him which was that statistics is the art of learning to lie with numbers. He expressed that there is an awful lot of ill will in this room that he is feeling in this room because of this issue and does not know if the ill will is worth it for those people that are sitting in elected positions. He expressed that one does not have to be a paid person to be a professional, noting that sometimes one just does what is right for no reason other than the fact that it is right regardless of the fact that it may cost a little bit more.

Yvonne Burrows-Coats, Pemberton, Lake Valley – 1. Asked if the Mayor would like to say anything about a question that Mr. Allen asked him earlier. The Mayor noted that he could dispute just about everything that was said tonight if they want him to go into the truth, however, he believes that Yvonne's question is the only thing that is pertinent here right now that they should entertain. He noted that they will receive an email she is at the top of his list noting that she asked the same question that Mr. Cartier did and at that time he did not know if he could give it out because he had received it from the Communications Center. He also informed her that he was negotiating a potential contract at that time and did not want to get involved in that, however Friday night they will have all the information they will need, and she will get her information this evening. He noted the other issue at hand is that there will be information at the Lake Valley Civic Association meeting on her concerns for her area on Friday evening from Lourdes that provides primary service to her area. She noted that all of this conversation was going back to Mr. Allen's question of whether there were any members of the public who asked for the same statistics. She advised that she informed the Mayor a couple of months ago that she is a corporate CPA and asked for the numbers and asked for it on a number of occasions and it was not permitted to be given to her for whatever reason. She appreciates the Mayor coming forward with that and stated that Lake Valley is built on the back of veterans and it seems that he is throwing them out to the wind. She reiterated what she stated to him a couple of months ago in that a lot of her generation has moved away and for some reason had to find their way back. She noted her personal reason is that her father suffers from Alzheimers and she still has a house in Georgia but her priority is here with her parents. She expressed that the majority of Pemberton Township are the veterans who helped build up the area and they will be the ones that need the ambulance service that they no longer have. She noted that their profits and loss are looking pretty good since they took off \$25,000 but Lourdes will be charging the veterans who are on fixed incomes who are losing their houses. She expressed that they are having one person look good as opposed to how many residents.

Richard Prickett, Pemberton – 1. He expressed that the biggest asset and greatest cost savings to Pemberton residents are the men and women that devote their many hours during their time of need. He noted Browns Mills Emergency Squad being in existence for 70 years and these men and women have served their in one big family and it's important to have family because family recruits family members into the family. He noted that if they don't have this continuing tradition of first aid family then they loose that interest and that feeling of contributing to their community. He expressed they need to realize this is where the savings is. He asked they have really looked at the savings in consolidation and the whole gamut of possibilities here. He asked if Browns Mills Emergency Squad is assimilated into the fire department are they going to have greater litigation costs, or greater risks and this is a road they are traveling towards paid service, not non-profit." He advised that a few years ago Administration brought before the Council the proposal to have paid emergency squad through the Township. He noted that the question was asked if that was going to increase their litigation, what is was going to do for the good Samaritan act and questioned if its really going to be a savings in the end. He recalled many nights sitting in closed session when Council dealt with parties that have expressed that they have been injured by the Township in one way or another. He relayed that if they have a paid emergency squad it is their paid emergency squad and not a non-profit and questioned if it would really be a savings. He acknowledged that they are not there yet and that this ordinance basically says that it's not a cost but he believes that some day that is the direction they are moving in or at least the Mayor is moving to is to have paid emergency squads. He reiterated that they need to keep the volunteers that have a family that bring people into the system. He expressed that volunteerism is a culture and he does not think they should extinguish it by bringing that culture into big government and loosing the family. Mrs. Scull asked him when he's talking about the paid services if he's talking about when they were discussing having somebody that would send a bill to the insurance for their free ambulances and they would just take that money because she does not recall them discussing paying the EMS services. Mr. Prickett he noted it was in-house, third party billing, and all those things have legal consequences and the discussion took place during a budget meeting years ago. He noted that if he remembers correctly he asked Administration to get information of the risk and they only heard that the proposal was withdrawn. President Scull agreed that they had talked about it but it was not for paying the volunteers but to help fund the ambulances. Mr. Prickett relayed that it was to fund the government, the Township, in one way or another but he does not know what the Township would have done with the money. President Scull reiterated that they were talking about funding their ambulances.

