

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; Mr. Willis
Absent –
Also Present – Mr. Morris, Mayor; Mr. Bucco, Township Attorney; Ms. Macchia,
Township Clerk
Public Present – 4

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Earl Babb presented General Code’s proposal for recodification of the Township Code.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Ms. Kanzenbach listed the following items of communication:

- a. NJLM re: League Conference Information
- b. Township Attorney Anthony Bucco re: Notice of Conflict of Interest
- c. NJ DOT re: Notice of Grant Programs Available
- d. County Concrete re: Depletion Report
- e. Health Department Monthly Report

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Tire Problem on Iron Mountain Road

Mark Caputo, Randolph Township Health Officer, and John Crimi, owner of Iron Mountain Industrial Park, were invited to discuss this topic.

Mr. Morris described the site of the problem, noting that the pile currently consists of baled tire fragments stacked at least twelve feet high. Full tires that were creating a health hazard by gathering standing water have been removed from the site, but the pile of bales still poses a fire hazard. The fire department has expressed concerns with any tire recycling operation within the Township, especially so close to the nail polish factory.

Following a thorough discussion of the various meetings that have taken place, it was concluded that the renter of the property would be required to rearrange the pile of covered bales of tires to be no more than ten feet high with air circulation space between stacks, and to work with the Mosquito Commission on a plan to treat the area for mosquito infestation. Mr. Caputo will provide notice of these requirements, and if they are not met after a reasonable notice period, daily summonses will be issued.

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing and Adoption

Ordinance 23-12 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT TITLE 10, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINE HILL, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

Seeing no discussion from Council or Public, 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. Bloom and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to adopt this ordinance. The roll was called and the Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Bloom; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis; Mr. Coranato; Ms. Kanzenbach
Nays: none
Absent: none
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. Title 10, Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.24, Parking, Section 10.24.030, Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets, Schedule I, No Parking, is hereby amended and supplemented by re-designating the prohibition of parking on Fairfield Avenue as follows:

<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>SIDES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Fairfield Avenue	South	Entire length

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 and upon the posting of the appropriate No Parking signs.

Ordinance 24-12 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINE HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 02-12 FIXING THE SALARY AND WAGE RANGES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

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

Seeing no discussion, 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. Bloom and seconded by Mr. Coranato 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; Ms. Kanzenbach
- Nays: none
- Absent: none
- 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 is hereby amended to establish a range for the position of Construction Department Secretary to read as follows:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary Range</u>
Construction Department Secretary	\$ 0 – \$ 18,000

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 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 25-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINE HILL AND REGULATING THE PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY STORAGE UNITS

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Willis and seconded by Mr. Coranato 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; Ms. Kanzenbach
- Nays: none
- Absent: none

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 8.90 which shall be entitled "Temporary Storage Units" and read, in its entirety, as follows:

Chapter 8.90 Temporary Storage Units

8.90.010 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.

8.90.020 Placement

8.90.010

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 located within a residential zone and all residential uses located in any zone within the Township unless it complies with one or more of the following provisions:

(1) Storage units under a Type I permit must be placed or maintained on a 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. So long as the user complies with all other provisions of this ordinance, no Type I Permit shall be required in connection with the placement of a temporary storage unit for the storage of personal property of people who are moving in or out of property for the first seven (7) days following its placement on the property. If said temporary storage unit remains on the property for more than seven (7) days, the user shall be required to obtain a Type I permit.

(2) Storage units under a Type II permit shall be placed or maintained on a 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. No Type II Permit shall be issued for the placement of a temporary storage unit unless the user provides written proof that all other permits necessary for the proposed renovation or rehabilitation of the primary dwelling structure on the property have been issued and remain valid. Should any of these permits expire or be revoked, the Type II Permit shall also be deemed revoked.

This provision does not apply to any approved industrial or commercial uses.

8.90.030 Permit Required

§ 241-3 Permits 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.

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. Renewal fees shall be \$75.00 for the renewal; \$100.00 for the second renewal; and \$150.00 for the third renewal.

8.90.040 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, “junk” as defined in accordance with the Zoning Ordinances of the Township of Mine Hill, 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 99 square feet in area and no higher than 10 feet above grade.

8.90.050 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.

