

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON
REGULAR MEETING**

**April 20, 2016
6:30 P.M.**

FLAG SALUTE

Council President Allen 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
Kenneth Cartier
Jack Tompkins
Letha Jackson
Jason Allen

ABSENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

CLOSED SESSION

98-2016 Authorizes Council to go into Closed Session - **Not Adopted**

Council President Allen advised that there would be no Closed Session at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Allen opened the meeting up to general public comments.

Anne Quinn, Country Lakes - 1. Questioned Resolutions 105-2016 and 106-2016 and where the money would be coming from. Council President Allen noted that it is grant money. **2.** Questioned Resolution 101-2016 and what the trust balances were. Councilwoman Jackson explained that these are old trust and escrow accounts that were not claimed. Mr. Gonzalez advised that it is unused trust and escrow accounts for various applications that applicants submit and then is refunded if able to do so but if not, law allows that it become revenue of the Township and goes to surplus. **3.** Questioned the purchase of water meters under New Business. Council President Allen advised that these are residential and are replacements for broken meters. Ms. Quinn asked if this is the responsibility of all residents or just those that have public water. Mayor Patriarca explained the reason for the purchase and that the cost goes against the Water Budget. **4.** Commented that near the Choctaw Dam there is pavement that is busted up and should be fixed by the contractor. Mayor Patriarca stated that the Engineers are working with the contractor to get that fixed. **5.** Commented on issues on Simontown Road where there are potholes that could cause an issue. Mayor Patriarca advised they will look into it.

Troy Fenton, Rattau Village, 2nd Avenue, Pemberton - 1. Commented on drainage issues in his development with water running into his driveway and is now causing a sinkhole with a gully and trees falling down. Stated that the dirt under their concrete pad is eroding away and in danger of collapse. Commented that Phil Sager, from Public Works, went out to look at it and take pictures and advised he would give it to the Mayor, but advised him that because it is private property the Township could not get involved. Passed out photos to Council to review, showing the damage. Mayor Patriarca noted that he did not see the photos but that he did speak with Phil and that they do have a course of action they plan to take and explained what some of the options might be. The Mayor noted that he will speak with Phil about this tomorrow and see where they are with this. Councilman Tompkins noted that there was a home around the corner from them on Estate Road that was getting water damage and ended up abandoning the home because of the damage. Mayor Patriarca advised that the water damage may not be from the Township and asked Mr. Fenton for his number so he could contact him tomorrow. A discussion ensued on the possible options on alleviating the drainage issues.

John Harvis, Pemberton - 1. Commented on Pemberton Township getting some unfavorable press. Questioned the lawsuit going on for Officer Sawyer and the decision

made. Mr. Gonzalez advised that there was no light duty available and that she was afforded all of her rights under State and Federal Law with respect to her disability payments and time off with pay. Mr. Harvis commented on his opinion of the lawsuit and stated that he thinks the Township screwed up. Mr. Bayer advised that the Township's insurance company took control of the matter and the bulk of the payment came from the insurance company, they chose to settle the suit against the wishes of the Township. **2.** Commented on the infighting going on between the Administration and the Police Department and asked why it is going on. Commented that he understands Mr. Gonzalez has been fired from other Townships for similar situations. Mr. Harvis commented on egos getting in the way of the business of the Town and thinks the Administrator should be looked into. Stated he wants them to be aware of the issues and do a better job in the future.

Terry Maldonado, Browns Mills - 1. Commented on the Tax Surveyor comments she made at the March meeting. Stated that Administration showed up at her board meeting on March 24th and made accusations against her about unlawfully representing herself as a school board member. Stated she did not but spoke as a taxpayer. Commented that she did not appreciate certain Administration members coming to her meeting to try and get her on ethics violations when she has the right to speak as a taxpayer.