America Phillips, Presidential Lakes – 1. Thanked all of those here helping them. She noted that she has lived here since 1979 and prior to purchasing her house her insurance company asked, before they could approve the loan, where the nearest fire company and fire hydrant. She noted having told them the fire hydrant was a block away from her home but they do not have fire hydrants in Presidential Lakes. She noted that the Mayor previously stated that he does not close fire houses but rather they close themselves and this was in reference to Magnolia Road. She posed a question to the Mayor that as a tax payer and resident its there duty to protect the residents and asked what he is going to do with Presidential Lakes in case they close them down because she has to notify her home insurance. The Mayor assured that Administration has no intention of closing down Presidential Lakes Fire House. She expressed hope that he keeps

his word and she has plenty of witnesses. She noted that they took their good fire truck and brought in a junk fire truck. She shared that she has been a fire fighter for 14 years and knows what they are going through and when she retired from the state she became a fire police officer and part of the Ladies' Auxiliary and when many people ask about an ambulance she tells them they don't have an ambulance in Presidential Lakes. She expressed not being pleased with the removal of the ambulance from Presidential Lakes noting that it does not belong to Administration but rather to the residents of Presidential Lakes. She stated it was a commitment the Township made when they build the development. She urged everyone to keep fighting to bring the ambulance back. She commented on Presidential Lakes being the top responder and on seniors paying the taxes. She also asked if the parents of all those schools were notified of what has happened.

Lisa Dries – 1. She noted she is a resident of Presidential Lakes and is also here as a family member of a volunteer and grew up with volunteerism all her life. She stated that they have been on the giving end fire fighting and emergency services and the receiving end. She advised that her father has been and EMS provider, a fire fighter, fire police, member of numerous fire fighter organizations. She recalled as a teenager a neighbor banging on their door in the middle of the night because they knew her father was a member of the Presidential Lakes Fire and Rescue Squad because their heater blew up and they had two young children and pets. She advised that it was her dad that went in before anyone else got there to make sure that everyone was out and their dog was out. She commented on his helping neighbors, missed dinners and family events. She expressed that if they close down these fire companies and take away ambulances Presidential Lakes is a minimum 15 minute drive from Browns Mills from wherever there is an ambulance and it does not include the time that it takes to get to the ambulance. She noted that if someone is having a heart attack it takes a minimum of 30 minutes just to get there since they took their ambulance away from them. She expressed that when someone's life is on the line, minutes mean a lot.

Albert Hopkins, Country Lakes – 1. He noted that he came here this evening with an open mind noting that he sits on that side of the table on the Zoning Board for a little over the last 20 years and have been involved in a lot of volunteer things over that time. He expressed understanding how the Township is growing and the unique problems that the Township faces. He noted looking at the ordinance and the things going on. He acknowledged not being qualified to talk about what the emergency services needs are or what the fire departments needs are. He stated that the Mayor is sitting there looking at something with constraints understanding how he has to operate within the budget and the fiscal responsibility. He noted that Council is sitting there looking at those same things and they are fighting budgets and they know as well as he does how difficult it is to make the ends meet. He expressed wanting to point out that with an open mind they could have their mind swayed either way in the process of doing it but the one thing he knows when looking at all the people in the room tonight is that "movers and shakers" that need to look at the fire and emergency services along with the Council and the Mayor are here tonight. He suggested listening to the comments because this is an extremely emotional issue and they can find a pro and con for everything that goes on and what has been said here this evening. He has heard talk of personalities and he and President Scull has agreed to disagree on many issues many times. He noted that what they have here tonight is a lot of

people that will have a lot of things that they will have to agree to disagree on. However they should really to look at what is the best position that the Township needs. He suggested that they should table the ordinance, get the “movers and shakers”, get a sub-committee together from the Council, and let the Mayor and the Business Administrator sit with the people from the emergency squads and come up with what the best solution for the Township is.

