

Township Council Vice President Bret Coranato 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. Coranato announced that adequate notice for this meeting had been given as required by law.

ROLL CALL: Present – Mr. Bloom; Mr. Coranato; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis
Absent – Ms. Kanzenbach
Also Present – Mr. Morris, Mayor; Mr. Bucco, Township Attorney; Ms. Macchia,
Township Clerk
Public Present – 4

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mr. Coranato listed the following items of communication:

- a. Morris County Planning & Development re: Flood Mitigation Program
- b. NJLM re: Conference Hotel Reservations
- c. Morris ARC re: Touchstone Newsletter
- d. Raritan Headwaters Association re: Request for Support

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Willis and seconded by Mr. Bloom to approve the following Open Session minutes. Seeing no discussion, the motion was approved by a voice vote.

- a. May 3, 2012
- b. May 17, 2012

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing and Adoption

Ordinance 17-12 Temporary Structures

A motion was made by Mr. Coranato, seconded by Mr. Bloom, and approved by a voice vote open the public hearing on this ordinance.

Mr. Bucco explained that this ordinance was tabled from the previous meeting because the Planning Board supplied significant changes and the Council was awaiting those changes. Having received the changes, Mr. Bucco recommends defeating this ordinance and reintroducing the amended ordinance at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Coranato, seconded by Mr. Bloom, and approved by a voice vote to close the public hearing on the ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Coranato and seconded by Mr. Bloom to defeat this ordinance. The roll was called and the Ordinance was defeated by the following vote:

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

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 Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Mine Hill, shall be amended by the inclusion of new Chapter 5.50 which shall be entitled “Temporary Storage Units” and read, in its entirety, as follows:

Chapter 5.50 Temporary Storage Units

5.50.010 Definitions

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

TEMPORARY STORAGE UNIT - Any temporary structure or container unit designed for the temporary outdoor storage of personal property, including any temporary garage or other structure used for storage that does not require a certificate of occupancy under the construction codes or a portable on-demand storage structure ("POD") or similar storage container, which is typically rented to owners or occupants of property for their temporary use and which is delivered and removed by vehicle.

SITE or PROPERTY - A piece, parcel, tract, or plot of land occupied or that may be occupied, by one or more buildings or uses and their accessory buildings and accessory uses which is generally considered to be one unified parcel.

TYPE I PERMIT – Any temporary storage unit used for the purposes of storing the personal property of people who are moving in or out of the property.

TYPE II PERMIT – Any temporary storage used for the storage of personal property during renovations or rehabilitation of the structure.

USER - The owner or occupant of property using a temporary storage unit or entering into an agreement with a temporary storage unit company or other person or entity for the placement of a temporary storage unit on a site located in the Township of Mine Hill.

5.50.020 Placement

A. No temporary storage unit shall be placed or maintained by any private person or entity in or on any Township property, street or right-of-way without a valid permit issued by the Zoning Officer.

B. No temporary storage unit shall be placed or maintained on any private property unless it complies with one or more of the following provisions:

(1) Such containers must be placed or maintained on a driveway or other suitably paved area at the furthest accessible point from the street for purposes of packing or unpacking goods and materials of the owner or occupant of the property in preparation for or subsequent to moving into or out of the property for a period of not more than 60 consecutive days.

(2) Such containers must be placed or maintained on a driveway or other suitably paved area at the furthest accessible point from the street for purposes of storing the personal property of the owner or occupant of the property when necessary during renovation or rehabilitation of the structure located on the property in which the personal property would otherwise be located during the period of renovation or rehabilitation, but in no event more than a total of 60 consecutive days.

5.50.030 Permit Required

Prior to the placement of a temporary storage unit on any private property a site plan showing the proposed location of the temporary storage unit must be submitted by the owner of the property using the temporary storage unit or the person contracting for the use of such temporary storage unit who shall apply for and receive a permit from the Township in accordance with the requirements and standards set forth herein.