Bob Pelletier, Pemberton - 1. Asked about the appraisal company and if they have a schedule. Council President Allen advised on the report provided by Administration. Mr. Pelletier questioned how he could find out when they will be in his area. Mr. Gonzalez advised there is possibly some information on the website and he could call the Tax Assessor's office. **2.** Questioned what the insurance company was that settled the lawsuit. Mr. Gonzalez that the Burlington County JIF worked along with the Municipal Access Liability JIF purchased employment practices insurance coverage from a particular company that provides it to all the Municipal JIF's and that is the company that controls the litigation and he believes it to be XL Insurance. **3.** Noted that he worked in government for over 30 years and the military for 2 years and noted that in Federal Service you are not guaranteed light duty and you have to be careful of discrimination. Noted that it is not always easy to accommodate. **4.** Commented on the chickens discussed at the last meeting and seeing the little girl upset in the hallway. Stated he does not see a problem with people having chickens on smaller properties that are fenced in. Stated he would like to see the residents allowed to have chickens. **5.** Commented on the engine braking and noted that he contacted the Mansfield Township non-emergency line about the signs they have regarding this and how that came about but did not get an answer from them. Asked what he could do as a resident to get something started on this. Mr. Bayer noted that Council could look at an ordinance either proposed by the resident or written by the Solicitor. **6.** Commented on New York City changing because they went after situations and cleaned it up. Said to start with the little things and work your way up.

Seeing no other residents wishing to be heard Council President Allen closed this portion of the meeting to the public.

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.

Councilman Tompkins asked to pull Resolutions 100-2016, 105-2016 and 106-2016 and from the Bill List, page 3 under legal, 6-01-20-155-600-271 and page 5 under Fire Company expenses. Councilman Cartier added Resolution 107-2016 and read the title.

Motion by Cartier and Trueblood to add Resolution 107-2016 to the Consent Agenda. Cartier, yes; Trueblood, yes; Tompkins, yes; Jackson, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

***CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

99-2016 Authorizes use of Regional Contribution Agreement Funds for the Emergency Housing Repair Program for Buckley, Block 618, Lot 16 in the total amount of \$8,950.00.

100-2016 *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*

- 101-2016 Authorizes various Trust Balances to Surplus in the total amount of \$11,138.75.
- 102-2016 Authorizes the refunding and/or closing of Grading Escrow Sub-Accounts in the total amount of \$3,255.00.
- 103-2016 Authorizes the refunding and/or closing of Treasurer's Escrow Sub-Accounts in the total amount of \$721.98.
- 104-2016 Authorizes various routine refunds in the total amount of \$70.00.
- 105-2016 *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*
- 106-2016 *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*
- 107-2016 Authorizes the purchase and installation of a new engine for a 12H Caterpillar Road Grader under State Contract #85847 in the amount of \$18,877.19. *Added at the Meeting.*

NEW BUSINESS

*a. Purchases over \$2,000

1. Public Works - for purchase of Accustream Water Meters w/touch pads from HD Waterworks Supply LTD in the amount of \$4,600.00.
2. Recreation & Senior Services – for the purchase of Referee Services, Score Keepers/Time Keepers and trophies for the basketball and soccer programs from Westhampton Recreation in the amount of \$5,254.53.

*** BILL LIST**

Approval by Council required for payment of vouchers on bill list dated 4/15/2015.

Motion by Cartier and Jackson to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.
Cartier, yes; Jackson, yes; Tompkins, yes; Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes.

RESOLUTIONS

- 100-2016 Authorizes the purchase and installation of sixteen (16) Police Vehicle Video Recording Systems under State Contract #89980 in the amount of \$122,300.76. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Tompkins questioned if this was for the new vehicles that came fully loaded as they should not need it. Mr. Gonzalez stated that was a good question and did not have the answer too. Advised that the Chief did note that the new system did not integrate with the old system. Councilman Cartier asked what was wrong with the old system. Mr. Gonzalez advised that the old system is about 10 years old. Mayor Patriarca stated that it has something to do with the type of data collection and the format with which it collects, not being compatible.

Motion by Tompkins and Jackson to approve Resolution 100-2016.
Tompkins, yes; Jackson, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, yes; Allen, yes.
Motion carried.

