

Council President Bloom 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. Bloom 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 (arrived late); Mr. Bucco (arrived late), Township Attorney; Ms. Macchia, Township Clerk; Township Engineer Paul Sterbenz  
Public Present – 8

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to approve the minutes of February 6<sup>th</sup> as presented. The roll was called, and the minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to approve the minutes of February 20<sup>th</sup> as presented. The roll was called, and the minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Willis to approve the minutes of March 6<sup>th</sup> as presented. The roll was called, and the minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to approve the minutes of March 20<sup>th</sup> as presented. The roll was called, and the minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

**COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS**

The following items of correspondence were noted:

- a. Randolph Township re: Notice of Land Use Ordinance
- b. MCMUA re: Consumer Confidence Report
- c. Netcong Borough re: Notice of Resolution of Support

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Upon motion made and seconded and a voice vote, the public hearing on the 2014 Municipal Budget was opened. Seeing no discussion, the public hearing on this ordinance was closed.

**Resolution 043-14 Budget to Be Read by Title Only**

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

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week

prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in the Municipal Building, the local public library, and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have been met.

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 budget shall be read by title only at the public hearing on April 3, 2014.

**Resolution 044-14 Adoption of Municipal Budget**

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstentions: none

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 following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2014:

**2014 MINE HILL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Surplus anticipated general revenues	\$ 465,000.00
Total Miscellaneous revenue	642,375.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	238,000.00
Local Property Taxes	<u>3,355,901.00</u>
Total General Revenues	\$ <u>4,701,276.00</u>
Salaries & Wages	\$ 584,237.00
Other Expenses	2,886,726.00
Capital Improvements	206,000.00
Debt Service	438,441.00
Statutory Expenditures	132,632.00
Reserve for Delinquent Taxes	<u>453,240.00</u>
Total 2014 Municipal Budget	\$ <u>4,701,276.00</u>
2014 Municipal Tax Rate <sup>0</sup>	\$0.754

**2014 MINE HILL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY BUDGET**

Surplus anticipated general revenues	\$ 50,600.00
Water Rents	<u>487,383.00</u>
Total General Revenues	\$ <u>537,983.00</u>
Salaries and Wages	\$ 56,500.00
Other Expense	350,000.00
Operating Surplus - Current Fund	30,000.00
Capital Improvement	26,000.00
Debt Service	66,483.00
Statutory and Deferred Charges	<u>9,000.00</u>
Total 2014 Municipal Budget	\$ <u>537,983.00</u>

**2014 MINE HILL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL SEWER UTILITY BUDGET**

User Fees and Charges	\$ 360,200.00
NJ Environmental Savings Credit	28,000.00
Total Miscellaneous revenue	<u>13,800.00</u>
Total General Revenues	\$ <u>402,000.00</u>
Salaries and Wages	\$ 15,000.00
Other Expense	167,000.00
Debt Service	207,000.00
Statutory and Deferred Charges	<u>13,000.00</u>
Total 2014 Municipal Budget	\$ <u>402,000.00</u>

**2014 MINE HILL TOWNSHIP SOLID WASTE BUDGET**

Amount Raised By Taxation	\$ 377,000.00
Surplus anticipated general revenues	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total General Revenues	\$ <u>397,000.00</u>
Salaries and Wages	\$ 22,000.00
Other Expense	10,000.00
Contractual Services	342,000.00
Operating Surplus - Current Fund	20,000.00
Statutory and Deferred Charges	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total 2014 Municipal Budget	\$ <u>397,000.00</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Budget set forth for 2014 is hereby adopted.

**Resolution 045-14 Self Examination of Budget**

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstentions: none WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C.5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the Township of Mine Hill has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Township of Mine Hill meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2014 budget year, so now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mine Hill, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that, in accordance with N.J.A.C.5:30-7.6a & b, and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:

- a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
- b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
- c. Cash deficit of preceding year
- d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
- e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
- f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met. (Complies with the "CAP" law.)