8.90.060 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.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bill List

Following brief discussion, Mr. Bloom made a motion to approve the bills list with the removal of the Cablevision invoice for the Mine Hill Beach until it could be further understood. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kanzenbach and approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstentions: none

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Mr. Morris reported that he met with the mining engineer regarding the borings that were done in various areas. The engineer has made the following comments and recommendations:

1. The void under the walking path is relatively small. He would like to excavate down several feet (not all the way to bedrock), place a support slab, fill the area and replace the path. He also recommends installation of a fence approximately fifteen feet away from the path to contain walkers to the path area.
2. He recommends vacating the salt shed and not attempting to reclaim this area.
3. The void under Xenia Court was originally improperly filled. He recommends excavating to bedrock (which is only approximately ten feet), filling the area properly and rebuilding the sidewalk. The area will be fenced for the winter and the project will take place in the spring. He noted that the voids are contained to the area of the sidewalk and some lawns and should not affect homes or the street.

Mr. Morris reported that there are approximately 100 water meters left to replace and that approximately ten curb boxes need to be replaced. Approximately forty residents are refusing access to their meters and they will be fined if they continue to fail to comply.

Mr. Morris provided an update on the tennis courts at Thomastown. The courts were deeded to the town in 1984. The Township has not yet decided what, if anything, will be done with the courts; one expert analysis stated that they are beyond reclaiming.

Ms. Kanzenbach asked whether an alarm was being installed on the MUA water tower. Mr. Morris responded that the MUA has refused to install and monitor an alarm. He plans to suggest that they install one of our meters and we will monitor it remotely with the rest of the system.

Ms. Kanzenbach asked if the process of obtaining AED's for recreation could also include obtaining lightning detectors. Mr. Morris responded that the Township has applied for grants for the AED's, but lightning detectors can be looked into as well.

Mr. Morris noted that the funds are available to repair the fire trucks and that the CFO is working with the auditor and the State to rearrange the funds to do so.

Mr. Morris reported that the Right to Farm ordinance is being reviewed by the County when they meet next week, and then they will be providing recommendations.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

School Board Committee

Mr. Coranato noted that he was impressed with improvements made to the school, including installation of wireless connectivity throughout. He also noted a newly implemented Spanish program.

Recreation Committee

Ms. Kanzenbach reported that Recreation will be meeting next week. Fall soccer starts this weekend.

Fire Department

Mr. Pepperman noted that MHFD responded to two fire calls, held two drills and tested fire hydrants in the month of August. They also received awards in the Boonton Labor Day Parade.

First Aid Squad

Mr. Pepperman announced that the Squad would be holding a Driving-In Movie fund raiser event.

Open Space

Mr. Bloom announced that Open Space meets next week.

Planning Board

Mr. Willis announced that Planning Board meets next week.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Gary Colucci, Williams Street

Mr. Colucci asked questions about the recodification process which were addressed by Ms. Macchia. Mr. Colucci also inquired about Mine Hill Day. Mr. Morris responded that the event may not take place until spring and that if the Historical Society would like to be included as a vendor to contact Ms. Wild.

Richard Leary, West Randolph Avenue

Mr. Leary noted the letter regarding Mr. Bucco’s conflict of interest should the Township enter an agreement with Roxbury Township. He remains concerned about the shared CFO’s potential conflict. Mr. Bucco responded that Ms. Reiche, as assistant CFO in Roxbury, will not be included in any potential future contract negotiation process. Mr. Morris added that no proposals have yet been received from Roxbury or Wharton.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 26-12 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT TITLE 10, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINE HILL, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

A motion was made by Mr. Cornanato and seconded by Mr. Bloom to introduce the ordinance.

Seeing no discussion from the Council or the Public, the roll was called and the ordinance was introduced as amended by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

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. Title 10, Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.24, Parking, Section 10.24.030, Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets, Schedule I, No Parking, is hereby amended and supplemented by designating the following additional streets as prohibiting the stopping or standing of a motor vehicle thereon:

NAME OF STREET	SIDES	LOCATION
Weber Lane	Both	Commencing at the intersection of US Route 46 West to a point 217 feet therefrom.

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 and upon the posting of the appropriate No Parking signs.

