

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON
REGULAR MEETING**

June 17, 2015

6:30 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE

Township Clerk Amy Cosnoski 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

Norma Trueblood
Diane Stinney
Sherry Scull
Letha Jackson

ABSENT

Jason Allen

Council came to a consensus that Councilwoman Scull would be the temporary Chair of the meeting this evening in absence of Council President Allen.

Also present: Mayor David A. Patriarca, Business Administrator Dennis Gonzalez, Solicitor Andrew Bayer, and Township Clerk Amy P. Cosnoski.

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Council President Scull called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 135-2015 Authorizes Council to go into Closed Session.

Stuart vs. Pemberton Township

Motion by Trueblood and Stinney to adopt Resolution 135-2015. Trueblood, yes; Stinney, yes; Jackson, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

Acting Council President Scull recessed the open meeting at approximately 6:32 p.m. to go into Closed Session and reconvened the open meeting at approximately 7:00p.m.

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

Acting Council President Scull announced there would be no formal action pursuant to Closed.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Acting Council President Scull opened the meeting to the public for comments on the Consent Agenda.

Clare Wadsworth, Browns Mills - 1. Questioned Resolution 138-2015 and 139-2015 and asked what the associated costs were. Mr. Gonzalez advised that the only cost to the Township will be \$15.00 per line item and we will also generate \$25.00 per line item in notice fees and full cost is born by the purchasers of the tax sale certificates. **2.** Questioned Resolution 145-2015 and if the cost was under \$2,000 since it was not under Purchases over \$2000. Acting Council President Scull stated that the cost is up to \$446,000. Ms. Wadsworth asked why this did not have to be with Purchases over \$2000. Mr. Bayer noted it was being approved through a separate resolution. **3.** Questioned Resolution 143-2015 and if the Township received any refund for good performance. Mr. Gonzalez advised that dividends do not happen until after year 6 of being in the JIF and advised on reasons, noting the Township has only been in the JIF for 3 years and there has been only slight increases over those years and expects the price to go down in 2016.

Anne Quinn, Country Lakes - 1. Questioned Resolution 145-2015 and where the money is coming from. Mr. Gonzalez noted that it is contingent upon the adoption of the Bond Ordinance and if it is not passed then the purchase does not happen. Acting Council President Scull asked if any money is available for the asphalt. Mr. Gonzalez noted there is approximately \$100,000 left.

Jack Tompkins, Pemberton - 1. Asked if the \$2 million dollar purchase for Recreation equipment was a typo. It was noted by the Township Clerk that this was a typo and added that also under Purchases over \$2,000 the Tax Assessor was requesting the purchase of 3 computers not 2 as stated which was her error and the price quoted is correct for 3 computers. Acting Council President Scull asked for the correct cost of the Recreation Department request and it was noted that it was \$20,417.43.

Seeing no other residents wishing to be heard, Acting Council President Scull closed the meeting to the public.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES FILED BY CLERK

Regular Meeting, June3, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

- 136-2015 Accepts funds from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety in the amount of \$3,500 from the 2014/2015 Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund.
- 137-2015 Requests Permission from Division of Local Government Services for insertion of special item of revenue, 2014/2015 Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund in the amount of \$3,500.
- 138-2015 Authorizes an agreement with ROK Industries Inc. D/B/A/ NJTAXLIENINVESTOR.COM for internet-based electronic processing of bid information related to the auction sale of Pemberton Township's Tax Lien Certificates.
- 139-2015 Authorizes the Tax Collector to submit an application to the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services to participate in the Electronic Tax Sale Program.
- 140-2015 Authorizes cancellation of property taxes on property qualifying for a Veterans Property Tax Exemption on Block 625, Lot 10 for Eden.
- 141-2015 Authorizes the submission of a request for a declaration judgment to the Burlington County Judiciary, Honorable Judge Ronald Bookbinder, to request protection from Builder's Remedy Lawsuits while Township works to comply with recent Supreme Court decision of COAH (M-392 September Term 2014, decided March 10, 2015), and simultaneously to request that the five month plan preparation period begin upon the Court's determination of Pemberton Township's Municipal New Construction (prospective) Affordable Housing Obligation.
- 142-2015 Authorizes Change Order #1 and final closeout of the contract awarded to Mount Construction for the Reconstruction of Bayberry Street Dam for a final net decrease of \$73,595.95.
- 143-2015 Authorizes renewal of the Township's membership with the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.
- 144-2015 Authorizes the use of Small Cities Community Development Block Grant fund for housing rehabilitation program in the amount of \$15,455.
- 145-2015 Authorizes the purchase of hot asphalt mix from American Asphalt Company, Inc. under Burlington County Cooperative No. BUCCP-13039.
- 146-2015 Authorizes the 2015 payment pursuant to the agreement with the County of Burlington for 9-1-1 Services pursuant to the Integrated Law Enforcement Computer Project.
- 147-2015 Authorizes Schaefer Pyrotechnics, Inc. to hold fireworks display on Saturday, July 25th with rain date of Sunday, July 26th and authorizes execution of agreement with vendor for the provision of fireworks services, in the amount of \$8,500.00.

