

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON
REGULAR MEETING**

**August 3, 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 Patriarca, Business Administrator Dennis Gonzalez, Solicitor Andrew Bayer and Township Clerk Amy P. Cosnoski.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CLOSED SESSION

152-2016 Authorizes Council to go into Closed Session
Contracts/Purchases of Property.

Motion by Cartier and Trueblood to adopt Resolution 152-2016. Cartier, yes; Trueblood, yes; Tompkins, yes; Jackson, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

Council President Allen advised that there would be formal action pursuant to closed session.

Motion by Trueblood and Cartier to add an ordinance to New Business for discussion and possible introduction for the possible purchase of 42 Juliustown Road. Trueblood, yes; Cartier, yes; Tompkins, yes; Jackson, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Terry Maldonado, Browns Mills - 1. Stated that as a school board member they are doing a fact finding committee on reinstating courtesy bussing and will be coming to administration and the Police Chief to try and make a decision by the October Board meeting. Councilman Cartier questioned where this would be. Ms. Maldonado advised that it was for the Township and that some bussing had been taken away and they are looking into ways to bringing it back. **2.** Stated that as a taxpayer she wanted to compliment everyone on the Water Carnival as everyone did a fabulous job including the Police Department that really outdid themselves out there to be a part with the residents. **3.** Commented on Resolution 153-2016 and that as a baseball coach she thinks it is great to be bringing back the background checks and hopes it will be done with all sports. Suggested possibly doing finger printing as well. Councilwoman Jackson questioned Administration if the background checks included finger printing. Mr. Gonzalez advised it was only background checks being done.

Anne Quinn, Country Lakes - 1. Commented on Resolution 154-2016 and her concern that even though it is a 0% interest loan it is still borrowing money that will have to be paid back and will cause taxes to go up. Questioned what buildings would be demolished with this money. Council President Allen advised that a few meetings back a resolution was passed to demolish 13 buildings. **2.** Asked for clarification on Resolution 156-2016 and Rowan College and the possible redevelopment investigation. Council President Allen advised that this is for Professional Services as part of the redevelopment plan which will set the precedence for whomever should purchase the property to dictate what has to be done with the land as well as create the zoning and the use for the property. Mr. Bayer added that the first phase of any redevelopment law is to determine if the property is in an area needing

redevelopment so this is the first step in the process. Noted that this is not to determine zoning but to determine whether it meets criteria. Advised on what the remaining steps would be through planning and Council. Ms. Quinn asked if we are getting any tax dollars from Rowan College. Mr. Gonzalez advised that it is still being used for educational purposes and is still tax exempt. **3.** Questioned on Resolution 157-2016 and if we seized property that we now need permission to sell. Mr. Gonzalez advised that this is an application that is required by the Federal Law Enforcement. Stated that when there are joint law enforcement operations that involve the Fed's and they obtain money and/or things of value as a result of forfeiture as a result of criminal activity, and we participate in this program, they will then determine how much money or proceeds are then provided to the Township for Law Enforcement expenses. **4.** Questioned Resolution 159-2016 and what it was for. Mr. Gonzalez advised that this is connected to the Safe Streets Grant. Ms. Quinn asked if the \$500,000 would cover this redevelopment or if we would be borrowing more money. Mayor Patriarca stated that it was their intention to only use the \$500,000. **5.** Questioned Resolution 160-2016 and if we already have an asphalt paver. Mayor Patriarca stated that we do have a smaller paver and when they originally came to Council with this project a few years ago they presented to Council a list of equipment that would be needed at different times. Stated that they have been leasing a paver but feel it is more feasible to go ahead and lease/purchase this equipment. Advised on the many things the new paver will provide including time savings and better paving. **6.** Questioned the purchase of a hydraulic pump under New Business and if we were replacing something because it broke. Council President Allen advised that the old one went bad. **7.** Asked for additional information on the Bond Ordinance under New Business. Mr. Gonzalez advised that Bond Ordinance 12-2012 still has monies not used and do not need for the original intended purposes under the bond. Stated they are asking to repurpose by amending the ordinance to authorize funds for the purchase of the properties identified. Added that he believed they were repurposing \$125,000. **8.** Asked about New Business (F) and why we are considering purchasing 16 Market Street. Mr. Gonzalez advised that this is part of the Juliustown Road redevelopment. Council President Allen advised that the money would be coming from the UEZ account that we have. **9.** Asked about New Business (H) and how this came about to ban the sale of puppy mill animals. Council President Allen advised that it was received by the Clerk and forwarded to Council for review. Mr. Bayer advised that the ASPCA is sending this around statewide.

