

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; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis
Absent – None
Also Present – Mr. Morris, Mayor; Mr. Bucco, Township Attorney; Ms. Macchia,
Township Clerk
Public Present – 7

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and second by Mr. Pepperman to approve the minutes of August 20, 2013 as presented. The roll was called and the motion was approved by the following vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Mr. Willis noted the following items of correspondence:

- a. VFW re: Poppies Donation Thank You
- b. County Concrete re: Depletion Report
- c. Mr. Bucco re: Mushroom Tract Remediation
- d. Morris County Economic Development re: Invitation to Work Session
- e. Maser Consulting re: Randolph Avenue Sidewalk Project
- f. Mr. Kobylarz re: Compliance Evaluation
- g. NJ Transit re: Notice of Public Hearings
- h. JCP&L re: Notice of Public Hearings

CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bills List

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Mr. Morris reported that Town Hall has been quiet for the last couple of weeks. Town Hall staff is implementing a new app to assign and manage tasks.

Mr. Morris discussed various DPW projects. It was noted that snow machinery should be evaluated soon in preparation for winter weather.

Mr. Morris reported that the beach closed over the weekend. He met with the staff who helped Ms. Wild manage the beach to discuss improvements. He noted that expenses are as low as possible and increasing revenues will be a focus for next year.

Mr. Morris provided various NJDOT and JCP&L updates.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS

Recreation Committee

Mr. Morris noted that basketball would be starting earlier this year. It was noted that court space that was applied for was denied.

Board of Education

Mr. Bloom reported that the new principal was appointed at the last meeting. It was noted that the County Superintendent of Schools approved of the appointment.

Fire & First Aid

Mr. Pepperman reported that the Fire Department participated in the Boonton Labor Day Parade and received awards for their turnout.

Police

Mr. Pepperman reported that the accreditation process went smoothly and the two new officers are on the road.

Rockaway River Watershed

No report.

Open Space Committee

No report.

Community Committee

Mr. Morris reported that Mine Hill Day preparations are progressing well.

Planning Board

No report.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

John Paschal, Thomastown Road

Mr. Paschal recommended a “no dumping” sign at the gate of the mulch site. Mr. Morris said steps have been taken so that the people who dump there will be caught and penalized.

Mr. Paschal asked for an update on the search for an Administrator. Mr. Morris responded that none of the people he interviewed are willing to take the job for less than \$90,000 plus benefits, and he is not willing to pay that much. Mr. Morris has been covering the necessary tasks.

Mr. Paschal noted that he received a letter that someone on Thomastown Road may be contaminating groundwater with their sewage. He will provide a copy to Mr. Morris for follow up.

Bill Orlandi, Anderson Place

Mr. Orlandi noted that cap markers on Thomastown Road are missing and need to be monitored more frequently. Mr. Morris responded that the mining engineer will be addressing the matter when he returns to the Township to assist with other mining matters.

Mr. Orlandi also discussed the mine under Fireman’s Field. Mr. Morris responded that the hole that caved in will be surrounded by a fence. It was noted that the field is technically private property and the Township is working with the Fire Department to handle it.

Mr. Orlandi reported low hanging wires on Anderson Place. Mr. Morris contacted the foreman for Cablevision to start the process of repair.

Gary Colucci, Williams Street

Mr. Colucci asked if there is still an ordinance on the books regarding mine caps. Mr. Morris will look into it.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Coranato to introduce the consent agenda. Seeing no discussion, the roll was called, and the consent agenda was approved by the following vote:

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

Resolution 131-13 Cancellation of Water Charges – 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 has been vacant for a year while the owner convalesces from an injury, so there is no usage of water in the home; 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, as the system tried to estimate from usage in 2011 and 2012.

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.

Resolution 132-13 Cancellation of Water Charges – 319 Route 46

WHEREAS, after having received a billing notification for consumption of 503,000 gallons, the property owner questioned the amount of usage; and

WHEREAS, upon a review of the billing on this account it was determined that an error in the billing software caused the old meter to appear as though it had “turned over” and started from zero (0) causing an overbill of 349,052 gallons.