BILL LIST

Approval by Council required for payment of vouchers on bill list dated 6/12/2015

NEW BUSINESS

- *a. Purchases over \$2,000
 1. Recreation Department – Purchase of Playground Equipment from Boyce Associates in the amount of \$20, 417.43.00
 2. Finance Department - Purchase renewal of License Trackstar Vehicle GPS, from Wireless Communications and Electronics, in the amount of \$7,110.00.
 3. Tax Assessor Department – Purchase of 2 Computer HP PRO 400 from LookFirst Technology, LLC in the amount of \$2,630.43.
 4. Public Works Department – Purchase of repair service for 1999 Sterling Dump from Johnson & Towers, Inc. in the amount of \$2,597.23.
- *b. NJ State Fireman's Association Membership Applications for Matthew Bowden and Larry Wedemeyer with the Pemberton Township Volunteer Fire Co.
- *c. Social Affair Permit Application (one day liquor license) –
 1. VFW Post 6804, for Independence Day Celebration to be held at their club, 247 Mt. Misery Road, Browns Mills on July 4, 2015 from 12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM
 2. American Legion Eden-Stanley Post 294, for a Pig Roast & Open House to be held at their club, 39 Fort Dix Road, Pemberton on August 8, 2015 from 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM.
 3. American Legion Eden-Stanley Post 294, for an Alex’s Lemonade Stand-Childhood Cancer Fundraiser to be held at their club, 39 Fort Dix Road, Pemberton on August 22, 2015 from 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

Motion by Jackson and Trueblood to approve the Consent Agenda. Jackson; yes; Trueblood, yes; Stinney, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS

- 148-2015 Requests Permission from Division of Local Government Services for insertion of special item of revenue, NJDEP - Clean Communities Grant Program in the amount of \$75,452.49.

Acting Council President Scull asked what this grant is to be used for. Mr. Gonzalez advised that this was the annual recycling tonnage grant and is used for the recycling programs and cleanup throughout the community and some times equipment they present to the Council for purchase. Advised that when the Township receives money after the Budget is done they have to have a resolution to get permission from the DCA to put the money into the budget both as revenue and an expenditure.

Motion by Stinney and Jackson to approves Resolution 148-2015. Stinney, yes; Jackson, yes; Trueblood, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

- 149-2015 Recognition of Dedication of Public Service by Larry Earley.

Acting Council President Scull advised that Mr. Earley could not be at the meeting and wished him a long happy retirement and that Council appreciated his years of service.

Motion by Stinney and Trueblood to approve Resolution 149-2015. Stinney, yes; Trueblood, yes; Jackson, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR ADOPTION

ORDINANCE 11-2015

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,000,000 THEREFORE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES, BONDS, OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON,

COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$950,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.

Acting Council President Scull opened the meeting for public hearing on Ordinance 11-2015.

Jack Tompkins, Pemberton - Noted he has been up twice before to address this and he noticed the pay out on this is not to be less than 8.36 years and it will be \$118,000 per year on our tax burden which he believes is without interest. Commented that he also sees that (2) new SUV's are being purchased for the Police Department and stated that while he supports the Police, he wants to know why we are purchasing these vehicles if we are short officers. Stated that we are going \$1 million dollars in debt and at the last Council meeting approved acquiring the Presidential Lakes Firehouse which needs severe repairs and money was not budgeted for this. Add that Council might want to consider that when passing this ordinance. Noted he would rather have the fire station operational versus buying dump trucks and police cars. Stated he does not see how Council can approve this ordinance. Commented that they pass a budget and allocate money and then Administration spends it however they want. Advised he is strongly against this ordinance and thinks it should have been budgeted for or put on the election for the voters to approve or disapprove.