Darius Mosley, Resident and Chief of Pemberton First Aid and Rescue Squad – 1. Expressed wanting to come here to support 189 and let them know that even though they are shut down they are still here for them. He hopes that since they are showing resistance to this ordinance that they don't meet the same fate as they have. He does not think its fair and speaking on behalf of his squad he expressed that they could have just not given them any money and let them keep the ambulance and give them some fuel and they could go back to doing what they were doing. He suggested that they could consider giving the ambulance back and giving them some fuel so they can go back to operating as they were.

There being no other members of the public wishing to comment on Ordinance No. 8-2013, the meeting was closed to public comments on the ordinance.

At this time President Scull recessed the meeting for a five minute break and reconvened the meeting upon their return.

President Scull asked the Mayor to give them the information on the ordinance and explain why he presented it for approval.

The Mayor advised that they presented it because they believe it's the right thing to do. He believes it's more efficient and that the consolidation is in the best interests of the Township. He noted hearing a lot of misrepresented comments this evening in regards to how fire and ems can't mix, convert or consolidate when they had that here for numerous years in the past and it is a very common thing in the industry and done throughout the County and the Country. One of the largest organization in the country currently does it successfully and it does work and there is data that leads to consolidating services for efficiency and they believe that if they move an ambulance one block away from a Emergency Squad Building to a Fire House and if volunteers volunteer there is nothing in this ordinance that would prevent anyone from providing services that they currently provide. The services are still available to the residents through this ordinance. He reiterated they are looking for efficiency and a better command structure which they currently don't have in their emergency services system now as it stands. He noted that Mr. Gonzalez was very instrumental in negotiating as they have for quite some time with all the organizations involved and what they have heard that they are not negotiating that is not true. He noted they have heard that they took the ambulance from Presidential Lakes but clarified it was Presidential Lakes that suggested that they stop the service out there because they stated they could no longer provide the service to the residents out there. He commented that if the President is going to allow the audience to heckle him then he is quite through. President Scull apologized and noted to the audience to cease. Mr. Gonzalez noted that the primary thing he wants to express is that they have heard some folks that have expressed fear and concern that services are being eliminated and some are perpetrating that in the community. He assured that services are not being eliminated, services are being

enhanced, organized better and no one is reducing services or closing down another fire house. He advised that Lourdes, already is the primary EMS provider in the Township and what they are proposing is to enhance that and he hopes that people are not scared because they are being told things that are just not true.

Mrs. Stinney noted there were a lot of things that was said here this evening and noted that none of the Council members sit here with a deaf ear. They all listened. She noted that when 199 came forward her theory was not to vote to close down 199. She advised that she would not put \$25,000 on a life. She noted one gentleman speaking of his granddaughter being in an accident and there were three, maybe four areas that had need of an ambulance at that time. She suggested that if she is parked out in front of 189 and they have to be third out and there is a brain trauma, they still have to be third out 24/7. She shared that her only daughter, an RN out of Grand Rapids Michigan and her husband is a doctor, was on her way on January 19th to do a seminar in Michigan when she slid on a patch of ice and the SUV that she was driving hit a tree and her brain shifted. She noted that had it not been for a volunteer as told by a doctor the next day when she flew out to Michigan, that she only had five days to live had it not been for that volunteer she would not be here to this day. She expressed that the importance of getting to a scene not knowing how traumatic it could be for that person is very important. She stated whether they got to the scene for her daughter, she does not know, because to this day she can't talk, she is unable to walk, she is in semi-coma and when she talks with her on the phone they tell her that her response is like she moves and understands and knows who she is. She expressed knowing the importance of getting there as soon as possible and third or second out would mean bit of difference to her. She stated that if there was an accident out in front of Browns Mills and they are third out she questioned who they would take. She declared that she did not support this from the very beginning. She didn't understand the point of putting a notice on the door of an emergency squad that was going to be closed anyway on April 1st. She thanked God there were no accidents that they had to respond to during that one week that they were to be closed down. She expressed that with this form of government the Mayor has the decision and he told the public how they operate. Council makes the law and he makes the day to day decisions. She expressed thankfulness to have the opportunity to vote no tonight.