- 105-2016 Requests permission from DLGS for insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2016 Budget in the amount of \$234,175.00 from the Municipal Aid Program Sepulga Drive. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Tompkins asked for an explanation as to what this project is. Mr. Gonzalez advised that this resolution is not asking for the approval of a project but rather the approval of the insertion of grant monies that were awarded after the Budget was approved. Noted that it will go in as a revenue and expenditure. Advised that once the projects are designed Administration will come back before Council. Councilman Tompkins asked if we were still waiting on approvals from Pinelands. Mayor Patriarca noted that for Resolution 106-2016 there would be many approvals but not for this one. Councilman Tompkins asked if drainage would be looked into before the project is done. Mayor Patriarca confirmed it is already being looked into.

- 106-2016 Requests permission from DLGS for insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2016 Budget in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Safe Street to Transit Program for Browns Mills Connection Project. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Motion by Tompkins and Trueblood to approve Resolutions 105-2016 and 106-2016. Tompkins, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, yes; Jackson, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND ADOPTION OF 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

83-2016 Authorizes a contract with Andy's Pro Auto Repair, Inc. for the provision of Towing services in the Township. *Tabled from 4/6/2016 Meeting.*

Council President Allen noted that Council had some questions and requested a report. Councilman Cartier stated they did not get it and instead got a certification. Councilwoman Jackson agreed and advised that they did not answer the questions that were asked. Councilman Tompkins stated he had some questions for one of the towers and would like to ask them tonight. Councilman Cartier advised that would be negotiating a contract and that is Administrations responsibility. Councilman Tompkins stated that the way it is now he would vote no against one of the contracts. Mr. Bayer explained that Council could raise their concerns and have a discussion with Administration but you cannot go back and forth with the bidder. Mr. Gonzalez advised that the Chief could be invited to the next meeting to answer Council's questions. Councilwoman Jackson thinks they should do what is suggested and invite the Chief to the next meeting. A discussion ensued on who completed the reports provided. Council President Allen stated that it sounds as though Council wants specifics from a check list. Mr. Bayer agreed that report is conclusory and that it states that the applicant has satisfied the requirements set forth in Chapter 170 but doesn't say what they saw. Noted that it does reach the conclusion that they met the requirements of the ordinance. Councilman Cartier stated at what time and agreed that the Chief should be at the next meeting.

Council consented to have Mr. Elmendorf come forward and speak.

Joe Elmendorf, Ridge Road Auto - 1. Explained what happened with his business during the inspection process.

Councilman Cartier explained that the Council is looking for a report from the Police Department not from one of the Contractors. Council President Allen asked what Council wanted to do with these resolutions as a whole. Councilman Cartier noted he is not comfortable with moving forward. Mr. Gonzalez noted he will request to have the Chief here and will restructure the request and ask for more detailed information. Councilman Cartier stated that the towing company represents themselves and the Police represent the Township and we need to look out for the best interests of the Town. Councilman Tompkins commented on the forms that were used for the inspection. Councilwoman Trueblood stated she feels the letters received from the Police Department are sufficient as it notes the requirements of the code were met. Councilman Tompkins concurred with Councilwoman Trueblood. Council President Allen stated he also feels it is sufficient and advised on certain information in the towing chapter of the code. Councilwoman Jackson noted that the questions they asked were for specific and easy such as who completed it and when it was done with a narrative. A discussion ensued on what was requested verses what was provided. Councilman Tompkins noted that there are 3 Council members that are happy with the reports the way they are and should we do a vote. Councilwoman Jackson questioned what the voting means at this time. Mr. Bayer stated it is to award the contract but information can still be requested.

Motion by Tompkins and Trueblood to approve Resolution 83-2016.

Tompkins, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, no; Jackson, no; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

Council President Allen requested that the Clerk request from Administration that the Police Department provide Council with the actual checklist. Councilman Cartier withdrew his request for a report for Andy's Pro Auto as it has already been approved. Councilman Tompkins stated it might be best to tweak the format to avoid this in the future.

84-2016 Authorizes a contract with Ridge Auto Body & Repairs for the provision of Towing services in the Township. *Tabled from 4/6/2016 Meeting.*

Councilman Tompkins noted that a letter dated December 3rd, from Flynn's Towing,

has a price schedule on it and feels it either needs to be deleted or removed from the contract. Mr. Bayer explained that the customer can only be charged in accordance with the ordinance and any other charges are an issue between the tower and the sub-contractor. Councilman Tompkins stated that when he looks at this it looks as though they have agreed to indirectly by agreeing to the contract and is concerned. Mr. Gonzalez noted that the contracts and ordinance are identical. Mr. Bayer noted that we are not contracting with Flynn but are contracting with Ridge Auto Body and they will be bound by our contract and by our ordinance.