Clare Wadsworth, Browns Mills - Noted that Mr. Tompkins made a very good point on the increase in payments over the next 8 years which equals another 1.5 cent increase not including other tax increases, that is needed due to inflation.

Anne Quinn, Country Lakes – Commented over her uneasiness over this bond and the burden on the taxpayers and they do not see and return and asked the Council not to pass the ordinance.

America Phillips, Presidential Lakes - Stated she is against this ordinance and hopes that Council considers how they are leaving the Township.. Commented on the equipment already purchased and they should do the best with what they already have and the residents should not have to pay for their mistakes.

Richard Prickett, Pemberton - Asked with the \$750,000 the Council is borrowing from Green Acres this year and the proposed bond ordinance tonight, how much will the 2016 debt payments go up. Asked how many years residents will be paying off this bond and how much it will cost them in interest. Noted that in 2009 Pemberton Township sold a bond and it was rated by Moody's as Baa1 which reflects a Township which has a moderately sized tax base, below average wealth levels, a sound financial position with relatively healthy reserves and above average debt burden. Stated he looked online to see what Baa1 said and advised that it was a lower medium grade but investment bond. Stated if our rating gets much lower than this it will not be an investment quality bond. Advised that the definition of Baa1 is adequate capacity to meet financial commitments, however adverse economic conditions are more likely to lead to weakening capacity for the obligator to meet his financial circumstance. Questioned what the current bond rating is and asked if it has gone down and stated that hopefully it has gone up. Noted that if the rating goes down you are required to pay higher interest rates. Added that this information can be obtained online from the Moody's Bond Rating for Pemberton Township. Noted that bonds are the responsibility of the people to pay off in 30 years, and that the kids will be paying this off and asked Council to consider all of these things.

Seeing no other residents wishing to be heard, Acting Council President Scull closed the meeting to the public.

Councilwoman Stinney questioned on putting this on a referendum and asked Mr. Bayer to look into this. Mr. Bayer noted he would have to research this but he

believes you can have a binding and non-bonding ballot question. Stated he has never actually had a municipal client do this. Stated he could have the information at the next meeting. Acting Council President Scull noted that they have not had public votes on any other spending such as the Dams as Council has always voted on it. Councilwoman Jackson noted that Public Works gave a capital request summary which was put online on Monday, which details a lot of the information, explaining the reason for the equipment for the road program and materials and she invited the residents to take a look at it. Stated she hears a lot of residents saying there is nothing positive in Pemberton Township but when the Council tries to move forward they hear, don't do it. Stated she feels they have to move forward to get something done so that they do have something. Questioned the \$100,000 left for the road program. Mayor Patriarca advised on the roads that have been done and the roads that still need to be done. Noted that this is only to authorize the debt and is not putting us \$1 million dollars in deb, explaining that the only debt we would incur at this point is the asphalt that was already approved and that any future expenditures would have to come back before Council for approval, such as the purchase of the trucks or the roller, of which the roller seems to be the big issue. Advised that the Supervisor explained why the roller was needed but they can do without it as that is Council's choice. Councilwoman Jackson questioned Ms. Quinn's comment on Council making a mistake in authorizing the purchase of the wrong equipment and wonders if Council feels they did. Acting Council President Scull stated that she did question it at the time after speaking with contractors who stated they were buying the wrong equipment. Mayor Patriarca explained the only piece of equipment they are looking to purchase outside of the trucks is the roller, which the Supervisor explained the need for. The Mayor then gave the explanation. Noted that they are only looking for the asphalt now. Acting Council President Scull commented on the roller in the report only having a lifespan of 2 years and questioned the grater. Mayor Patriarca advised that this is one of the other rollers and a discussion ensued on the different equipment Public Works has. Acting Council President Scull noted that they usually bond a million dollars a year in road projects when they were only getting a couple of roads done so she has mixed feelings about this. Stated she does not like buying trucks or police cars out of bonds. Mr. Bayer noted when you get to those purchases Council does not have to authorize them. Acting Council President Scull stated yes, but that those will require only 3 votes and this requires 4. Councilwoman Trueblood commended the report prepared by Tom and Phil as it was excellently done and very thorough. Mr. Bayer noted he could partially answer Councilwoman Stinney's question. Advised that one way an ordinance gets to the voters is through initiative and referendum. Stated that if there is a petition submitted within the 20 day period and the Clerk finds there is a sufficient number of voters, the ordinance would not become valid until it goes on the ballot. It was noted there could be a special election or wait until November. If there are enough voter signatures it would go to the ballot and you need 15% of registered voters who voted in the 2013 election. Councilwoman Stinney noted that she is not knocking Public Works as they did a good job on their report, but as she moves through the Township she hears a lot of negative things. Stated she spoke with a woman that works at the prison who is moving to Lumberton. Advised on several negative things she has heard including the empty businesses and homes, and it hurts her heart. Stated she applauds Public Works for wanting to do the roads but they have to look at is this what the residents want. Advised the residents to come out as there are only a few there. Stated she is not saying that their opinion doesn't count but other residents have the same opportunity to come out and express their opinion as well. Wanted to make it perfectly clear and put it on the record that she is not saying the roads shouldn't get fixed. Councilwoman Jackson asked Councilwoman Stinney if she felt that this program was not beneficial. Councilwoman Stinney said no that is not what she was saying as and that she thinks everyone deserves to have their roads fixed and thinks they have done such a wonderful job on the road projects here since they agreed to fix them, but again, likes to hear the voice of the people and that there are only a few people here, not that their voice does not count. Acting Council President Scull noted they have had people stand up and oppose the ordinance but then complain about the roads that are not done and the Council has to juggle these things. Stated that they are elected to do what they think is best for the public and it is not that she doesn't support the road project but she has a problem with the way Council is kept in the dark and not informed about issues nor respected for their opinions. Stated she does support the road project and they brought this in house to save money for the taxpayers and to get more roads done which they are doing. Stated she has a problem with buying equipment and police cars as she thinks it should be in the budget.