A. Application for a permit shall be made to the Township Zoning Officer on a form provided by the Township. The application shall require the full name, address and other contact information for the owner of the temporary storage unit, the owner of the property with which the use of the temporary storage unit is associated, and the person contracting for the use of the temporary storage unit (if such person is not the owner of the property for which the temporary storage unit is to be used). Every application for a permit shall be accompanied by a permit fee of \$50.00 for a Type I permit and \$100.00 for a Type II permit.

B. Any temporary storage unit placed on private property shall be placed on a suitable base to assure stability. If, in the opinion of the Police Department or the Township Engineer, the location is sufficiently close to a vehicular intersection or pedestrian path, the permit may require that the unit be equipped with appropriate reflectors or other safety markings so that the unit will not constitute a hazard to traffic or pedestrians. The specific number, location and type of markings shall be determined by the Police Department or the Township Engineer and noted on the permit at the time of its issuance or at any time thereafter.

C. Any permit issued for placement of a temporary storage unit on private property shall be valid for a period of 60 days, and a sticker or notice shall be prominently displayed on the temporary storage unit or on the property upon which the unit is placed indicating the commencement and expiration dates of the permit.

D. Upon a showing of continued need for the temporary storage unit (such as during the course of major construction projects), the Construction Official may renew a permit for up to two additional periods, not to exceed 90 days for Type II permits and 30 days for Type I permits, upon the filing of an application for renewal and payment of the additional fee for the type of permit renewal requested.

5.50.040 General Restrictions and Requirements

A. No more than one temporary storage unit may be placed on any property at one time and no more than one permit may be issued for any property, including any renewals of said permit, during a twelve-month period.

B. No hazardous material or organic waste shall be placed in a temporary storage unit.

C. No temporary storage unit shall be used for the storage of construction debris, business inventory, commercial goods, or any personal property which is not owned by the owner or occupant of the property where the unit is located. Upon reasonable notice to the permit holder, the Township may inspect the contents of any temporary storage unit for compliance with this chapter.

D. The owner of the temporary storage unit and the owner of the site on which the unit is located shall be jointly responsible to ensure that the temporary storage unit is in good condition, free from evidence of deterioration, weathering, discoloration, rust, ripping, tearing or other holes or breaks.

E. A temporary storage unit shall be no larger than 130 square feet in area and no higher than 10 feet above grade.

5.50.050 Responsibility for Compliance

The person contracting for the use of a temporary storage unit and the owner of the property associated with its use shall be jointly responsible for compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Copies of the penalty provisions of this chapter shall be appended to the permit and shall be mailed with a copy of the permit to the owner of the temporary storage unit, the property owner, and any other interested party.

5.50.060 Violations and Penalties

A. It shall be unlawful for a temporary storage unit to remain on any property in excess of the time period set forth in the permit issued by the Township. Each day a temporary storage unit remains on a property in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be considered a separate violation subject to the penalty provisions set forth below.

B. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction in Municipal Court or any other court having jurisdiction, be liable for a fine not exceeding \$2,000, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days, or community service for a term not exceeding 90 days, or any combination of the above.

SECTION 2. 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 3. 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 4. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage and approval by the Mayor and upon publication in the manner provided by law.

Ordinance 19-12 Establishment of the Position of Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer

A motion was made by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Pepperman and approved by a voice vote to open the public hearing on the ordinance.

Seeing no discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Pepperman and approved by a voice vote to close the public hearing on the ordinance.

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

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

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 Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Mine Hill are hereby amended by amending Chapter 2.24 entitled “Chief Financial Officer” to include the following additional Sections 2.24.070 and 2.24.080 which shall read in the entirety as follows:

2.24.070 Chief Financial Officer Shall serve as Township Treasurer

The Chief Financial Officer shall perform any statutory duties of the municipal treasurer and any reference in the Township Code to a Township Treasurer shall be deemed to be the Chief Financial Officer.