President Scull asked that when Council first passed the fire ordinance a few years ago she thought there was a committee that was supposed to reconvene if they were going to redo this ordinance. She noted there had been a committee that worked together on the first one. She also asked Mr. Gonzalez when EMS was added to this ordinance because there are only a few mentions of EMS in the ordinance. Mr. Gonzalez expressed not understanding her question. President Scull asked if the ordinance was being written to include EMS all along as she knew about the consolidated fire services but not the EMS and asked if the EMS was a recent addition such as right after the closing of 199. Mr. Gonzalez advised that it was there when he first wrote it. President Scull expressed thought that this was being worked on by the Fire Department. Mr. Gonzalez clarified that he wrote it but had discussions with fire personnel but it was he that wrote the first draft and sent it over to Mr. Bayer. She expressed that she has made it very clear about how she feels about loosing ambulance service on the other side of town. She apologized for facial expressions she had made up here but it had nothing to do with the comments being heard but rather with her

frustration that once again she is in a situation where communication did not happen, where people were thinking it was the Council's fault and that Council could do something about this. She noted that if everyone had been to the table from the beginning they may have been able to work through it without it becoming such a hot topic in the community. She advised that she is not opposed to their fire companies becoming one fire department, nor to that consolidation and is not even sure if it's a good thing for EMS to be involved. She expressed that what bothers her is that there should have been more conversation with the people involved and where an educated well informed decision could be made. She stated that she can not support anything. She explained that they need to understand with this form of government that she wants to give 199 and Browns Mills a contract, they may have five members of Council that want to do that but without the Mayor authorizing a contract the Council has no power to help them. She reiterated that it's the same thing that has happened in the past but the Council is in charge of the ordinances however and as long as they are leaving half of their community without ambulance service she can't support this. She expressed also being very concerned over comments many of the public has made that she has made over the past two or three meetings in reference to Lourdes. She acknowledged that Lourdes does a fine job and shared her experiences with them and supports the volunteers and their spirit and thanked them all for what they continue to do. She noted they can not afford a paid service and does not think that is the Mayor's intention noting they have asked him publicly in the past because people keep saying he is going to build a fire house next door. She expressed that personalities should be left out of these decisions and she asked the Mayor to try and resolve these issues before it comes to Council and feels there should be better communication and she can not vote for anything that takes away ambulance service away from half of their district.

President Scull asked Council if they have a motion on this. She noted they needed a motion to either adopt the ordinance or remove from the table. Mr. Cartier stated it would die for a lack of action. She questioned if it dies whether they have to bring it back up again, and was told no. Mrs. Cosnoski stated it would be the same circumstance as with Ord. 7-2013. Mr. Cartier respectfully disagreed noting that the previous ordinance was tabled, this ordinance has not been tabled and it has not been moved for adoption. After discussion Mr. Bayer agreed that the ordinance would be defeated if there is a lack of action by Council. President Scull asked Council again if there is any movement or motion from Council on this ordinance. She announced that hearing none they would move on to the next item on the agenda. Mrs. Stinney asked so that the public could be aware exactly what took place as some may or may not, could they explain to the public what just took place. Mr. Bayer stated that to move on a vote they would need a motion, and there was no motion so the ordinance has died. President Scull expressed that this however does not solve the issue of their EMS having contracts and she expressed hope that the Mayor and Administrator would go back to the table and try to make sure that their community is protected by ambulance service where they are not going to have to worry about whether or not Lourdes is zero cost to them right now, but next year when they don't have the ambulances it may very well be \$100,000 they decide to charge the community.

Review and/or discussion of Bond Ordinance for financing the purchase of various public works equipment such as conveyor track paver, vibratory primary

roller, vibratory finish roller, asphalt zipper; 20 ton Beaver Tail Trailer, CX excavator, tri-axle dump truck, 650 series slim track bull dozer, front end loader bucket and Vermeer HG 4000 horizontal grinder, in an estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes of \$950,000.00.