Motion by Jackson and Trueblood to adopt Ordinance 11-2015. Jackson, yes; Trueblood, yes; Stinney, no; Scull, no. Motion does not pass.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Bayer reported: 1. No report.

MAYOR'S AND/OR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Patriarca reported: 1. Noted he is disappointed in certain members of this Council that have taken action previously and have not followed through on their actions. Stated he knows that things change but when Administration came to Council with this program they advised what it was about, what the intentions were and what they wanted to accomplish in doing this. Stated that they have met their goals by starting the program and purchasing the equipment and had a very successful year last year. Stated that when they brought the program to Council they explained to them how this commitment was going to work and that it would be a long term commitment. Stated they presented a budget this year and in the budget presented \$50,000 as capital outlay towards the road program. Stated that it was explained to them during the budget process, what the road program was going to produce this year and each and every member voted yes on that budget. No one shot down the capital program but agreed that this was the right way to go and now tonight they shut down the road program. Stated that the questions should have been asked before this evening as the time it will take to get this back up and running will not be enough to get nearly what they projected done.

Acting Council President Scull asked for Administration to take an issue to the Police Chief regarding the heroin problem in our Township. Stated she knows we are short on man power but wants to know what is being done as they have had quite a few deaths due to heroine overdoses and if there is some type of program. Noted she does support the road project and if this had been a bond for \$500,000 for asphalt she would have voted yes but then you need 4 yes's to pass a bond ordinance. Stated that lecturing the Council when the Mayor has consistently and continuously ignored requests from Council to work together and provide them with information. Stated she wants to see the ordinances that have been done in the last 10 years to see if the things that were in the ordinances were actually purchased. Stated that Council approves the money and the purchases and asked if they are really sure that this is where the money has gone. Stated that Council does have a responsibility but so does the Mayor and she feels that the Mayor has let the Council down by not keeping them informed.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Acting Council President Scull opened the meeting to the public for general comments.

Rick Prickett, Pemberton - 1. Noted that he attended all of the budget hearings and the public asked about taking the \$50,000 out. Added that it was never noted exactly what the million dollars was to be used for. Stated that Administration suggested leaving it in the budget and then they could discuss it during the bond hearing, and this is the bond hearing. Questioned what is done with the money that is borrowed. Commented on borrowing a million dollars every year for the road program. Stated that this year they paid a million dollars back through the debt payments and borrowing another would cancel that out. Stated that the roads are important and that there are a lot of important things in this town. Commented on acquiring the building in Presidential Lakes, the work that needs to be done and questioned where the money is coming from. Commented on other projects that are getting done as well. Noted that Council should be looking at the whole picture to get the debt down. Stated they are paying more for work that has been done than for work that is being done. Commented on the debt ceiling and the bond rating and asked Council to check into this to evaluate it for themselves. Commented that the best public comments are the ones that give the public body information to evaluate. Commented on getting a lower bond rating and how hard it would be to borrow more money.