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C.5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

- a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated;
- b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth;
- c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised and adopted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A.40A:4-5, shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS****Bills List**

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

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstentions: Mr. Willis

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED**

None.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Joe Heredia of Alan Lane reported on behalf of the Board of Education. He thanked the Council for the anti-stacking ordinance that was recently passed and its benefits to the school system and the children. He also reported that the budget is not yet complete but the last meeting left board members with more comfort and confidence. He also noted that Dover High School has partnered with Rutgers to give high school students an opportunity to take prerequisite courses for entrance into medical and science fields; upon completion of the program, students have 25 undergraduate credits before graduating from high school. It was noted that the school budget public hearing would be held on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Heredia, speaking on behalf of himself, added that he would like to see stricter enforcement of the noise ordinance.

Mr. Bucco entered the meeting at this time.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS****Recreation/Community Committee**

No meetings of the joint committee have been held yet, but soccer is starting this weekend. There is discussion of a year-round basketball program. Discussion followed regarding AED units.

**Board of Education**

See open to the public above.

**Fire & First Aid**

Mrs. Deacon reported that the recreation coaches received their mini-first aid course last week and will be receiving CPR training soon. She also discussed the Car Show coming up on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Pepperman announced the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Police**

Mr. Pepperman announced several events being sponsored by Wharton FOP. He also provided updates on the headquarters renovations. Distracted Driving Crackdown and Click It or Ticket enforcements will be conducted in the near future.

Mr. Morris arrived at this time.

**Open Space Committee**

No report.

**Planning Board**

No report.

**PRESENTATIONS****Mine Hill Education Foundation**

Mr. Morris and Dave Ake discussed the need for additional recreational space for programs. The Education Foundation will prepare a proposal to present to the Council.

**Energy Aggregation Presentation**

Before beginning the presentation, Mr. Sterbenz updated the Council regarding engineering projects, particularly regarding extension of the Randolph Avenue sidewalk project. Discussion of funding projects followed.

Mr. Sterbenz introduced Dan Campbell and Steve Thayer of Jersey Energy Group, and discussed the opportunity for energy aggregation. It was concluded that the Council would follow up with references and then consider proceeding.

**MINE HILL TOWNSHIP'S BRIGHT IDEA**  
Residential Energy Cooperative

**Why We Are Here**

Under New Jersey's energy deregulation law, the supply portion of your electric or natural gas bill is separate from the delivery portion. With the supply portion open to competition, customers can shop around for the best price on their energy supplies. These electric and natural gas distribution utilities will still deliver those supplies through their wires and pipes – and respond to emergencies, should they arise – regardless of where those supplies are purchased. Purchasing your energy supplies from a company other than your electric or gas utility is purely an economic decision; it has no impact on the reliability or safety of your service.

Because of energy deregulation, you now have the ability to choose the supplier on your electric bill.

**Experience**

- JEG is an energy solutions company that specializes in Community Aggregation. In NJ, JEG has been selected by:
  - Clayton Borough
  - Gloucester County
  - Mantua Township
  - National Park Borough
  - Roselle Borough
  - Spartanburg Township
  - Woodbury Heights Borough
  - Woodwick Township
- JEG has completed residential JEA programs with 41 communities in NJ, resulting in savings of 15-24% vs the current local utility rate.
- Successfully procured over 250 Million kWh for 40,000 homes in NJ. This means we have extensive experience in:
  - All kinds of residential programs for residents. It involves aggregation to proceed as a referendum or a ballot. Our experience allowed us to win campaigns in 46 out of 48 communities.
  - Working closely with the local utility to "float" accounts, making sure all eligible residents are a part of the program.
  - Successfully managing a bid process designed to get you the best possible price, but also the best contract terms.

**Your Electric Bill**

- Your electric bill has two key components.
- There is a charge for "Delivery" and for "Supply"
- The Supplier is only responsible for electricity generation.
- The Delivery charge is from your local utility for the maintenance of power lines, distribution, and transmission. The local utility is also responsible for power outages.

**What Is Aggregation?**

- Aggregation means making the switch together as a community! This results in an even lower electricity rate than when you switch alone. Aggregation is bulk-purchasing.
- Under the law, a municipality can establish a community aggregation program by passing an ordinance.

**What Changes?**

- JCP&L will still operate the service and distribution centers, and maintain the lines running to homes and businesses just like they always do. No one's job is impacted.
- JCP&L will still service and repair lines during an outage.
- Residents will continue to call JCP&L when they have problems with their service.
- Residents will still receive ONE bill every month, it will just be lower.