America Phillips, Presidential Lakes - 1. Questioned Resolution 158-2016 and what is going on at this point. Councilman Cartier advised it was for asbestos removal. A discussion ensued as to why the asbestos is being removed. Ms. Phillips commented that she was in the Fire Department there for many years and was unaware that there was asbestos in there and why they didn't know about it before. Councilman Cartier noted that it was not a Township building. Mayor Patriarca added that almost any building built in that era would more than likely have asbestos in it as it is a standard procedure to remove it. It was noted that several companies bid and this was the lowest bidder and the highest bidder was for 3 to 4 times the amount. **2.** Ms. Phillips asked about the swimming pool on 200 Tennessee Trail. Mayor Patriarca noted that it was given to Code Enforcement and he would have to check to see what was done. Stated he will look into it. **3.** Commented on the empty houses and asked if we were forcing the banks to be responsible. Noted that she would not get anything for her house if she tried to sell it. **4.** Commented on the triathlon to be held in Presidential Lakes on August 14th and asked if Public Works could clean the entrance.

Jay Patel, Country Lakes Pub Owner - 1. Noted that he had put in a request for the extension of a premises license and came to see if they had any questions regarding the event. Stated that it was a kickoff party for football season and a way to get out there what they would be doing all season on Sundays. Stated that it was also a give back to customers that come all year round. Commented that it was a safe environment and that extra staff would be on hand. It was noted that the Chief had signed off on the event. Councilman Cartier asked if the front parking lot would be blocked off. Mr. Patel advised it would be. Councilman Cartier asked if emergency vehicles would be able to get all the way around. Mr. Patel stated that no traffic would be impeded. **2.** Commented on the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages and a suggestion brought up by his staff to open at 11:00 a.m. as they tend to have people lined up outside to grab a package for the game or a BBQ so they thought it would benefit some residents.

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

PRESENTATION

Safety Presentation by Risk Management Consultant Bonnie Ridilfino (Hardenbergh Insurance). Went through the packet that was provided and noted what is being done by the Mayor and the employees regarding safety. Noted that Michele Brown and Joyce Tinnes head up the safety committee and it is among the best and always gets praised at meetings. Ms. Ridilfino went over the items shown in her power point to show what is being done and certain initiatives including wellness and how they benefit the Township. Council President Allen questioned where we ranked in comparison with other towns regarding safety. Ms. Ridilfino stated she would get that information to Mr. Gonzalez by the next day.

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 Cartier asked to pull item 13c from the Consent Agenda. Councilman Tompkins asked to pull the meeting minutes and resolutions 154-2016, 156-2016 and 160-2016.

CONSENT AGENDA

***CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

- 153-2016 Authorizes the award of a contract to Background Investigation Bureau, LLC for background investigations required as a condition of volunteer service and/or employment with Pemberton Township in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.
- 154-2016 *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*
- 155-2016 Authorizes refund of tax overpayment to Norma Waters in the amount of \$996.98.
- 156-2016 *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*
- 157-2016 Authorizes and application for participation in the US Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program.
- 158-2016 Authorizes a contract with EPC Technologies, Inc., for the removal and disposal of asbestos at 703 New York Road, Presidential Lakes Firehouse, in the amount of \$18,800.00.
- 159-2016 Authorizes a contract with Adams, Rehmann & Heggan for project design, public bidding, construction management, and other Professional Engineering services related to the Safe Street to Transit Development Project in an amount not to exceed \$98,300.00.
- 160-2016 *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*

***MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting, July 13, 2016. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*

NEW BUSINESS

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

1. Recreation Department - purchase of movie viewing license from Swank Motion Pictures Inc. in the amount of \$2,115.00.
2. Public Works - purchase of hydraulic pump for Unit #31 John Deer 644H Wheel Loader from Jesco in the amount of \$4,845.00.
3. Public Works - replacement of condenser unit at 135 Arney's Mt. Road from Arctic Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$3,200.00.