Jack Tompkins, Pemberton - 1. Noted that Councilwoman Stinney taught him to say something nice. Stated he is thankful for the rain. Thanked Council for their vote as he was very surprised. Noted it seems there is always the same few people here and if it was important more people would be here. Stated that

some times coming here he feels like he is wasting his time and knows that other residents feel that way and get frustrated. **2.** Commented he still has speeders on his road and tonight the Chief was here but then left after the closed session meeting which was a slap in his face. Stated he was also unhappy 2 days after the last Council meeting when there was a police officer in front of the school by house and speeders were going by and he did nothing.

Anne Quinn, Country Lakes - 1. Thanked the Council regarding the bind ordinance. **2.** Stated she lives on the corner of Red Feather and Mohawk Trail and her neighbor across the street has been there for 25 years and lost it with only 5 years left on the mortgage. Stated they noticed the Sheriff came to serve him the foreclosure papers and the other day they moved out. Stated that a few days later a guy showed up in an unmarked car looking around the property. The police were called and did come out to take care of it. Stated that the foreclosed homes are not being taken care of and asked for Council to look into this to be sure they are getting registered.

America Phillips, Presidential Lakes - 1. Asked about the millings between Connecticut Road, Florida Road and Tennessee Trail. Stated they are still there and the chemicals are going down into the wells. Mr. Gonzalez advised that he looked into this and was advised by Public Works that there were no millings. Ms. Phillips shared photos with Council and advised she will share these with the DEP if the Township does not address it. Acting Council President Scull advised she will give them to Mr. Gonzalez for review. **2.** Questioned why Tennessee Trail is not on the list for drainage. **3.** Advised that she had made the Mayor aware, two years ago, that there is a disabled child near South Carolina and New Jersey Road, whose grandmother has asked for a speed hump personally and still nothing has been done. **4.** Commented on the firehouse and not having fire services but still paying taxes for this service. **5.** Noted that there are 3 houses on Florida Trail that have raccoons. **6.** Commented on the Police Chief being here to keep the community informed of issues. Acting Council President Scull noted she is hoping that Administration will invite the Chief back to the July meeting. **7.** Thanked the members of Council that voted no to the bond ordinance. Noted that there is nothing in this town and businesses need to be brought in. Stated it seems that instead of going forward we are going backward. **8.** Thanked the Police department for responding to her house after a person called stating they were from the IRS and told her she needed to send them \$500. Stated that if the Police were at the meetings they could advise the public of issues such as this. Acting Council President Scull asked Administration to check with the Police department to see if they had a lot of people with this issue and to put it up on their website.

Joseph Elmendorf, Browns Mills (Ridge Auto Body & Repair) - 1. Commented on the towing ordinance and that this ordinance was to govern the rules for towing. Noted he had documentation from 2 current towers and they are charging too much. Acting Council President Scull asked if he had gone to Administration. Mr. Elmendorf stated he had not but did go to someone affiliated that he did not want to name. Noted he has been pushed away from being a tower and did everything the Township asked them to. Commented on an issue with a customer not being able to pick up their car after it was towed and she was there by 4:15pm and someone, according to the ordinance, is supposed to be there until 6:00pm. Stated that she was overcharged by the tower for leaving the car overnight when that was not her fault. Advised that this was a drivable car and that she had driven the car onto the tow truck. Stated that she was charged a winching charge which is to be included in the towing fee and not an additional charge. Shared pictures of the car with Council. Stated that a clean up fee is to be included in the towing charge as well and no clean up was needed on this car, but she was charged for it. Commented on another tower having an outdated registration and provided pictures of the outdated sticker. Mr. Elmendorf went on to explain other towing issues. Acting Council President Scull asked where to go with this information. Mr. Gonzalez noted that it is the Chief's responsibility to investigate these issues and he will get Mr. Elmendorf's number to give to the Chief. Advised he has spoken with the Chief about other issues as well and the Chief has given him a recommendation of action. Mr. Elmendorf noted that when he originally submitted his package he gave it to the Chief and he was told to deal with Mr. Gonzalez and now Mr. Gonzalez is sending him to the Chief. It was noted that it is a different process. Councilwoman Stinney asked Mr. Bayer to look into the ordinance as they had looked to bring Mr. Elmendorf on as a tower. Mr. Bayer stated that at the time they were asking to bring on another tower before the