Motion by Tompkins and Trueblood to approve Resolution 84-2016.

Tompkins, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, no; Jackson, no; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

85-2016 Authorizes a contract with Craig's Auto, Inc. for the provision of Towing services in the Township. *Tabled from 4/6/2016 Meeting.*

Councilman Tompkins questioned if he could vote on this resolution as he is a customer of Craig's Auto and did not want to have a conflict of interest. Mr. Bayer noted it is not an issue as long as he feels he can be impartial and is a paying customer.

Motion by Tompkins and Trueblood to approve Resolution 85-2016.

Tompkins, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, no; Jackson, no; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

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

ORDINANCE 6-2016

AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY GIFT OF THE PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 182, LOT 15 (FORMERLY BLOCK 182, LOTS 15 AND 16) ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

Council President Allen opened this portion of the meeting for the public hearing. Seeing no residents wishing to be heard this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

Councilman Cartier noted that there is a sentence in there to take all other actions and asked what all the other actions are. Mr. Bayer advised it may be a title search. Mr. Gonzalez advised it is a small un-developable piece of property. Mr. Bayer noted that it could be signing of a deed and advised if there are title issues they may need to be addressed.

Motion by Cartier and Jackson to adopt Ordinance 6-2016. Cartier, yes; Jackson, yes; Tompkins, yes; Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 7-2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO CONVEY A DEED OF BRIDGE MAINTENANCE EASEMENT AND A DEED OF ROAD WIDENING EASEMENTS TO THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON FOR THE PROPERTY DESIGNATED ON THE TAX MAP OF PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP AS BLOCK 812, LOT 16.01.

Council President Allen opened this portion of the meeting for the public hearing. Seeing no residents wishing to be heard this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

Motion by Tompkins and Trueblood to adopt Ordinance 7-2016. Tompkins, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, yes; Jackson, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

b. NJ State Fireman's Association Membership Application for Kasey L. Furth and Erica N. Warrick with the Pemberton Township Volunteer Fire Co.

Motion by Trueblood and Jackson to approve NJ Fireman's Association Membership Application. Trueblood, yes; Jackson, yes; Tompkins, yes; Cartier, abstain; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible introduction of amendments to Towing Ordinance.

Council President Allen advised that at the previous meeting certain parts of the ordinance may have been unintentionally skipped over including the Clean Up Fee for a recommendation of \$35.00 and the lightweight winching for \$95.00. Councilman Tompkins stated that he was all for this until thinking on Mr. Pelletier's comments from the last meeting and noted that this was meant for the towing of Township vehicles. Mr. Bayer stated that the primary purpose of this is for the towing of non-township owned vehicles. Mayor Patriarca advised that this is only for tows requested by the Township such as a Police officer requesting a tow. Noted that if a resident calls a tower on their own then that tower can charge whatever they want. Councilman Tompkins stated he feels they are getting too involved with personal businesses and he does not agree with this. Stated that he feels there should be a, no more than, price so the customer can negotiate. Mayor Patriarca noted that the State regulates all towing charges for the State of New Jersey and we are enhancing that regulation and setting the rates here in the Township. Mr. Bayer noted that State Law says a municipality may regulate by ordinance the removal of motor vehicles from private or public property by operators engaged in such practice. A discussion ensued on the intentions of the ordinance. Councilman Cartier stated that Mr. Bayer should look into this before an ordinance is introduced. Mr. Bayer stated he needs to know what Council is looking to do. Councilman Cartier stated that he believes everyone thinks that the ordinance is to regulate the towing when the Township calls for towing. A discussion ensued on how the original ordinance came about and the illegal way it was regulated previously. Councilman Tompkins suggested putting in the ordinance the term, not to exceed up to. Councilman Cartier asked if that left Administration opened up to negotiating a lower contract fee. It was a consensus of Council that they were fine with the set prices. Mr. Bayer will look at regulating all towing or just the Township requested towing. Councilman Cartier asked about the annual yearly fee that is charged to the towers and suggested it be raised from \$300.00 to \$400.00. Councilman Tompkins was fine with \$300.00. Councilwoman Jackson suggested \$350.00 and Council President Allen agreed. Mayor Patriarca suggested raising the amount of free tows per year rather than charging them more money. All of Council consented to the additional free tow bringing it to 5. Council President Allen questioned Council on the lot and clean up fees. Mr. Gonzalez advised that these are fees already included in the ordinance to allow for additional visits to the vehicle. A discussion ensued on the lot fees and what they are. Mr. Gonzalez stated that he just did not want to see \$700.00 or \$800.00 tow bills as he has seen previously. Noted his concerns over broadening language that would allow this to happen.