President Scull asked why the Township went out of the road building business in the past. Mr. Cartier commented on not knowing they ever did. Mr. Cartier stated he did not have any questions or comments, noting that this goes along with the Mayor's proposal during budget hearings and he thought it was a good idea then. Mr. Allen expressed that it seems like a long term investment. President Scull expressed having thought it was a good idea and had been looking at equipment and talking with people at the League of Municipalities and had brought it up perhaps 4-5 years ago. However she has had people in the Community, because the way things are now, it may not be a good idea. Mr. Cartier asked if she meant the economy to which she replied, the economy, the way machines break down and the need for people to know how to get them restarted. Mr. Cartier advised that most construction companies have mechanics that are specialized in those types of things. She expressed concern if the Township has those specialized in this and that has worked on road crews before. Mr. Cartier asked if the Township's mechanics are qualified in fixing these types of equipment or is this something that would have to be outsourced. The Mayor advised it would depend on what type of breakdown had occurred and some of the type of equipment they already do in-house work on such as loaders, graders, rollers, etc. but some of the work that is performed on some of the equipment does have to go out to sub-contractors. Mr. Allen asked if there will be training for employees to operate these type of machinery. The Mayor confirmed there would. Mrs. Stinney noted her belief that this plan is good and asked what happens with the jobs the current employees do now when they leave for training and when they start the road projects. The Mayor advised they will look at what they are currently doing and what still needs to be done and also look at the cost savings involved and how extensive they are and whether at that point it would be worth bringing in additional help whether it be hiring people or bringing in temp services for certain tasks that they do. Mrs. Stinney noted that during the summer they were doing pavements out in Lake Valley, trees, sidewalks and doing a great job on those sorts of things and she wondered how those jobs would be replaced while employees are trained to do such a needed task for the road program. She also asked if job descriptions will change or if job titles will need to change. The Mayor advised that laborers, truck drivers, equipment operators are the general titles that they have and they all apply to this type of work. Mr. Cartier asked if there will be the necessity for new hires. Mr. Gonzalez expressed belief there would not be the necessity for new hires, but he believes what the Mayor was suggesting was that if they come upon a situation where they want to be able to do both the additional certain number of streets and there are other things that are less intensive and require less skills they always have the option of hiring seasonals to do specific items such as they do for leaf collection. Mr. Cartier if the employees will be doing this which they do not do now what won't they be doing when they are doing roads. Mr. Gonzalez explained that what the Mayor is saying is that there is a long list of things that the employees handle and administratively they have to make some choices as to what the priorities are at any given time. He noted some of their employees will be finishing up the great deal of work they were doing at the BMIA, and there are other projects they want them to do in-house and this happens to be one of them. He reiterated that there will be choices that will be made but there is not

any one specific service that they are going to cut out. They will figure out how to get it all done. President Scull expressed wanting to ensure that employees are working within their job titles as it seems to her that they will need more heavy equipment operators because this is quite a bit of equipment they are looking at. She noted that she does not want to see them hire temporary employees that seem to work for 6-8 months which is like keeping their employees or residents out of work. She noted if they need to hire people they need to ensure that it is in the budget and they have sufficient staff. She advised that they have cut positions over the last few years, they have not replaced people and they want to ensure that the staffing is adequate and the residents do not lose services. There was Council consensus to list it for introduction at the next meeting.

Review and/or discussion of Bond Ordinance for financing for various capital improvements such as acquisition/installation of equipment for the Police Department including but not limited to police vehicles, computers and scanners, acquisition/installation of equipment for Public Works including but not limited to mowers, trailers, generators and improvements to the Public Works garage, and improvements to various roads and drainage throughout the township for an estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes of \$328,000.00.

