

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 (arrived late);
Mr. Willis
Absent – none
Also Present – Mr. Morris, Mayor; Mr. Bucco, Township Attorney; Ms. Macchia,
Township Clerk
Public Present – 5

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Willis noted that the minutes of October 3, 2013 will be tabled until November 14, 2013 for approval.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Mr. Willis noted the following items of correspondence:

- a. Mr. Bucco re: Environmental Remediation of “Mushroom Tract”
- b. Mr. Sterbenz re: Thomastown Courts “Punchlist”
- c. NJ DEP re: Picatinny Arsenal Permit Renewal Comment Period (attachments available upon request)

The Thomastown “Punchlist” was briefly discussed.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Bloom to carry the public hearing and adoption of Ordinances 11-13 and 12-13 to the October 29, 2013, Special Meeting of the Township Council. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Mr. Pepperman arrived at this time.

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 noted the passing of Mr. Doyle who was a 70 year member of the Mine Hill Fire Department.

Mr. Morris discussed the possibility of becoming a member of RVRSA. Membership would be costly, but would give the Township substantially more access to sewer gallonage. He also discussed the possibility of joining the Highlands.

Mr. Morris reported that he will be inspecting the inside of the water tower tomorrow morning.

Mr. Morris discussed the Dolores Place walking path project. The pre-bid conference was yesterday.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS

Recreation Committee

Mr. Coranato noted that basketball signups are underway.

Board of Education

Mr. Bloom reported that the NJASK scores were made available. Math scores were good, but language arts were not as impressive and action will be taken to make improvements.

Mr. Bloom added that the audit was favorable and that the PTA tricky-tray was successful.

Fire & First Aid

No report.

Police

Mr. Pepperman noted that statistics will always be made available at the first meeting of the month going forward.

Rockaway River Watershed

No report.

Open Space Committee

Mr. Bloom reported that the gates have been installed on the trail system and improvements to parking areas are underway. Discussions are ongoing with Morris County regarding trail connectivity. Plans are underway for going out to bid for kiosks for the trailheads.

Community Committee

Mr. Morris discussed the Scare Away Hunger food drive which will be collected this weekend. Holiday festivities will be the next project.

Planning Board

Mr. Willis reported that the Board has been very busy with variances.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Gary Colucci, Williams Street

Mr. Colucci noted that the emergency exit from the small room at the Civic Center appears to be faulty. It was noted that the Township is aware and it is being fixed.

John Paschal, Thomastown Road

Mr. Paschal asked for an update regarding the “mushroom” tract. Mr. Bucco has been writing to the owners regarding the clean-up of the property so that the Township can take possession of it.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 143-13 Chapter 159 for Bridget Smith House Grant

A motion was made by Mr. Pepperman and seconded by Mr. Bloom to approve this resolution. Seeing no discussion, 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, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill of in the County of Morris, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2013 in the sum of \$9,320.00, which is now available from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund in the amount of \$9,320.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$9,320.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption Bridget Smith House; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund in the amount of \$9,320.00.

Resolution 144-13 Authorizing Agreement with Meadowbrook Farms

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Bloom to approve this resolution. Seeing no discussion, 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 Municipal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:67-23.2 et seq. requires Municipalities to provide, or reimburse for, certain services to qualified communities; and

WHEREAS, the Meadowbrook Farms Condominium Association is a qualified private community as defined by the Municipal Services Act; and

WHEREAS, the Meadowbrook Farms Condominium Association and the Township wish to enter into an agreement for the reimbursement of certain municipal services from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Township has negotiated a reimbursement agreement which is attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney finds the form of the agreement acceptable and in the best interest of the Township.

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 Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached reimbursement agreement between the Township of Mine Hill and Meadowbrook Farms Condominium Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose.

Resolution 145-13 Supporting Traffic Order for No Stopping/Standing on Route 46

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to approve this resolution. Seeing no discussion, 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, Police Chief Fernandez requested that the New Jersey Department of Transportation conduct an investigation and enact a prohibition on the stopping or standing of motor vehicles along both sides of Route 46; and

WHEREAS, the Department, by letter dated October 1, 2013, advised the Township that it had determined that the prohibition on stopping or standing was warranted and additional signs were appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Department requested that the Township adopt a Resolution of Support for the no stopping or standing regulation

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 supports the following regulation:

Route US 46

No Stopping Standing, in Mine Hill Township along both sides for the entire length within the corporate limits, including all ramps and connections thereto which are under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Transportation, except in areas covered by other parking restrictions. Any existing parking restrictions in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions set forth in this resolution are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Bureau of Traffic Engineering.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Supporting Partnership with Morris County Parks in Connecting Trails

Mr. Bloom discussed the resolution that was adopted by the County in 2006 which notes the County's rights to connect to our trail.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

John Paschal, Thomastown Road

4-2013-10-24

MINUTES OF THE MINE HILL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
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Mr. Paschal asked how heating oil deliveries would be addressed on Route 46 based on having a no stopping or standing zone. Mr. Morris noted that the resolution is at the request of NJ DOT and will be enforced when necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Bloom and seconded by Ms. Kanzenbach to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 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