

Council President Bloom called the regular meeting of the Mine Hill Township Council to order at 7:30 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Mr. Bloom announced that adequate notice for this meeting had been given as required by law.

ROLL CALL: Present – Mr. Bloom; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis
 Absent – Mr. Coranato
 Also Present – Mr. Morris, Mayor; Mr. Oostdyk, Township Attorney; Mrs. Macchia, Municipal Clerk
 Public Present – 15

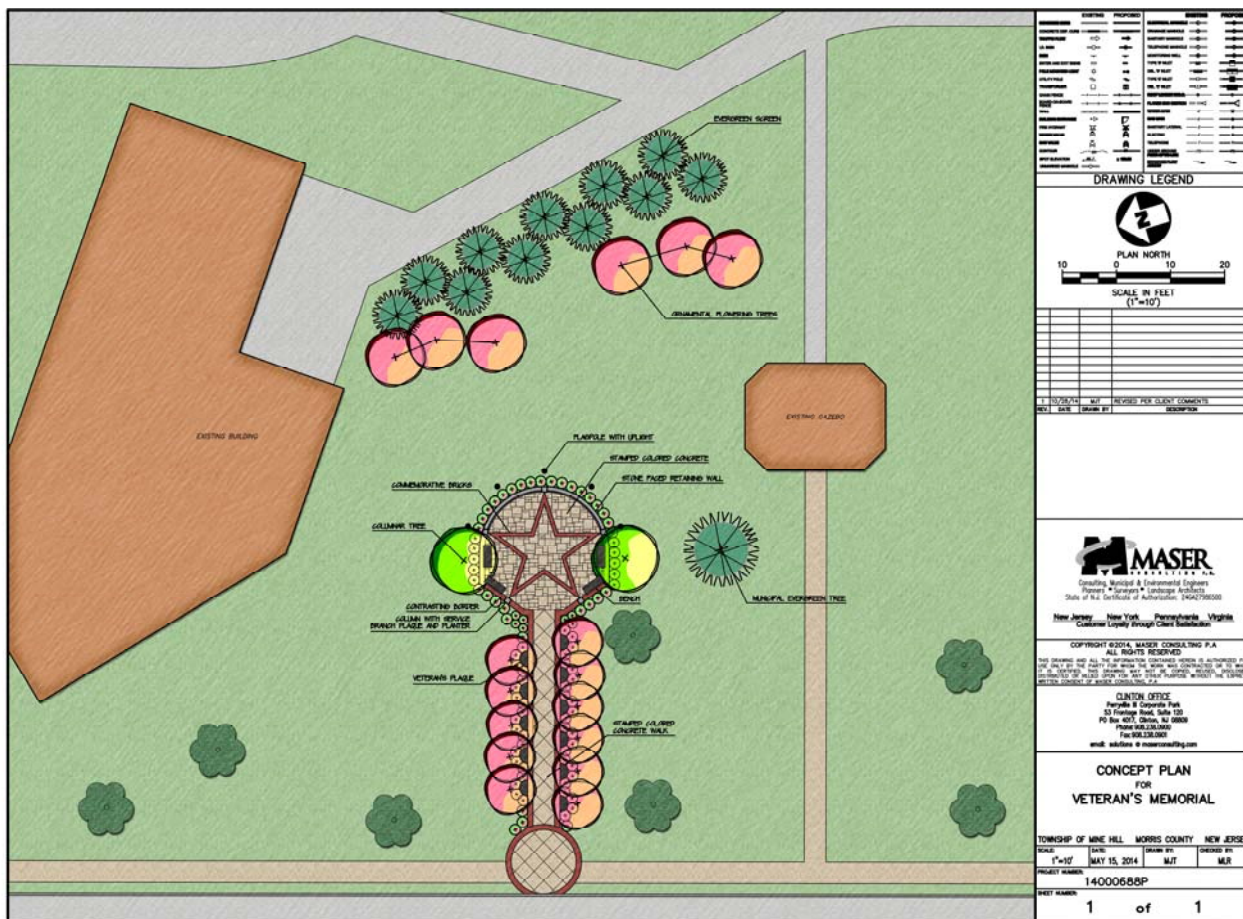
PRESENTATIONS

Veterans’ Memorial Presentation

Mr. Bloom asked each Veteran in attendance to introduce themselves: Richard Ornelas, Al Porphy, Chuck Jandik, and John Paschal.

Mr. Morris presented Lt. William Hummer’s Distinguished Service Medal which was posthumously awarded by Morris County Freeholders recently. Morris County Cultural and Historic Resources Specialist Jan Williams also spoke briefly.

Mr. Morris presented plans for a new Veterans’ Memorial.



Changes to this design were discussed and a new drawing will be prepared. It is hoped that this work will be completed before Memorial Day.

**Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Presentation
 Resolution Declaring November 2014 as “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month”**

Mr. Bloom discussed a friend who fought and succumbed to pancreatic cancer. A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to adopt the following resolution. The roll was called and the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis; Mr. Bloom
 Nays: none
 Absent: Mr. Coranato
 Abstentions: none

WHEREAS in 2014, an estimated 46,420 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 39,590 will die from the disease;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is currently the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and is projected to become the second by 2020;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent;

WHEREAS when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally late stage, and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years;

WHEREAS approximately 1220 deaths will occur in New Jersey in 2014;

WHEREAS the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act was signed into law in 2013, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Mine Hill and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer;

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Mine Hill support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure;

WHEREAS the good health and well-being of the residents of Mine Hill are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the month of November 2014 be designated as “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” in Mine Hill.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Pepperman and seconded by Ms. Kanzenbach to approve the minutes of October 16, 2014 as presented. The roll was called, and the minutes were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. Coranato

Abstentions: Mr. Bloom

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

The following items of correspondence were noted:

- a. Mayor Morris to MCMUA re: Water Allocation
- b. NJ DEP re: Radon Action Month
- c. Madison Borough re: Pilgrim Pipeline
- d. Health Department re: Monthly Report
- e. Trinity Lutheran Church re: Food Drive

CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bills List

Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to approve the bills list as presented. Seeing no discussion, the motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis; Mr. Bloom

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. Coranato

Abstentions: none

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED

Ordinance 23-14A An Ordinance Renaming Second Street as Baker Street

Upon motion made and seconded and a voice vote, the public hearing on this ordinance was opened.

Mr. Morris discussed the address modifications for the residence and the school.

Seeing no further discussion, the public hearing on this ordinance was closed.

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to adopt the ordinance. The roll was called, and the ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis; Mr. Bloom

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. Coranato

Abstentions: none

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to rename Second Street between Canfield Avenue and Baker Street to establish Baker Street as a continuous street from Canfield Avenue to Route 46 in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes that changing the name of Second Street to Baker Street is in the best interest of the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The street name of “Second Street” between Canfield Avenue and Baker Street, in the Township of Mine Hill, County of Morris shall be renamed “Baker Street”.

Section 2. The Public Works Department is hereby authorized and directed to install any and all street signs and traffic markings reflecting the change of the street name from Second Street to Baker Street and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to instruct the Township Engineer to revise the Township’s Official Map to reflect the change in the street name.

Section 3. The Township Clerk is hereby further authorized and directed to notify the Township Residents along said street of the effective date of the name change and to further advise all appropriate agencies, including but not limited to, the United States Post Office, the Police and Fire Departments, the First Aid Squad and the Morris County Department of Planning and Development of the change in said street name.

Section 4. All ordinances of the Township of Mine Hill, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Mr. Morris reported that the Scare Away Hunger Food Drive was an overwhelming success. He plans to share the idea of canvas bag distribution with other food pantries. He appointed Michelle Johnston, Bridget Mauro, and Deb Goldstein to the Community Committee, and distributed an Event Schedule for the Holidays.

Mr. Morris reported that DPW is ready for snow; all equipment is in working order and supplies are stocked.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS

Recreation/Community Committee

See Administrative Agenda.

Board of Education

Mr. Bloom reported that the BOE reviewed the NJASK test results, and room for improvement has been discussed.

Fire & First Aid

Mr. Pepperman reported that the annual insurance inspection received great reviews.

Police

Mr. Pepperman reported on the October statistics, and noted that the renovated headquarters will be ready in December. Mr. Morris added discussion of the future of e-tickets.

Open Space Committee

Mr. Bloom reported that work is proceeding on the “blue” trail. Maps have been purchased for the kiosk and should be installed soon. Mr. Pepperman noted that police officers are being trained and certified in ATV use to patrol trails.

Planning Board

Mr. Willis noted that there are no applications before the Board.

CDRS

Ms. Kanzenbach reported that grant applications are due January 9th. The Legion and the Fire Department can both apply for roof repairs. Mr. Morris added that the final inspection on the Dolores Path was successful and the grant money will be forthcoming.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

John Gangemi, resident of Route 46, reported that he is supplying the information that Council requested from the Jr. Knights so that the Council can research how to pay their invoice.

John Flemming, resident of Basset Lane, asked how the recent sewer meeting went. Mr. Morris responded that the meeting did not happen, and discussion as to how to move forward will be handled in closed session. Mr. Flemming also noted that he has tried to create a turnaround on Basset Lane to help people who come up the road by accident. He asked if the Township could put some gravel in that area to help. Other drainage issues were also discussed.