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 \$1,389.02 and the Water Collector be relieved of collecting same.

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 133-13 Authorizing Transportation Grant Application

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach 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; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis
Nays: none
Absent: none
Abstentions: none

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation makes funds available to municipalities and counties for road improvement projects through the municipal aid portion of the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended that the Township’s Mayor and Council apply to the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Trust Fund Program to construct pedestrian improvements along Randolph Avenue between a point located ninety (90) feet north of Fairfield Avenue and State Route 46; and

WHEREAS, The Township’s Council has considered this recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2014-Mine Hill Township-00193 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Mine Hill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Mine Hill and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Resolution 134-13 Recognizing Continued Vacancy in the Office of the Administrator

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach 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; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis
Nays: none
Absent: none
Abstentions: none

WHEREAS, the office of Township Administrator has been vacant since the retirement of Albert Thompson; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Morris has been performing the duties of Township Administrator on an interim basis during the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Morris has agreed to continue to perform the duties of Township Administrator on an interim basis until such time as a new Township Administrator is appointed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council concurs in the decision of the Mayor to assume the duties of Township Administrator until such time as an Administrator is appointed.

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, as follows:

1. The Township Council concurs in the assumption of the duties of Township Administrator by the Mayor until such time as a Township Administrator is appointed. The Mayor has agreed to assume these duties without additional compensation and at no additional cost to the Municipality.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be effective until December 31, 2013 or until a Township Administrator is appointed, whichever occurs first.

Resolution 135-13 Extension of Water Operator Interlocal Services Agreement

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach 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; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis
 Nays: none
 Absent: none
 Abstentions: none

WHEREAS, the Township of Roxbury has provided the Township of Mine Hill with the services of a Water Operator as per an Interlocal Services Agreement dated June 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Agreement was for one year with optional one-year extensions; and

WHEREAS, Mine Hill wishes to continue to utilize these services.

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 current Interlocal Services Agreement be extended until June 12, 2014. A copy of this Resolution shall serve as written notice to the Township of Roxbury.

Resolution 136-13 Liquor License Renewal – Balcon de Espana

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; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis
 Nays: none
 Absent: none
 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, 2013 and to expire at midnight on June 30, 2014.

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| <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 | \$1,200.00 |

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 137-13 Approval of Contract for Mine Hill Day

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach 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; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis
Nays: none
Absent: none
Abstentions: none

WHEREAS, the Township of Mine Hill desires to procure the services of various games for Mine Hill Day which is scheduled for September 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Township has solicited quotes for the procurement of said services; and

WHEREAS, Parties Are Us Rentals has submitted the sole quote for providing various games to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the total contract amount is \$4,700.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Mine Hill has certified that funds are available for this purpose.

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, as follows:

1. A contract for games is hereby awarded to Parties Are Us Rentals in accordance with an agreement between Parties Are Us Rentals and Mine Hill Township, attached hereto, for a total contract amount of \$4,700.00.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Parties Are Us Rentals in the form attached hereto.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Transportation Grants

Mr. Morris noted that the Township has applied for the rest of the sidewalks on Randolph and the paving of South First. Discussion followed regarding designs and progress.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Gary Colucci, Williams Street

Mr. Colucci asked if there was any intent to hire an administrator at the beginning of next year. Mr. Morris responded that he intends to post the job opportunity again this fall, but he is not hopeful about finding someone for what the Township is willing to pay. There has also been discussion of a shared service with one of the County Deputy Administrators.

John Paschal, Thomastown Road

Mr. Paschal asked if we missed any opportunities to apply for grants by not having an administrator. Mr. Morris responded that no opportunities have been missed.

Bill Orlandi, Anderson Place

Mr. Orlandi noted that there are various sewer lines that come very near to mine openings. These lines need to be monitored to ensure that they do not contaminate the mines and subsequently the water supply. Mr. Morris responded that if Mr. Orlandi provides him with the details he will look into it.

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MINUTES OF THE MINE HILL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – September 5, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 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