Mr. Cartier asked what the terms are for the proposed bonds and if they are proposing to permanently finance them later. Mr. Gonzalez said yes noting the terms are not determined until there is actually a sale of the bonds and its out for competition. The Mayor noted this would just be the authorization mechanism which they currently have one in place which he believes is Ord. 17 which reflects the same dollar amount. He explained they are looking to clean that up and re-appropriate those funds into items that they do need now and cancel the other authorization under the other ordinance. President Scull asked from which year Ord. 17 is that he referred to. The Mayor was not sure but believes it may be from 2010. Mr. Gonzalez relayed that their Bond Counsel suggested that they just clean that up and eliminate that and put together a new bond ordinance for this particular purpose noting that most of the money in this ordinance is actually for water main replacements and there are some funds for public works or police items that are needed including the fingerprint machine. President Scull acknowledged also seeing authorization for various roads and drainage improvements which they have a huge problem with all the time. The Mayor clarified that in regards to Mr. Gonzalez's statement in that they are actually looking at another loan that they are doing for the Water Department. In regards to the other ordinance that they had, this was the balance and the projects that were left on the previous ordinance that they are now incorporating into this new ordinance instead of amending the old ordinance so they can re-appropriate funds to their current needs. He noted that the Water Department issue that Mr. Gonzalez brought up is a NJIT they have applied for that will have some extensive improvements for their water system. President Scull asked for a copy of the previous ordinance for their next meeting so they can compare the two. There was Council consensus to list it for introduction at the next meeting.

Review and/or discussion of draft ordinance establishing an energy and natural gas aggregation program.

President Scull commented that this matter was looked into by them previously, a presentation was given by CUC and this allows the Township and residents to save money. She noted there were some concerns about opting out, regarding some people being upset but she believes they will not be upset if they find out they are saving money. Mrs. Stinney attended a meeting Monday night which one of the top issues was the high price of electricity. Mr. Bayer noted having made a report a couple meetings ago. He advised that in terms of how they need to move forward he believes Council needs to delete paragraph 2 because they need to do that separately which it partially indicates who the consultant will be and they have the implication there and they will ultimately have to enter into a contract with the consultant. He noted that is not typically done by ordinance but rather by resolution. He advised that they would need Administration to present CUC's proposed contract to them and they would have to approve it by resolution if they desire. President Scull asked Mr. Gonzalez her belief that he was going to check with the Bridge Commission on what is going on and if they are putting something together also. Mr. Gonzalez advised he has not done so yet but will do so as well as inquire of DCA as to which companies are approved for this type of work. Mr. Bayer noted that he can provide the approved list by BPU. Mr. Gonzalez also noted that they would still be subject to the Pay-to-Play statute which means that it doesn't have to be publicly bid but it has to be put out as an opportunity for people to make proposals and they will review them and bring the best proposal to the Council. Mrs. Stinney noted that during the presentation it was mentioned the possibility of their joining with other communities. Mr. Gonzalez will get more information for them but his sense from this company was that they were trying to get enough communities to be able to have one auction that pertains to all of them. There was Council consensus to list the ordinance for introduction at the next meeting with the Solicitor's revision of removing the reference to the named company.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Scull opened the meeting to general public comments. Those commenting were:

Fred Moorehead – 1. Stated that two days after the Mayor didn't close 199 there was a bus accident on Ft. Dix that took seven ambulances and they were tapped. He advised they were on the apron prepared to respond to Ft. Dix where a six month old child fell about three minutes away from 199 and they were diverted from the bus accident to take care of the baby. He noted there are consequences to actions and he commented to the Mayor that he does not know what lies he told tonight but he was trying to stick with the truth. He advised that he spent 20 years in the Army where your word is your bond and affirmed that he does not stand in public and lie. He acknowledged that he does not know if he himself was accused of lying tonight but he appreciates their positions and their support. He reported meeting with Lourdes this morning in Willingboro and spoke with Denise who is in charged of EMT services at Lourdes Deborah so that they could find out what they could do about getting the power crews back so that they can still count on calls and keep their volunteers occupied, interested, trained and experienced. He relayed that he was told that he needs to talk to the Mayor and Business Administrator to clear the decks so they can do that noting that Lourdes is willing to talk about adding power crews which they are more than willing to do that.