***b.** Social Affair Permits

1. VFW Post 6805 for Caribbean Party on September 03, 2016 from 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

***c.** **2016 Annual License Renewal:** *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.* Trailer Park License: Belaire Trailer Park (Contingent on all current municipal fees are paid to date.)

~~**d.** Discussion and possible introduction of an ordinance to authorize the purchase of the property located at 42 Juliustown Road. Added at Meeting.~~

Motion by Cartier and Jackson to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Cartier,

yes; Jackson, yes; Tompkins, yes; Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

***MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting, July 13, 2016. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Motion by Cartier and Trueblood to approve the Meeting Minutes from the July 13, 2016 meeting. Cartier, yes; Trueblood, yes; Tompkins, no response; Jackson, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

154-2016 Accepts a \$260,000.00 loan from the NJDCA Urban and Rural Center Unsafe Building Demolition Bond Loan Program at a 0% interest for a 20 year period. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Tompkins noted that he agrees that every one of these properties needs to be taken down but does not agree with the method of funding. Stated he thinks that if we could pay for this today and not take this loan we should take that route. Commented on using the housing registration fee and feels we should use that to demolish these buildings. Council President Allen noted for the public that the \$260,000 will be borrowed at 0% interest over a 20 year period at a cost of \$13,000 a year. Councilman Cartier added that this is ultimately at no cost to the Township as there would be liens placed against the properties that are demolished. Mr. Gonzalez confirmed that to be true. Mayor Patriarca added that they will also sell the properties that they foreclose on and will get revenue from those sales if the liens are not paid back.

Motion by Cartier and Trueblood to approve Resolution 154-2016. Cartier, yes; Trueblood, yes; Tompkins, no; Jackson, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

156-2016 Authorizes a professional services contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers and Affiliates for a Professional Planning "Area in need of Redevelopment Investigation" of the Rowan College at Burlington County and County Correction Property in Pemberton Township in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Tompkins stated that his concern is that we are getting ahead of ourselves and do not know what Rowan or the Freeholders plans are for this property. Mayor Patriarca stated that they do know that the College is leaving Pemberton and that this will undoubtedly be a vacant property. Commented that we are in limited talks with the Freeholders and that they are doing a market study on the property to see what the property will hold in the future. Noted that this will come somewhere down the line as the property is currently zoned educational and that is all that can go there under its current zoning. Noted that this will give us a vision of what Pemberton Township wants to see on that property and this will work hand in hand with the Freeholder study giving an end product to what it can be used for and then marketed for those permitted purposes.

Motion by Trueblood and Jackson to approve Resolution 156-2016. Trueblood, yes; Jackson, yes; Tompkins, no; Cartier, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

160-2016 Authorizes the lease/purchase of a Leeboy Mode 8616 Asphalt Paver from U.S. Municipal through National Joint Powers Alliance Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for a total cost of \$217,108.65. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Tompkins stated that his problem with this is that we are committing \$43,000 a year for the next 5 years budgets and he just doesn't like to do that. Councilwoman Jackson noted that this would be putting it into the budget each year which is what Councilman Tompkins has been wanting in place of bonds or loans. Added that after the 5 years we could purchase for \$1.00.

Motion by Cartier and Jackson to approve Resolution 160-2016. Cartier, yes; Jackson, yes; Tompkins, no; Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS

161-2016 Censures Township Councilman Jack Tompkins.