2.24.080 Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer

The Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council may appoint an assistant to the chief financial officer who shall assist the Chief Financial Officer and perform such duties as are directed by the Chief Financial Officer. The compensation for this position shall be established in the Township’s salary ordinance.

SECTION 2. Chapter 2.60 of the Revised General Ordinance of the Township of Mine Hill, Section 2.60.060 entitled “Division of the Treasury” is hereby amended by the following amendment to subsection A. which shall read in its entirety as follows:

A. Establishment. There shall be a division of the treasury within the department of administration, the head of which shall be the Chief Financial Officer.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

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 20 days after final passage and approval by the Mayor and upon publication in the manner provided by law.

Ordinance 20-12 Establishment of the Position of Township Historian

A motion was made by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Pepperman and approved by a voice vote to open the public hearing on the ordinance.

Mr. Willis asked if the position would be a paid position. Mr. Morris recommended that the position receive a \$1,000 stipend in the 2013 budget and also have a small budget for operation. Mr. Morris would like to fill this position because of the recent retirement of long time Clerk Pat Korpos and the potential upcoming retirement of long time employee Al Thompson; he is concerned that Township history will be forgotten. Mr. Morris intends to appoint Bill Orlandi to the position.

Seeing no discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Pepperman, seconded by Mr. Bloom and approved by a voice vote to close the public hearing on the ordinance.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent: Ms. Kanzenbach

Abstentions: none

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 Revised General Ordinance of the Township of Mine Hill are hereby amended by the inclusion of new Chapter 2.46 which shall be entitled "Township Historian" and shall read in its entirety as follows:

2.46 Township Historian

2.46 Appointment of Township Historian; compensation; report; assistants.

The Township Council may appoint a local historian who shall serve as Mine Hill Township Historian at the pleasure of the Council. The Council may provide such compensation as it deems appropriate for the position. The Township Historian shall make an annual report to the governing body and generally perform such duties as requested by the governing body. The Township Historian shall be an ex-officio member of the Community Committee and may request citizens of the community to assist him in special projects from time to time or as requested by the governing body.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage and approval by the Mayor and upon publication in the manner provided by law.

Ordinance 21-12 Amending Salary Ordinance

A motion was made by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Pepperman and approved by a voice vote to open the public hearing on the ordinance.

Mr. Bloom noted that the addition of an Assistant CFO will help alleviate the audit recommendation of segregation of duties.

Seeing no discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Pepperman and approved by a voice vote to close the public hearing on the ordinance.

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

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

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINE HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 02-12 Fixing the Salary and Wage Ranges of Certain Officials and Employees to establish a range for the positions of Township Historian and Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer is hereby amended in the following particulars only:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer	\$ 0 – \$10,000
Township Historian	\$ 0 – \$1,000

Section 2. All ranges of salaries or compensation herein above fixed shall be effective January 1, 2012. When an hourly rate is stated, payment shall be made on the basis of properly approved time sheets. All salaries shall be payable bi-weekly except for Council members, the Emergency Management Coordinator and the Elevator Subcode Official, who shall be paid quarterly.

Section 3. All Ordinances inconsistent with the Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage and approval by the Mayor and upon publication in the manner provided by law.

Ordinance 22-12 Amending Penalties for Violation of Municipal Ordinances

A motion was made by Mr. Pepperman, seconded by Mr. Bloom and approved by a voice vote to open the public hearing on the ordinance.

Mr. Morris explained that he spoke to Mr. Bucco and Mr. Oostdyk and learned that this ordinance models a State law to increase fines for repeat offenders of ordinance violations.

Seeing no discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Pepperman and approved by a voice vote to close the public hearing on the ordinance.

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

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

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1.08 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Mine Hill, entitled “General Penalty”, shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

1.08 General Penalty

1.08.010 Maximum penalty.

A. For violation of any provision of this chapter, any other chapter of this Code, or any ordinance of the Township where no specific penalty is provided regarding the section or sections violated, the maximum penalty, upon conviction, shall be a fine not exceeding \$2000, or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 90 days, or both, or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days at the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge.