Clean Up Fee - Council President Allen questioned Council as to if they would like to add the \$35.00 fee for this. It was noted that it is already included in the ordinance

Lightweight Winching - Council President Allen stated that the current fee is \$75.00 and they are asking for an increase to \$95.00. Councilwoman Trueblood stated that she thought they had already compromised at \$85.00. Councilman Tompkins stated that he does not see a section for lot fees in the current ordinance. Council President Allen asked if Mr. Bayer would look into this and he agreed to do so. Council President Allen stated that as it stands none of Council sees a section for lot fees in the current ordinance. Mr. Bayer stated that he will look into it.

BILL LIST

Page 3, EMS Litigation Bills. *(Pulled from the Consent Agenda)*

Councilman Tompkins stated that he thought that we were done paying for this. Mr. Bayer stated that he had explained previously that this matter is in the NJ Appellate Division and that there had been an appeal of the trial courts decision over the last three months and we have filed a brief and reply brief in the Appellate Division and that is what this billing is. Noted that the matter is fully briefed and they have submitted all and are waiting on the court to schedule oral arguments. Councilman Tompkins questioned if this would be the last expenditure for the EMS Litigation. Mr. Bayer stated no that there would still be argument in the Appellate Division and this could be anywhere from 6 months to a year from now.

Motion by Tompkins and Jackson to approve Bill List page 3, EMS Litigation Bills. Tompkins, yes; Jackson, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tompkins and Jackson to approve Bill List page 5, Fire Department Bills. Tompkins, yes; Jackson, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, abstain; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Bayer reported: No report.

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

Mayor Patriarca reported: Noted that he did attend the Senior Citizens Prom and it was a phenomenal event and group. Stated he also attended a Pemberton's Got Talent Show and that for the most part there was a lot of really good talent there. Commented that the kids were great but he was disappointed that there wasn't that many people in attendance. Encouraged all to go out and support the kids. Advised that we had received notice from the County that they will be doing some paving and this year and advised on the various roads that will be paved including Trenton Road and Arney's Mount Road. Added that he will try and get this information up on the website. Mr. Gonzalez advised that there is a conclusion for one of the PBA litigation matters involving the Council's participation in the grievance process. Noted that the Superior Court has ruled in favor of the Township and has removed Council from the grievance process for the PBA Contract.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Tompkins - Noted that he had attended the prom and it was a very nice event. Stated he had a good time and was very proud that his daughter was one of the people that helped start the Senior Prom and to see what it has turned into made him happy that she had been a part of it. Noted that there is a pothole on Scrapetown Road near the church that needs to be addressed. Stated he has received a lot of questions about the work being done on County Route 530 up to Route 206 and concerns people have and the perception that the Township is doing this. Noted that it is the County doing the work and he cannot wait for that to be completed. Commented on the streetlights in Town and let Administration know which ones were out. Noted they were fixed but that there are more out now and is surprised that this is not being reported by the Public Safety officials. Stated he had gone out to Presidential Lakes at Oregon and Upper Mill Road and that a street light is needed there. Stated he was approached by residents in Presidential Lakes as to why they are paying for their own street lights and would like to get this resolved. Mayor Patriarca stated he is not aware of anyone paying for street lights and this is the first he heard of this. Noted that there is a process for a resident to request a street light which is accessible on the website. Stated they cannot put street lights everywhere and noted that we are spending roughly \$300,000.00 in the budget. A discussion ensued on the street lights and whose responsibility they were. Commented that he is disappointed in Council for not even putting the ordinance he drafted regarding the Police locker rooms on the Agenda for a discussion. Council President Allen asked for Mr. Bayer to clarify if it was illegal. Mr. Bayer confirmed that it was illegal. Councilman Tompkins stated that he knew Mr. Bayer stated he thought it was illegal but would do a brief on it. Stated that he had made the comment that he felt Mr. Bayer was a little biased and his thought for that was for the current litigation. Mr. Bayer stated that he apologizes for not putting it in writing but the answer is that the courts decision in the PBA litigation is also along the same lines and makes the same point that Councilman Tompkins was trying to raise and that is that as a matter of law under the Faulkner Act Council does not have the authority to participate in the employment grievance process and the reason is because the Faulkner Act gives the Mayor and or his designees the authority over employees and municipal property. Noted that Councilman Tompkins trying to make a piece of municipal property accessible to employees goes directly against the Faulkner Act. Stated he could put all of this in writing but that would be what he would say. Noted that an ordinance cannot be adopted that contravenes State Law. Councilman Tompkins asked Council if they wanted to do anything with this. Councilwoman Jackson stated they could not go against the law. Councilwoman Trueblood agreed that she would not go against State Law. Councilman Tompkins stated that he has had a few people come up to me to advise him that they feel harassed after speaking at the podium. All of Council stated that they are in disagreement with that. Council President Allen stated that as a Council member he can say whatever he wants during his comments but how do they know this to be true. Councilman Tompkins clarified that it was not a member of Council doing the harassment but members of the Township. Mr. Gonzalez explained that he would advise them as he does all of the employees, that if there is ever a