Motion by Cartier and Trueblood to approve Resolution 161-2016. Cartier, yes; Trueblood, yes; Tompkins, no response; Jackson, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible introduction of an ordinance amending Chapter 142 regulating the placement and use of clothing donation bins.

Council President Allen advised that Council had discussed this at the last meeting and had received updated information pertaining to their questions. Councilman Tompkins questioned the permit fee and asked about waiving the fee for charitable organizations. Mr. Bayer stated that the same section shows that charitable organizations are exempt from the fees. Councilman Cartier commented on the materials being stated and feels it should just state bins intended for the collection and temporary storage of donated clothing. Mr. Bayer advised the change to the language would be lawful. Noted they would delete the section stating "metal, steel or other material". Mayor Patriarca stated that he would like Council to reconsider the permit fee 142-23 where it applies to all but Township registered non-profits. Stated that the enforcement would still be the same for all non-profits and does not know why we would exclude any from within or outside of the town. Noted that the intent of the ordinance is not only to prevent the popping up of these clothes bins everywhere but also the over loading of the bins and their possible dangers. Mr. Bayer stated they are only exempt from the fees but are still required to get a permit. Mayor Patriarca stated that the fee is intended for the enforcement of all of this and feels they should not be exempt. A discussion ensued on the permit fee and enforcement. Mr. Bayer stated that this was not a legal issue and was up to Council. Councilman Tompkins stated he does not like charging non-profit organizations. Mayor Patriarca stated there would be no fees then because they are all non-profits that do these bins. Council President Allen suggested we not exempt the charitable organizations. Councilwoman Trueblood commented on there being too many in town and seems to be one on every corner. Commented on the one where Cumberland Farms used to be. Mayor Patriarca noted that there is one at the old Acme parking lot that sticks out. Councilman Tompkins noted he has seen at least 6 bins. Councilwoman Trueblood commends the ones at the Acme Shopping Plaza for being so well organized and maintained. Mayor Patriarca stated he believes that the property owners get paid for having these bins on their property. Council President Allen commented on the section concerning late fees that would need to be changed as well if they did not exempt charitable organizations. Councilman Cartier stated that the Lions Club gets no money on the glasses bin. Mayor Patriarca asked why they couldn't just remove the bin for glasses from the ordinance and just stick to clothing and other items. Councilman Cartier asked Mr. Bayer of the legality of removing the eyeglass bins from the ordinance. Mr. Bayer advised that he thought this would be fine and would work on changing the language to reflect the changes.

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- b. Discussion and possible introduction of an ordinance amending Chapter 182-31 to establish a no parking area on a portion of Yale Road.

Mayor Patriarca commented on the houses on Colgate and Yale and Amherst and Yale Roads that have parking in the front of their homes and would not really be impacted by this. Stated that he has spoken to the owner of the apartment complex and they are thrilled this is being done. Commented that they told him that they do have overflow parking in the complex for residents with additional cars. Stated he feels this plan provides a safe site triangle coming out of Swarthmore Court and Dickinson Court. Council President Allen asked what the purpose of the 150 feet was. Mayor Patriarca advised that this extends past the known point on Yale Road that is equal to across the street between Colgate and Amherst Roads. Council President Allen asked if the residents would be notified of these changes if this is approved. Mayor Patriarca stated that no residents were being impacted. Councilman Cartier commented on a corner property as having two frontages and sees why the residents should be notified. Mayor Patriarca advised that was under Land Use and that this would be different because it is parking use. Councilman Cartier agreed but felt as a courtesy these residents should be notified. Councilman Tompkins commented on seeing other areas in need of concern and does not see the need for it. Commented on people possibly speeding through there now with the congestion gone. Councilwoman Jackson stated they unfortunately do that now. Feels parents with children will be pleased as it will keep their children safe as there is a bus stopped there.

Motion by Jackson and Trueblood to introduce ordinance 10-2016 to the agenda with a public hearing to be held on August 17, 2016. Jackson, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, yes; Tompkins, no; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- *c. **2016 Annual License Renewal:** *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*
Trailer Park License: Belaire Trailer Park
(Contingent on all current municipal fees are paid to date.)