B. Whenever a fine is to be imposed in an amount greater than \$1,250 for violations of housing or zoning codes the owner shall be provided a thirty-day period during which the owner shall be afforded the opportunity to cure or abate the condition and shall be afforded the opportunity for a hearing before the court for an independent determination concerning the violation. Subsequent to the expiration of the thirty-day

period, a fine greater than \$1,250 may be imposed if the court has determined that the abatement has not been substantially completed.

C. Separate violations. Except as otherwise provided, each and every day in which a violation of any provision of this chapter or any ordinance of the Township exists shall constitute a separate violation.

1.08.020 Minimum Penalty.

For the violation of any particular section of this Code or any particular ordinance of the Township for which no other minimum penalty is provided a minimum penalty shall be imposed which shall consist of a fine of \$100.

1.08.030 Repeat offender.

Any person who is convicted of violating an ordinance within one year of the date of a previous violation of the same ordinance, and who was fined for the previous violation, shall be sentenced by the court to an additional fine as a repeat offender. The additional fine imposed by the court upon a person for a repeated offense shall not be less than the minimum or exceed the maximum fine fixed for a violation of the ordinance, but shall be calculated separately from the fine imposed for the violation of the ordinance.

SECTION 2. 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 3. 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 4. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage and approval by the Mayor and upon publication in the manner provided by law.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bill List

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

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

Nays: none

Absent: Ms. Kanzenbach

Abstentions: none

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Mr. Morris asked for a moment of silence for Frank Zanotti, owner of the Rest-A-Bit Tavern. He was great contributor to community programs such as Mine Hill Day.

Mr. Morris announced that drilling would be starting soon to probe depressions on Xenia Court, in front of the salt shed, and on the walking path to investigate their cause(s). The Township will then receive a report as to what remediation is necessary to make these areas useable.

Mr. Morris reported that he and Mr. Thompson have been having conversations with NJ DOT regarding Route 46. DOT will be making changes to cross walks on Route 46.

Mr. Morris noted that approximately 890 meters are installed, approximately 40 of which have required the assistance of the plumber.

Mr. Morris discussed potential plans to redesign the meeting room dais. Drawings were distributed to the Council for review. The drawings are costing the Township approximately \$400, and DPW will do the construction; the entire project is expected to cost approximately \$1,200.

Mr. Willis asked the status of the alarm on the water tower. Mr. Morris responded that he received an email that said the installers were having difficulty installing the meter. Mr. Morris would like to independently install a meter.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

School Board Committee

Mr. Bloom reported that things are in good order and the year is being closed out on time. All of the recommendations out of the last audit have been addressed. The board voted to grandfather honor roll for children already in the system; honor roll will apply only to 6th graders in the future.

Mr. Bloom also reported that he attended the Dover Board of Education meeting where a discussion was held regarding the promotion of the good qualities of Dover High School. Mr. Morris added that he has had

several good conversations recently which will hopefully lead to a better relationship. Discussion followed regarding improvement of Dover High School's image.

Recreation Committee

Mr. Coranato reported that soccer will be starting up soon. Mr. Morris added that Ms. Wild has met with the Recreation Committee to work on the structure and rules. Mr. Morris asked the Council to confirm an appointment to the Recreation Committee: Megan Simcik. A motion was made by Mr. Pepperman and seconded by Mr. Bloom to accept the appointment. The roll was called and the appointment was confirmed by the following vote:

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

Police

Mr. Pepperman reported that Wharton Police arrested nine individuals and issued 125 motor vehicle summons in Mine Hill in the month of June. July saw five arrests and 94 motor vehicle violations.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

John Paschal, Thomastown Road

Mr. Paschal asked who is responsible for the formulation of the agenda, expressing his concern that the Right to Farm ordinance did not appear on this ordinance. Mr. Bucco reported that the County has several requirements for the Right to Farm ordinance, one of which is that livestock be allowed on the property. The Township has concerns about this which will need to be regulated. Mr. Bucco is working on what those regulations at the Township level will be so that the ordinance can be written. Mr. Paschal expressed concerns over the communication regarding this ordinance.