John Paschal, resident of Thomastown Road, asked if there was a remedy to the speed bump problem on Thomastown. Mr. Morris responded that he would work on it.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to approve the consent agenda. The roll was called, and the resolutions were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis; Mr. Bloom

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. Coranato

Abstentions: none

Resolution 134-14 Authorizing Redemption of a Third Party Tax Lien – Block 412 Lot 7

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #09-06, was sold to R. Rothman on June 18, 2009 on Block 412, Lot 7 known as 18 First Street; and

WHEREAS, the amount required to redeem was received by the Tax Collector on the aforementioned property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that the Treasurer shall refund \$70,200.46 to R. Rothman. This includes the redemption amount of \$64,100.46 and the return of premium paid at time of sale in the amount of \$6,100.00

Total \$70,200.46

R. Rothman
411 Grand Ave.
Englewood, NJ 07631

Resolution 135-14 Authorizing Redemption of a Third Party Tax Lien – Block 1802 Lot 1 C0508

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #11-12, was sold to US Bank Cust for Pro Capital I LLC on October 6, 2010 on Block 1802, Lot 1, C0508 known as 400-34 E. Randolph Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the amount required to redeem was received by the Tax Collector on the aforementioned property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that the Treasurer shall refund \$8,516.23 to US Bank Cust for Pro Capital I LLC. This includes the redemption amount of \$8,416.23 and the return of premium paid at time of sale in the amount of \$100.00

Total \$8,516.23

US Bank Cust for Pro Capital I LLC
50 South 16th St, Ste 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Resolution 136-14 Authorizing Redemption of a Third Party Tax Lien – Block 1706 Lot 4

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2012-021, was sold to US Bank Cust for Pro Capital I, LLC on August 15, 2012 on Block 1706, Lot 4 known 212 Hurd Street; and

WHEREAS, the amount required to redeem was received by the Tax Collector on the aforementioned property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that the Treasurer shall refund \$7,880.38 to US Bank Cust for Pro Capital I, LLC. This includes the redemption amount of \$7,880.38 and the return of premium paid at time of sale in the amount of \$600.00

Total \$7,880.38

US Bank Cust for Pro Capital I, LLC
50 South 16th St, Ste 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Resolution 137-14 Authorizing Redemption of a Third Party Tax Lien – Block 1306 Lot 16

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2014-011, was sold to US Bank Cust for BV001 Trust on September 5, 2014 on Block 1306, Lot 16 known as 22 Oakwood Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the amount required to redeem was received by the Tax Collector on the aforementioned property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that the Treasurer shall refund \$7,775.42 to US Bank Cust for BV001 Trust. This includes the redemption amount of \$4,475.42 and the return of premium paid at time of sale in the amount of \$3,300.00

Total \$7,775.42

US Bank Cust for BV001 Trust
50 South 16th St, Ste 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Resolution 141-14 Authorizing Redemption of a Third Party Tax Lien – Block 502 Lot 3

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2013-004, was sold to US Bank Cust for Pro Capital III LLC on October 24, 2013 on Block 502, Lot 3 known as 20 George Street; and

WHEREAS, the amount required to redeem was received by the Tax Collector on the aforementioned property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that the Treasurer shall refund \$4,022.20 to US Bank Cust for Pro Capital III LLC. This includes the redemption amount of \$2,722.20 and the return of premium paid at time of sale in the amount of \$1,300.00

Total \$4,022.20

US Bank Cust for Pro Capital III LLC
50 South 16th St, Ste 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 138-14 Approval of Raffle License – American Legion Calendar Raffle

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Willis to approve the resolution. The roll was called, and the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis; Mr. Bloom

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. Coranato

Abstentions: none

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that a License be issued to Mine Hill American Legion Post 391 to conduct a calendar raffle from January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the municipal license fee be and is hereby waived.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 139-14 Closed Session

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to approve the resolution to enter closed session. The roll was called, and the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis; Mr. Bloom
Nays: none
Absent: Mr. Coranato
Abstentions: none

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 of the Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINE HILL, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the specified subject matter(s) set forth in paragraph 2 below.
2. The subject matter(s) to be discussed are as follows:
 - Litigation – Specify
 - Personnel Matter – Reappointment of Municipal Clerk
 - Contract Negotiation – RVRSA, Ovivo Water, Land Purchase from BOE, Fire Department Contract; Sports Contracts
 - Attorney-Client Privilege – Specify
 - Collective Bargaining Agreement – Specify
 - Other – as authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 – Specify
3. Minutes of the closed session and any other information required to be shown in the minutes by law, shall be promptly available to the public when the matters discussed are resolved, to the extent that making such matters public shall not be inconsistent with section N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.
4. The Township Council may come back into open session and take further action.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

At the conclusion of closed session discussion, upon motion made and seconded and a voice vote, Council reentered open session.

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 140-14 Reappointment of Municipal Clerk

This resolution was tabled until February.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda G. Macchia, RMC
Mine Hill Municipal Clerk

Approved on this _____ day of _____, 20____

Council President