America Phillips, Presidential Lakes – 1. She advised that lately she has seen

more of Code Enforcement in her development and asked if anyone can give her numbers reflecting if they are improving with the vacant homes in her development. Mr. Gonzalez relayed that if they are being asked of the number of vacant homes are in Presidential Lakes or have been registered he would not be able to tell them. He noted the last he heard they were in the neighborhood of 30 or 40 that have been registered and in communication with a couple of companies that own another 40 or 50 with regard to registering. He advised a number of letter have gone out and they have been giving time for compliance and the time is just upon them wherein they will be issuing summonses for the properties that have not complied with the registration requirement. Mr. Cartier asked if those numbers are for Township wide, which was confirmed. 2. She commented on the house next to her and that Administration should have a picture album of all of the people she has seen in that house in just the last 60 days wherein some have been on the roof, some have taken pictures, another walks around and still the blue tarp remains. She relayed that one day individuals went there carrying what appeared to be a coffee pot and after only entering for about five minutes left without what they brought into the house. She noted they continued walking around, nothing was done and then they left. She also relayed that the other day a man with a brand new white pickup truck arrived with a ladder, walked on the roof and then left. She expressed that the only person she has seen working was when a big dump truck arrived late last week or early this week and she knows what they were taking. She advised that she would not be complaining about that house if the Bank or the Administration has been after the owners. She questioned how one would sell a home if it's like a dumpster. She complained of what she has to see everyday when she is in her yard. 3. She noted that on March 22nd she heard a man knocking on her door who stated he was a Township inspector. She questioned what vehicle would Township inspectors use and how many do they have. She advised that he was driving a Pennsylvania Tagged vehicle and got his name, to which Mr. Bayer advised she can't name employees. The Mayor suspected it was not one of the Township's employees and asked Mrs. Phillips if she called the police. Mrs. Phillips advised that she called the Township who stated his name and it was okay to let them in. She expressed that when the Township sends someone to a house to notify the resident. The Mayor advised that she should call the police if she is ever suspicious. The Mayor asked if she recently obtained a permit for anything at her house. She advised that she had. He then advised that this was a third-party inspector they hired from BIU which would have an out of state tag; he is not an employee but rather a contractor and should have had proper ID for his company. Mrs. Phillips reiterated he was wearing a Township badge. Mr. Cartier asked if these are not done by request. She complained about having had to wait two years to inspect her replacement water heater. The Mayor noted that the process requires for the resident to call for the inspection and if they don't they will check their back files and come out to inspect those.

Ray Wells – 1. Thanked Council and the Mayor for the resolution regarding the construction in their Township and noted that anything they can do when speaking with people in high places to help the schools get that approved would be appreciated.

Thomas Maahs, Presidential Lakes – 1. Publicly thanked Mr. Gonzalez regarding an email of a resident in Presidential Lakes and he got right on the situation about a street light that has been down since “Sandy” and it has been repaired. 2. Thanked Mrs. Scull and Mrs. Stinney for being vocal on the ordinance tonight. 3. Clarified that Presidential Lakes never said to take their

ambulance service away, but rather said they could reduce their budget and originally agreed to a 50% reduction. But when they were going to come get more money and take their ambulance Presidential Lakes was smart enough to take what they needed off the ambulance and bring the ambulance back to the Township, but they never said to take their ambulance.

There being no other members of the public indicating a desire to be heard, the meeting was closed to the public for general comments.

Solicitor's report

Mr. Bayer noted he had nothing to report for open session.

