

Township Council President Kristine Kanzenbach 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

Ms. Kanzenbach announced that adequate notice for this meeting had been given as required by law.

ROLL CALL: Present – Mr. Bloom; Mr. Coranato; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman
Absent – Mr. Willis
Also Present – Mr. Morris, Mayor; Mr. Thompson, Township Administrator; Mr. Oostdyk,
Township Attorney; Ms. Macchia, Township Clerk
Public Present – 8

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Ms. Kanzenbach listed the following items of communication:

- a. Alliance for Action re: Invitation to Chapter Meeting – April 13th
Mayor Ondish will be discussing shared services at this event. Ms. Kanzenbach noted that the Township may be interested in sending a representative
- b. Roxbury Township re: Notice of Land Use Ordinances
Brief discussion of noise implications.

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing and Adoption

None at this time.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bill List

Following brief discussion, Mr. Coranato made a motion to approve the bills list. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pepperman and approved by the following vote:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Administrator

Mr. Thompson reported that the Road Department has a new Kubota tractor that will enable them to perform a lot of services more quickly and easily than in the past.

He also reported that he has been speaking with the Administrator in Dover regarding the Court; Dover has provided income and expense figures for Mine Hill's portion of the Court system. Victory Gardens is attempting to join the Court system and the contract will be reviewed in light of this possible addition.

Mr. Thompson noted that he met with the owners of Patsey's Café and they will be submitting a proposal for operation of the snack bars at the recreation fields and beach. He added that there would be no financial loss associated with this proposal.

Mr. Thompson reported that the Sewer Utility has depleted its surplus and rates will have to be raised. Extensive discussion followed. It was concluded that debt restructuring would be investigated and a proposed rate increase would be presented with the budget introduction at the next meeting. Mr. Morris added that the Sewer Budget may be introduced at a later date if it cannot be balanced prior to the April 5th meeting. It was noted that the sewer lines at Thomastown are in the process of being installed.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Morris also met with Police Chief Fernandez regarding securing the beach to avoid the use of ATV's on the trails behind it. This will be further researched.

Community Committee

Mr. Morris noted that the structure of this committee can be determined by the Council. The goals of this committee will be community outreach (such as management of the food pantry, fuel oil bill assistance, etc) and community building (such as Mine Hill Day, the Tree Lighting, etc).

A resident noted that when she moved to Mine Hill she couldn't find any resources to guide her toward civic and social activities. She is basing her ideas on Newcomers and Neighbors of Randolph. It provides a social outlet for people such as moms with kids who are not yet in the school system. She noted that unless your children are attending the school information is not readily available. Randolph puts out a newsletter to inform of activities and gets advertisers for the newsletters to keep it from costing any money.

Mr. Morris noted that one idea is to make Mine Hill Day a full day event with a 5K where the entry fees go toward the food pantry or possibly starting a fuel oil assistance program. Ideas like this will fall under this committee.

It was concluded that an ordinance would be drafted to establish this committee. Mr. Morris envisions an 11 member board that includes the Mayor and one member of the Council. He proposes giving the program approximately \$5,000 to get it off the ground in the first year in hopes that it will become a self-sustaining program.

Mayor

Mr. Morris thanked Fred Willis and Doug Willis for steam rolling the soccer fields; huge improvements to the playing surface have been noticed among the soccer volunteers.

Mr. Morris asked Ms. Macchia to provide an update on the development of the Township's website.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

School Board Committee

Mr. Coranato reported that, at last meeting, they discussed the steady improvement of test scores. The Board of Education is looking to update its IT budget. Mr. Bloom added that a discussion of plans for next year included IT infrastructure upgrades. Mr. Morris added that one of the State's best practices check list items is to conduct a joint budget presentation with the Board of Education; the Board was not interested in this idea.

Fire Department / First Aid Squad Committee

Mr. Pepperman reported that the Fire Department dinner was held last week.

Police

Mr. Pepperman reported that he will be meeting with the Police Chief to discuss various issues in the coming weeks.

Open Space

Mr. Bloom reported that Open Space attempted to meet on Tuesday, but attendance was poor. Reminder emails will be sent out to members to discuss a possible better date/time for these meetings.

Planning/Zoning

Mr. Morris noted that the Planning Board met for the purposes of paying bills.

Recreation Committee

Ms. Kanzenbach reported that 78 soccer players have signed up; opening day is April 14th, and cleanup day is March 31st. Discussion followed regarding requesting SLAP assistance with cleanup.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Stan Kwasnik, South Second Avenue

Mr. Kwasnik inquired about bicycle and walking path grant monies that have come into the Township. Mr. Bloom responded that grants may be used to install kiosks at the entrances to trails to provide trail maps. Another resident commented on the overgrowth on the trails network. Mr. Bloom responded that part of receiving grant monies is the logging of volunteer hours; volunteer plans are developing to address problems including overgrowth.

Resident, Maple Avenue

A resident noted that the hours of operation of the recycling area behind the Civic Center are inconvenient. Mr. Thompson responded that the Department of Public Works needs to be available for the area to be open. Extended hours will be looked into as a possible option.

Bill Orlandi, Anderson Place

Mr. Orlandi offered to assist in open space endeavors. He also inquired about the grant for work to be done over the mine behind Canfield Avenue School. Mr. Morris responded that he is investigating various avenues for receiving grant monies for mine remediation.

Ms. Kanzenbach discussed the establishment of a Library subcommittee. She nominated Mr. Coranato and Mr. Willis to participate with interested residents in conducting a feasibility study for improving the library system.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 07-12 – Amendment to Beach Fees Ordinance

A motion was duly made by Mr. Coranato and seconded by Pepperman to introduce the Ordinance.