RFP time period and that is different as now they are questioning a tower not being in compliance with the ordinance. Mr. Elmendorf noted that both towers are doing the same thing. Commented that they are supposed to have a separate storage for Township Police vehicles and the car he is talking about was parked behind a house next to a pool. Mr. Gonzalez explained the process for investigating the towing companies involving a hearing. Stated that all he wanted was to be put on the towers list. Acting Council President Scull advised that unfortunately the ordinance did not allow for that and asked that he now have a conversation with Chief Jantas.

Clare Wadsworth, Browns Mills - 1. Thanked Councilwomen Scull and Stinney for voting no on the bond ordinance.

Seeing no other residents wishing to be heard, Acting Council President Scull closed the meeting to the public.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Trueblood - Thanked everyone for coming out and advised that the college is now called Rowan College of Burlington County. It is no longer BCC and is a partnership with Rowan College.

Councilwoman Stinney - Commented that on a positive note several residents and Councilwoman Trueblood had commented on the high grass at West Lakeshore and Evergreen Boulevard and it has now been cut and the public are thanking the Township. Commented on receiving an email regarding stray cats in Presidential Lakes. Noted she spoke with Acting Council President Scull about this as they had spoke on this a few years back. Stated the woman feels scared and threatened by her neighbors for making complaints. Stated that the resident advised that there is an empty house at 216 Garden Avenue and cats are going in and out of the window. Councilwoman Trueblood noted that were she lives she sees a lot of stray cats and it is a growing problem if people are feeding them. Acting Council President Scull stated she feels Animal Control should be involved. Amy advised that she would provide Council with her research from 2008 about cat licensing. Councilwoman Stinney commented on a resident being scratched by branches from a house that is abandoned while trying to get their mail and gave the complaint to the Clerk. Wished everyone a good night and thanked them for their comments and for not slamming her opinion. Commented on people coming to the meeting and expressing their opinion and respecting each other's opinions. Thanked all for coming out.

Councilwoman Jackson - Asked for an update on the railing at the Choctaw Dam. Mr. Gonzalez advised in the next few weeks fencing will be up. Asked if it was noted about a disabled child at 210 New Jersey Road and a speed hump and for that to be looked into. Thanked Mr. Tompkins for the positive start. Stated she knows the residents get frustrated and she can assure all that Council does as well. Commented on the back and forth at the meeting not being a good thing and apologized to the residents for witnessing this. Stated they need to set a better example and that is her opinion as it did not look good. Stated it was fine that not all will agree with her vote, but should focus on the facts before us. Thanked everyone for coming out and for their comments and is grateful they for all agreeing to disagree with their decisions. Asked all to be safe until we meet again.

Councilwoman Trueblood - Stated to remember Pemberton High School was graduating the next day.

Acting Council President Scull - Thanked everyone for coming. Stated that graduation for BCIT would be the next day as well as Pemberton Township High School. Noted she is grateful for the 41 years she has worked for the schools and the amount of scholarship money that she has been involved in raising for the kids. Stated that this year they ran into a problem but they will be able to provide 10 scholarships tomorrow night, (6) \$1,000 ones, and (4) \$500 ones as well as the Hall of Fame that provides \$12,000 in scholarships each year for their freshman and sophomore years in college. Stated we have so many deserving students and commented on the good school district we have for the bargain they get for it. Stated they need to do something about the vacant houses as the issue seems to be growing. Commented that negative publicity hurts us when looking to buy houses. Apologized to the public and stated that she tried to maintain her composure but she is not a liar and that was the second time she has been called one. Stated that the public deserves better. Stated she wants it to be extremely clear that she supports the road program that they have begun but also is concerned over the lack of information. Stated that the first 4 years they had the

information and they worked together very well and they miss that relationship. Thanked everyone for coming out.

Clare Wadsworth - Announced that there was an Operation Yellow Ribbon fund raiser at Rita's Water Ice from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on 6/24.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy P. Cosnoski

Amy P. Cosnoski, RMC
Township Clerk