Mr. Paschal asked to poll the Council for their opinion of the Right to Farm ordinance. The consensus of the Council was that they would very likely vote in favor of the ordinance, with the understanding that they would need to review the livestock restrictions before they could truly decide.

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Non-Consent Resolutions

Resolution 068-12 Liquor License Renewal – Balcon de Espana

A motion was made by Mr. Bloom and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to introduce the resolution. Seeing no discussion, the roll was called and the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

WHEREAS, the applicant for Alcoholic Beverage Control License set forth below has been duly investigated; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill is satisfied that all the rules and regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Law, Title 33, Chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937, as amended and supplemented, including P.L. 1970, Ch. 77, have been duly complied with:

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 Township Council hereby agrees to issue to the following applicant, the following permanent license under the aforesaid State Statutes for the following annual fee, said license to commence July 1, 2012 and to expire at midnight on June 30, 2013.

<u>APPLICANT:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>	<u>FEE:</u>
Balcon de Espana Restaurant Corp. For Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1420-33-001-008	181 Randolph Avenue	\$1,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue the aforesaid license in the form approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage of the State of New Jersey to the aforesaid applicant.

Resolution 092-12 Appointment of Purchasing Manager / Assistant to the CFO

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

Mr. Willis asked if Ms. Wild would be paid retroactively for this position since she has been performing these duties. Mr. Bucco responded that retroactive pay could not be done in this case.

Seeing no further discussion, the roll was called and the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Ms. Kanzenbach

Abstentions: none

WHEREAS, the Township has a need to fill vacancies in the positions of Purchasing Manager and Assistant to the Certified Municipal Finance Officer; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 salary ordinance was amended to establish the salary ranges of \$2,000-\$6,000 (stipend) and \$0-\$10,000 for these positions respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has recommended appointing Katelyn Wild to fill these positions.

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 Katelyn Wild is hereby appointed as Purchasing Manager, with a stipend of \$3,000, and Assistant to the Certified Municipal Finance Officer, at the added salary of \$10,000.00 per year effective August 20, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Willis asked if the Raritan River Watershed Association that was seeking a contribution was the same organization as the former Ten Towns Committee. He believes that the Township has contributed to Ten Towns in the past.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

John Paschal, Thomastown Road

Mr. Paschal expressed his concern that the headwaters associations are a waste of money.

Richard Leary, West Randolph Avenue

Mr. Leary spoke regarding the Police Contract. He has heard that the Township is considering a contract with Roxbury Township. He believes that no renegotiation should occur until the current contract expires in 2015, and that when the contract is renegotiated that the officers of the Police Department in question need to be considered. He also expressed concerns over the Township Attorney and the newly appointed CFO being associated with Roxbury.

Mr. Bucco responded that he has already advised both Roxbury and Mine Hill that his law firm cannot represent either party if a contract is entered into.

Mr. Morris added that he has had one meeting with Roxbury to find out if they are even interested in providing a proposal for policing Mine Hill. Meeting was approximately an hour and fifteen minutes, where Roxbury provided an overview of their services and both parties felt out whether or not there would be interest. Mr. Morris then met with Chief Fernandez and reported on his discussion with Roxbury. Mr. Morris has several police professionals who are willing to look over any potential change in contract. Mr. Morris stated for the record that, at the moment, the Township is not doing anything other than looking at the financial situation. Mr. Morris added that a renegotiation would not be waiting until 2015 because the financial situation can be improved now; the contract increasing 5.25% each year is not tolerable. The funds saved are intended to be used to get the Township out of debt. He reiterated that no revised proposal has come from Wharton and no proposal at all has come from Roxbury, so there is no proposal to entertain at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Bloom and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm. 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