Councilman Cartier advised that this was pulled on behalf of the Township Clerk as they have not complied with all requirements for renewal at this time and this would not be acted on.

NEW BUSINESS

Parade Permit Application (**PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED**)

- d.** 1. Ellen Catalano for Soroptimist Candlelight Vigil on South Lakeshore Drive, from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM on September 30, 2016.

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Council President Allen opened the meeting for public comments. Seeing none this portion of the meeting was closed.

Motion by Trueblood and Tompkins to approve the permit for the Soroptimist Candlelight Vigil. Trueblood, yes; Tompkins, yes; Jackson, yes; Cartier, Allen, yes. Motion carried.

- e. Discussion and possible introduction of a bond ordinance amending Ordinance No. 12-2012 to amend the description of the improvements referred to therein.

Motion by Tompkins and Trueblood to introduce Bond Ordinance amendment 11-2016 with a public hearing to be held on August 17, 2016. Tompkins, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, yes; Jackson, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

- f. Discussion and possible introduction of an ordinance authorizing the purchase of 16 Market Street.

Motion by Jackson and Cartier to introduce Ordinance 12-2016 with a public hearing to be held on August 17, 2016. Jackson, yes; Cartier, yes; Trueblood, yes; Tompkins, no; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

- g. Discussion and possible introduction of an ordinance authorizing the purchase of 11 Columbus Avenue and 19 South Lakeshore Drive.

Motion by Trueblood and Cartier to introduce Ordinance 13-2016 with a public hearing to be held on August 17, 2016. Trueblood, yes; Cartier, yes; Tompkins, yes; Jackson, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

- h. Discussion and possible introduction of an ordinance banning the sale of puppy mill animals.

Mr. Bayer noted that this is going around statewide with the ASPCA recommending this be considered for adoption and will come back for the next meeting. Mayor Patriarca also suggested looking at an ordinance in Bergen County banning circuses with animals as this is another form of cruelty to animals. Advised on a story he had about an elephant at a circus he attended.

- i. Discussion of possible ordinance amendment to change the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages on Sundays.

Council President Allen reminded Council that they had heard from Mr. Patel, a business owner in town on his reasons for the change in hours. Councilman Tompkins noted an email Council had received from the Clerk that was very informative and helpful with information that she had researched. Stated it seems most other towns open at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday and he is not opposed to that. Mrs. Cosnoski advised that she had spoken to Mr. Patel and advised him that we do not have any package good stores in our town so if he was to open at 10:00 a.m. his bar would also have to be available to serve drinks at 10:00 a.m.

and he suggested 11:00 a.m. A discussion ensued on the changes to potentially be made. Mayor Patriarca commented, on the record, that what is done here in establishing these ordinances and codes in our town is setting the standard for the quality of life here in the community. Stated that is what you are looking to change. Noted that the community decided that the town was going to open liquor establishments at noon which he believes was based on the time church ended. Noted that this was primarily for package good stores which we do not have. A discussion ensued on the need to have the establishments open earlier and the effect on quality of life in the community. Council President Allen commented on it being more about the number of bars a community has and more about people being responsible and not the small shift in hours. Noted that he feels there are more issues with extending hours later and that is something he may not agree with. Stated he does not see much problem with adding a few hours at the beginning of the day. Mayor Patriarca added that Council may feel differently with the extension of hours for a bar that has go-go dancing and should consider all establishments not just one. Council President Allen asked if there was any further comments or discussion from Council. Councilman Tompkins stated he had no problem with it. Councilman Cartier and Councilwoman Trueblood were not in favor of this change. Council President Allen asked Mr. Bayer to provide something to Council for the next agenda for possible introduction and if it passes it does and if not it does not. It was noted a public hearing would be needed.

- j. Temporary Extension of Premises License for Browns Mills Liquor, LLC, trading as Country Lakes Liquor & Pub for a Football Season Kickoff Outdoor Party on September 11, 2016 from 12 Noon - 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Tompkins and Trueblood to approve the temporary extension of the Premises License for Browns Mills Liquor, LLC. Tompkins, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, yes; Jackson, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

- k. Discussion and possible introduction of an ordinance to authorize the purchase of the property located at 42 Juliustown Road. Added at Meeting.

