

Council President Fred Willis 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. Willis 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; Mr. Thompson,
Township Administrator; Ms. Macchia, Township Clerk
Public Present – 12

PRESENTATIONS

Honor and Remember Flag

Cheryl Doltz of Williams Street presented the Township with an “Honor and Remember” Flag which is intended to honor those who have died in service to the country.

JCP&L

Michael Obremski introduced himself as the new area manager from JCP&L for this area. He lives in Randolph and his office is in Dover making him available locally when needed.

American Legion

Gary Sweeney, Commander of the American Legion Post, presented a list of Mine Hill residents that have died in service to the country. The Legion has asked that each of these people be recognized by adding their names to the side streets off of Route 46. The Legion also suggested that the memorial stones in front of Town Hall be moved to a redesigned Memorial Park with benches, etc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Mr. Willis noted the following items of correspondence:

- a. Morris County Mosquito Extermination Commission re: Notice of DEP Permit Applications
- b. Randolph Township re: Notice of Land Use Ordinance

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED

None.

CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bills List

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Mr. Thompson reported that he has installed two new computers in the library for public use. These computers were donated by the Education Foundation.

Mr. Thompson noted that the engineer is working on the plans, etc. for the Gillen Street sewer line. The majority, if not all, of the work will be done in house.

DPW has been out cleaning catch basins and making other preparations for upcoming heavy rains. Mr. Thompson added that a sickle bar has been purchased for roadside cutting. Property maintenance problems are also being addressed by having DPW cut the grass and placing a lien on the property for the expense.

Mr. Thompson still has two court cases pending in Dover which should be handled before the end of the month.

Mr. Morris asked for a moment of silence for Senator Frank Lautenberg who passed away earlier this week.

Mr. Morris reported that an open space application is in progress for the Paschal property.

Mr. Morris advised the Council that this month is the 10th anniversary of the Mine Hill Education Foundation and that the anniversary will be celebrated at the end of the month with a banquet and awarding scholarships. The Foundation, in partnership with Buy-A-Ride, is also donating a pavilion to be installed at the school.

Mr. Morris added that he considers this to be “The Year of In-Sourcing” wherein the Township is investigating the purchase of the right equipment to be able to improve efficiency and subsequently the budget for various projects.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS

Community Committee

Mr. Coranato reported that the recent food drive and the Memorial Day picnic were both extremely successful. Mine Hill Day is currently being discussed and planned.

One of the members of the Community Committee presented a Zoe Fluid Monitor. The machine helps determine the level of fluid in a person’s body. She is recommending obtaining machines for public safety.

Recreation Committee

No report.

Board of Education

Mr. Coranato reported that the principal and superintendent have both tendered their resignations. A new superintendent has been hired. He also reviewed projects in the building and test scores. Mr. Morris added that he has spoken with the Board of Education and School Administration regarding slipping grades and scores. He expressed how dependent the Township is on a quality school system to maintain property values. Improvement will be a focus of the new leadership at the school.

Fire & First Aid

Mr. Pepperman announced that the Fire Department will be hosting the Circus again this year. He reported that the First Aid Squad King of the Hill Car Show was a great success.

Police

Mr. Pepperman reported that the Police Department is wrapping up the accreditation process and is beginning to pursue hiring new officers.

Rockaway River Watershed

No report.

Open Space Committee

No report.

Planning Board

No report.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 095-13 Redemption of Third Party Lien

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

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

Resolution 096-13 Acceptance of Municipal Audit

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

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

Resolution 097-13 Corrective Action Plan

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

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

Resolution 098-13 Authorization of Petty Cash Fund for Mine Hill Beach

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

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

Resolution 099-13 Authorization of Bank Account Signers

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

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

Resolution 100-13 Authorize and Request a Safety Study on Route 46 at Hurd Street

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

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

Resolution 101-13 2013 Salary Resolution

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

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

Mr. Morris noted for the record that the salaries, excluding DPW, for 2011 were \$612,165, and are now \$521,855 for 2013.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Farm Animals in the Residential Zone

Mr. Bucco explained that the Ordinance currently does address this issue, but it can be amended to increase required lot sizes, etc. to make it more effective. He advised the Council to decide what they would like the standard to be, within reason, and it can be amended as part of the adoption of the new land use ordinance. Discussion of the recodification followed.

Discussion of Construction Department Inspection Fees

Mr. Thompson discussed implementing a fee for reinspection for when a property owner misses an inspection appointment. He is suggesting that the first reinspection not have an additional fee because extenuating circumstances happen, but that there be a charge for reoccurring “no-show” property owners.

Discussion of AED Unit

Mr. Morris reported that the First Aid Squad, the Police Department and the Insurance Company are all very strongly against having the unit mounted outdoors because it opens the Township up to unauthorized users, injuries and potential lawsuits.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pepperman and seconded by Mr. Bloom to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 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