suggestion that anyone is violating a law whether it be criminal, ethical or harassing someone, that there is a process to deal with that. Noted that specific detailed information be provided to Administration because they are required as a matter of policy and law to inquire as to any such things. If provided specific names and specific instances so that they can talk to them to find out what it is. Noted that some people can refer to harassment as normal course of business and like to draw attention to themselves. Asked that anyone who feels that way please come to Administration and they will do something about it. Councilman Cartier added that anyone who may not feel comfortable with that can contact the State Ethics Board. Mr. Gonzalez added that they can also bring it to the Municipal Attorney if it is regarding himself or the Mayor as he has an obligation to deal with it as well. Mr. Gonzalez also added that in regard to the Police locker rooms he wants the public to understand that they have always been open and available for use by the Police Department other than a 3 week period during construction. Mayor Patriarca advised on a litigation matter where an officer was hurt before work and is suing for compensation and feels we need to protect ourselves from future litigation. Stated they need to protect the interests of the Township residents and that is what they are doing by following the law. Commented that Fair Labor Standard Act stated you cannot come to work before 7 minutes otherwise the Employer may have to compensate you. Mr. Bayer advised that this was a policy established under Administrator Vaz in 2009 and agreed to in the union contracts before Mr. Gonzalez came.

Councilwoman Jackson - Noted that as an elected official on both sides we do have to constantly remind ourselves what we can say, cannot say and how we should or should not act, regardless of where they are. Stated that she does not mind people coming to the podium to ask questions but she does mind the disrespect that is shown by residents yelling, accusing and assuming. Commented that she does not think this is fair or proper and is very disrespectful. Noted that if any Council Member took that tone with any resident it would not be received very well. Feels that the Council President was very lenient letting people speak in that manner. Reiterated to the Towing companies that her no vote was nothing personal. Advised that on May 6th at PTHS there is the Pop of Culture at 6:30 p.m. Asked all to come out and support the kids. Thanked all for coming out and listening.

Councilman Cartier - No comments.

Councilwoman Trueblood - Thanked everyone for coming out. Advised that she had also attended the Senior Prom and it was beautiful and elegant and the students were amazing and full of joy. Commented on the Fire Company and the great job that they did with the fire in the shed behind the church. Stated that they were supportive of the families and she is very proud of the Fire Department here in the Township.

Council President Allen - Stated he had no comments but thanked everyone for coming out and looks forward to seeing all at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy P. Cosnoski

Amy P. Cosnoski, RMC, Township Clerk