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Motion by Cartier and Trueblood to introduce Ordinance 14-2016 with a public hearing to be held on August 17, 2016. Cartier, yes; Trueblood, yes; Tompkins, no; Jackson, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FILED WITH THE CLERK

Engineer's Report – August 3, 2016.

Council had no questions related to this report.

BILL LIST

Approval by Council required for payment of vouchers on bill list dated 7/29/2016.

Motion by Cartier and Jackson to approve the Bill List. Cartier, yes with the exception of all Fire Department related bills on pages 6 and 7; Jackson, yes; Tompkins, yes; Trueblood; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jackson and Trueblood to approve the Fire Department bills listed on pages 6 and 7. Jackson, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, abstain; Tompkins, yes; Allen, yes. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Bayer reported: Advised that he is hopeful to have a hearing in September before Judge Bookbinder on approval of the Affordable Housing Plan and noted that there would be an advertisement in the paper the following week.

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

Mayor Patriarca reported: Commented on the Water Carnival and noted that it went off without a hitch. Stated it was very well organized and gave kudos to the Public Works and Recreation Departments. Noted that more floats had gotten involved. Stated that everyone involved was doing what they do best to keep us safe to include the Police, Fire and EMS and it was a very good event. Advised Council that the beavers are doing their work over on

Trenton Road and have backed up some water near Fort Dix near Paetzold's fuel. Stated they have also done some stuff on Belleview Street. Noted that Belleview has just been paved but they have not heard any reports of damage. Noted they are working with the base engineers and stated they would reach out to Fish & Game to see what they could do about the problem. Noted where the issues with the water was located. Complimented the Department of Public Works Fleet Division as they have been doing outstanding work on some of the work they have been performing on certain equipment. Commented on an item they were able to fix on their own and saved a lot of money. Reported on some of the projects they have been working on. Stated that the new crew is really stepping up and is another one of our divisions saving money for the Township. Complimented the Police Department for the outstanding job they did the night before on the National Night Out event. Commented it was well organized with a lot of information and was well received by the public. Thanked Council for supporting their efforts in the redevelopment of the downtown area.

Council President Allen complimented Administration on negotiating and communicating to Council regarding some of these potential property purchases. Noted signs that needed to be changed where road signs need to be changed regarding the name of the college and could we reach out to the County to change them. Mayor Patriarca stated they would advise the County.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Tompkins - Noted he had gone to the Water Carnival and that this was the first year he stayed for the Fireworks. Stated they were phenomenal and very family oriented. Commented on a vendor from Delaware selling windows and he was surprised they came from so far. Stated he also attended National Night Out and it was one of the best attended he has ever seen. Gave a statement about the action taken by Council at this evenings meeting regarding his censure and commented that they took action without a single piece of proof. Stated they have turned these accusations into fact again without a shred of proof. Noted that he has always thought that in this country you were innocent until proven guilty but that does not seem to be the case here in Pemberton Township, New Jersey. Stated let's not forget that the person making the accusations against him in this resolution has yet to address this Council in person. Commented that with less than 100 days until the election this governing body isn't actually governing.

Councilwoman Jackson - Commented that she heard Councilman Tompkins statements and the only thing she will say is that she resents the last part of his statement. Commented on the young man that recently graduated in June that recently lost his life and asked for everyone to pray for the family and that the funeral is on Saturday. Thanked all for coming out and looks forward to seeing them all at the next meeting.

Councilman Cartier - No Comments.

Councilwoman Trueblood - Stated that she had spoken to guest of residents that came to the Water Carnival and they stated that they were very happy to be there and that they come every year. Noted she also attended National Night Out and it was one of the best ones. Will see everyone at the next meeting.

Council President Allen - Thanked all for coming out.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy P. Cosnoski, RMC, Township Clerk