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Consent Resolutions

A motion was made by Mr. Bloom and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to approve the consent agenda. Seeing no discussion, the roll was called at the resolutions were approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstentions: none

Resolution 105-12 Cancellation of Water Charges – Acct. 6041, 11 Lakeshore Drive

WHEREAS, after having received a billing notification for consumption of 52,000 gallons, the property owner questioned the amount of usage at the home; and

WHEREAS, this property received a new water meter on June 9, 2012, at which time the homeowner took a photograph of the reading on the old meter before it was removed from his home, which he has provided to the Water Collector; and

WHEREAS, upon a review of the meter change sheet, the reading that was entered at the time of meter change was incorrect and the customer was overbilled for 44,000 gallons of consumption.

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 above account be considered overbilled in the amount of \$175.12 and the Water Collector be relieved of collecting same.

Resolution 106-12 Cancellation of Water Charges – Acct. 2696, 6 Xenia Court

WHEREAS, after having received a billing notification for consumption of 46,000 gallons, the property owner questioned the amount of usage at the home; and

WHEREAS, this property received a new water meter on June 11, 2012, at which time the installer reported a usage of 44,000 gallons from the external register; and

WHEREAS, upon a review of the meter change sheet, the reading that was entered at the time of meter change was from the meter itself and the customer was overbilled for 26,000 gallons of consumption.

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 above account be considered overbilled in the amount of \$103.48 and the Water Collector be relieved of collecting same.

Resolution 107-12 Cancellation of Water Charges – Acct. 7172, 19 Dickerson Mine Road

WHEREAS, after having received a billing notification for consumption of 27,000 gallons, the property owner questioned the amount of usage at the home; and

WHEREAS, this property received a new water meter on April 18, 2012, at which time the installer reported a usage of 0 gallons from both the internal and external register; and

WHEREAS, upon a review of the billing on this account shows that the billing system estimated a usage of 27,000 gallons, because of this zero consumption, even though there was no one living in the home.

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 above account be considered overbilled in the amount of \$107.46 and the Water Collector be relieved of collecting same.

Non-Consent Resolutions

A motion was made by Mr. Willis and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to approve the three resolutions pertaining to the PTA applications. Seeing no discussion, the resolutions were approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstentions: none

Resolution 099-12 PTA Raffle (Tricky Tray) Application

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 PTA for an On-Premise Merchandise Raffle (Tricky Tray) to be held on October 6, 2012, at 5:00 pm.

Resolution 100-12 PTA Raffle (On Premise 50/50) Application

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 PTA for an On-Premise Cash Raffle (50/50) to be held on October 6, 2012, at 5:00 pm.

Resolution 101-12 PTA Raffle License Fees Waiver

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 raffle license fees be and are hereby waived for the Tricky Tray and the On-Premise 50/50 raffle licenses issued to the Mine Hill Township PTA for events to be held on October 6, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Coranato and seconded by Ms. Kanzenbach to approve the resolutions pertaining to the St. Clare's applications. Seeing no discussion, the resolutions were approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstentions: none

Resolution 102-12 St. Clare's Raffle (Tricky Tray) Application

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 Saint Clare's Hospital Auxiliary for an On-Premise Merchandise Raffle (Tricky Tray) to be held on November 1, 2012, at 12:00 pm.

Resolution 103-12 St. Clare's Raffle (Off Premise 50/50) Application

MINUTES OF THE MINE HILL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

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 Saint Clare's Hospital Auxiliary for an Off-Premise Cash Raffle (50/50) to be held on November 1, 2012, at 12:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Removal Policies

Mr. Morris noted that the Township wants to stop being in the tree removal business. Other towns have ordinances that state that if a tree is inside the curb, regardless of the location of the road right-of-way, the tree belongs to the property owner. Mr. Thompson is looking into changing our policies. Ms. Kanzenbach noted the need to address overgrowth on Route 46; Mr. Morris will contact the State.

Landlord Registration Fees

Mr. Morris noted that there is a property owner in Thomastown whose mother is living in the house rent free. Under our current laws, he still owes the Township the \$500 registration fee. Mr. Bucco noted that another resident has complained about owing the \$500 fee for each of his three rental properties. Discussion followed. The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent stacking and ensure that tenants are living in rental properties safely. The fee structure may require further research.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

None at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Coranato and seconded by Ms. Kanzenbach to adopt a resolution to enter closed session for the purposes of discussing contract negotiations regarding police. Seeing no discussion, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstentions: none

At the conclusion of closed session discussion, a motion was made, seconded 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. Bloom to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 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