Seeing no discussion from the Township Council or the public, the roll was called and the Ordinance was introduced by the following vote:

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

Ms. Kanzenbach announced that this ordinance will be further considered for adoption at the next regular meeting of the Township Council scheduled for April 5, 2012, at 7:30 pm, at which time the public will have an opportunity to be heard on this matter.

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

SECTION 1. Definitions

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

Adult: Persons at least 18 years of age.

Child: Persons between 2 and 17 years of age; children under the age of 2 may accompany adults to the beach free of charge.

Family: "Family" consists of parent(s) and minor children (grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, etc. may purchase individual passes as applicable to their age).

Resident: Persons residing within the municipal boundaries of the Township of Mine Hill and the Borough of Wharton

Seniors: Persons age 65 and older

SECTION 2. The following fees are hereby established for the use of the Municipal Beach in the Township of Mine Hill:

BEACH MEMBERSHIP

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Family Membership	\$125.00	\$250.00
Individual Adult Membership	\$ 75.00	\$150.00
Individual Child Membership*	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
Senior Membership	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00

*Requires the purchase of a Family, Individual Adult or Senior Membership to accompany the Child

NON-MEMBER DAILY FEES

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Adults	\$ 10.00	\$15.00
Children (Age 13-17 Years)	\$ 5.00	\$10.00
Children (Age 2-12 Years)	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Seniors	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

BOAT REGISTRATION FEES (all boat fees are per boat for the season; boat fees do not include beach membership)

All Municipal Beach Members:	\$ 25.00
Resident Non-Members	\$100.00
Resident Senior Non-Members	\$ 50.00
Non-Resident/Non-Members	\$175.00
Non-Resident Senior Non-Members	\$ 75.00

SECTION 3. Promotional Days

There are allowed to be up to three no fee promotional days at the discretion of the Beach Committee to encourage membership.

SECTION 4. Beach Rules

All persons utilizing the beach, members and non-members, will be subject to the "Beach Rules" as established and amended from time to time by the Township Council with the advice of the Beach Committee. Said rules shall be posted at the beach and made available to the public through the Municipal Clerk's office.

SECTION 5. Boating Rules

Upon payment of the Boat Registration Fee, each Boat Applicant shall read and sign a copy of the “Boating Rules”. One signed copy of the Rules shall be given to the applicant, and another shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk. No Boat Registration Permit shall be issued until a signed copy of the “Boating Rules” has been filed.

SECTION 6. 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 7. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage and approval by the Mayor and upon publication in the manner provided by law.

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS**Resolution 031-12 – Authorization to Join Morris County Adaptive Recreational Program**

A motion was made by Mr. Coranato and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to introduce the resolution.

Seeing no discussion from the Council or the Public, the roll was called and the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstentions: none

WHEREAS, there has been created a Morris County Adaptive Recreational Program (MCARP); and

WHEREAS, said program’s intent is to provide recreational services for persons with disabilities of all ages, and further to give said person an opportunity to explore new leisure time skills in conjunction with their age and specific disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated to exceed \$ 300,000; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mine Hill’s cost with respect thereto will be approximately \$ 455.00 (Fair Share Assessment FSA).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Mine Hill that the Township of Mine Hill hereby intends to join the Morris County Adaptive Recreation Program (MCARP) as described above and contribute thereto in the amount not in excess of Fair Share Assessment (FSA) for one year.

Resolution 032-12 – Authorization of Emergency Temporary Appropriations

A motion was made by Mr. Bloom and seconded by Mr. Coranato to introduce the resolution.

Seeing no discussion from the Council or the Public, the roll was called and the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstentions: none

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20, Local Budget Law, provides that temporary emergency appropriations may be made prior to the adoption of the 2012 Budget for the purposes and amounts required, in the manner therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2011 budget, less appropriations, made for Capital Improvement Fund, Debt Service and Public Assistance are as follows:

CURRENT FUND	\$3,705,291.38
WATER UTILITY	\$459,500.00
SEWER UTILITY	\$154,500.00
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	\$390,000.00

WHEREAS, 12% of the total appropriations in the 2011 Budget, less appropriations made for Capital Improvement Fund, Debt Service and Public Assistance is as follows:

CURRENT FUND	\$444,634.96
WATER UTILITY	\$ 55,140.00
SEWER UTILITY	\$ 18,540.00
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	\$46,800.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the following attached temporary emergency appropriations be made and a copy of this shall be transmitted to the chief Financial Officer for her records.

NEW BUSINESS

Safe Routes to School Signs

Mr. Morris noted that signs will be recommended on April 5th.

Appointments to Dover Joint Court

Mr. Thompson noted that the Township was given a resolution to entertain. Contract clarifications are needed before the process can proceed.

Agenda Restructuring to Include Financial Reporting from Administration

Mr. Bloom noted that the Council received an administrative financial report that he would like to see some additional specific details on. Mr. Morris noted that the agenda is set by the code, but that he is working to amend the code for posterity to make sure that the administration is always required to provide this type of reporting. An ordinance will be placed on tentative agenda for June/July after this has been studied and the details are established.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Meter Solution and Financing

Mr. Bloom distributed a handout pertaining to the water meter replacement project. He reported that he has spoken to two suppliers, Neptune and Datamatic. A plan for moving forward will be presented at the next meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Coranato, seconded by Mr. Pepperman, and approved by a vote of all ayes to approve a resolution to enter closed session for the purposes of discussing two matters of litigation.

Upon the conclusion of closed session discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach, seconded by Mr. Coranato, and approved by a voice vote to return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Coranato to adjourn the meeting at 10:22pm. 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