Engineer's report

Mrs. Willis reported: **1.** She reminded that at the last meeting Mr. Rehmann had brought up the potential resolution from the Council to Burlington County regarding Broadway and the concerns of the resident. She advised that the next morning she followed up another letter to the Burlington County to let them know that this resolution would be forthcoming. She noted that she received a report from them noting that they did do traffic counts and looked into the resident's request for a left turn lane at the Library as well as potential speed humps in the area. The County advised that they are looking to putting a no passing on the shoulder because at this point the amount of traffic doesn't warrant a left turn lane. She also noted that if they were to have put it in she has the plan that reflects the amount of right of way they would have to extend into this person's property which happens to be approximately 25 feet in order to add the turn lane and meet the requirements of the shoulder, sidewalk easement and all items that would have been necessary. The County also advised that the installation of speed humps at this location on a County road is not permitted under the New Jersey Motor Vehicles statutes. President Scull asked Administration if they have that resident's contact information so they can let him know what has happened. Mrs. Willis advised she had it. Mr. Cartier asked how they can say that about the speed humps when they are installed in the borough and in Mt. Holly. Mrs. Willis does not know to which Mr. Cartier asked her to reach back out to them and ask about that. The Mayor commented suspecting they are using the raised walk way as a speed hump. Discussion continued regarding that and she advised that she will follow up with them. **2.** She received preliminary feed back for the Country Lakes review so the plans are under review with Dam Safety.

Mayor's and/or Business Administrator's report

Mayor Patriarca asked Council where the ordinance committee is with the building facility use ordinance because they are kind of in a dilemma as they have no mechanism to rent buildings currently. President Scull asked how they have rented in the past. Mayor explained that it has been done incorrectly in the past and Mr. Gonzalez has been bringing forth issues that need proper authorization. President Scull advised they will have it here for the next agenda.

President Scull asked about the sidewalk grant noting they have not seen anything about it. The Mayor asked if she was referring to the Small Cities grant that was proposed to do work that the trust did. He advised that the Community Development Director suggested that they do sidewalks and that grant has been

awarded to them for \$400,000 for Browns Mills. He advised that when that grant was written it was written to piggy back another grant they applied for (the Transportation Enhancement grant) which is for \$900,000. He advised he just met with one of the Assistants at DOT to go over that grant. He noted they have not awarded that grant yet and suspects that is not going to happen. President Scull expressed that is because they have not done anything with the \$400,000. The Mayor disagreed that is not the case. He explained that the sidewalk grant they applied for and received was for curb cuts, which is at the end of a sidewalk for handicap, ADA accessibility. He noted the other grant was for the sidewalk enhancements which were to fill the gaps and there is no sense to putting handicap access to dirt if they can't get the sidewalk grant. They have identified some areas that they can start on in the business district. He further explained the project and process. Mrs. Stinney asked that she thought they were going to use the grant for just the re-development of down town, not at Evergreen, etc. Mr. Cartier noted having brought up Evergreen questioning why apply for Evergreen since there are no sidewalks there. The Mayor advised it started when Mrs. Stinney and Mrs. Scull coming to Administration with this grant that they had heard of and it was suggested that they could use this grant to restore the train station. Mrs. Scull and Mrs. Stinney disagreed. Mrs. Stinney noted the \$400,000 grant was for the sidewalks. Mayor explained the second grant applied for when they knew there were not enough curbs in the down town for the curb cuts. Mrs. Stinney then asked about the Burger King sign to which the Mayor advised they were going to have the Zoning Officer issue a violation although he has been advised that the signs are on back order. Mrs. Stinney asked Administration about a teacher that works with K-9 dogs and if there was a vacant building that the Township has a vacant building where they would be able to share with the other areas where the dogs could be trained at. The Mayor advised that they do not have any vacant buildings to offer for training.

Council Members' Comments.

Norma Trueblood – 1. Thanked everyone for coming out and everyone that shared with them, their concerns were all valid and taken.

Diane Stinney – 1. Thanked everyone for coming and their concerns and voicing their opinions.

Sherry Scull – 1. Announced that next Wednesday they will be having a Senior Citizens Prom which this year's theme is Western. She advised that the PTEA with the students at the schools will be participating. **2.** Announced that Community Day will be held on May 11th at Stackhouse and Harker Wyle. **3.** Advised that May 13th is the Veteran's program at the High School. **4.** Noted that April 20th is the Grand Reopening of the BMIA Building from 11am-2pm. **5.** Thanked everyone for coming out and sharing their concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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