...NOTHING

**Estimated Savings in JCP&L**

October 2013 to May 2014  
(JCP&L Winter Rate is \$0.04 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh))

% Savings	JCP&L	Savings per kWh	AVG Annual Household Load	Savings per Year
10%	\$ 0.1054	\$ 0.01054	10,000	\$ 105.48
15%	\$ 0.1054	\$ 0.01582	10,000	\$ 158.22
20%	\$ 0.1054	\$ 0.02110	10,000	\$ 210.96

**What Jersey Energy Group Does**

- JEG acts as the consultant. We oversee and advise on the aggregation process from start to finish.
- We work with the town and with the Third Party Suppliers by running a bidding process where these Suppliers bid on the town's energy load.
- Our extensive experience in residential aggregation has made us both effective and efficient.

**Community Program**

- Residents may OPT OUT of the program for any reason, without any penalty. There is a 30-day window to OPT OUT prior to the change. A letter will be mailed to you where you can make your decision. Remember that JEG allows you to OPT OUT whenever you want even after the 30-day window.
- Small Businesses may OPT IN to the program so that they too can see savings on their electric bills. There is a 30-day window to OPT IN prior to the change. JEG allows small businesses to OPT IN whenever they would like after the 30-day window.
- Residents who have negotiated their own electric savings by using a different supplier will not be included in the program, unless they want to join.

**Consumer Protections**

- No termination fees for those who wish to exit the aggregation at any time during the duration of the negotiated contract with the Third Party Supplier.
- Customers will be able to leave at any time to either go back to the utility or enter into their own personal contract with another provider.
- Residents will be able to join the aggregation for the same original negotiated price at any point during the duration of the contract at no additional cost.

**Consumer Protections**

- JEG seeks a Price Match Guarantee in the supply contract. This clause states that if, for whatever reason, the local utility rate falls below the aggregation rate at any time during the contract, the supplier has the obligation to either match the utility's price, or seamlessly switch all accounts back to the local utility by their next meter read date.
- The Price Match Guarantee ensures there is never a situation where a resident is paying more for their energy through the aggregation than he or she would with their local utility.
- In the event a Price Match cannot be negotiated at favorable price, then JEG would recommend a 12 month term contract that is aligned with when the LDC sets its price for the year.

**Risk Management**

- JEG's knowledge of the energy market and exhaustive due diligence ensures that residents enjoy savings from a reliable Third Party Supplier.
- JEG grades each and every bidding Third Party Supplier on the following criteria: credit rating, financial stability, market cap, customer service and back office capabilities and track record, and overall capabilities of facilitating the process for residents.

**Public Education**

- JEG implements a proven communications plan to thoroughly educate residents and small business owners.
- In Illinois, aggregations had to be voted on to take effect. JEG successfully passed the referendum in 44 out of 47 elections (92% success rate). In the state, typical opt-out rates were around 10% or higher. Our aggregations achieved a 5.6% opt-out rate.
- JEG achieves this complete education through participating in town hall meetings, attending local group meetings, and publicizing aggregation and its benefits through local newspapers and direct mail. We want to make sure you completely understand!

**Mine Hill Benefit**

Table showing estimated savings for Mine Hill residents based on different aggregation rates (10%, 15%, 20%) and household loads.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 11-14 Road Opening Permits**

Mr. Sterbenz discussed the ordinance that was provided. This ordinance will remove the exemptions of utility companies from the requirements of our current road opening ordinances. Mr. Morris discussed some of the problems that the Township has had with utility companies that do not properly restore roads and properties. This ordinance will require escrows for inspections and performance guarantees to better protect the Township.

A motion was made by Mr. Pepperman and seconded by Ms. Kanzenbach to introduce the ordinance. It was noted that the public hearing on this ordinance will take place on April 17, 2014. The roll was called and the ordinance was introduced by the following vote:

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

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

SECTION 1. The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Mine Hill, Chapter 12.08 entitled Street Excavations, Section 12.08.050 entitled Fees shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

## “§ 12.08.050 Fees

Fees for street opening permits shall be as follows:

1. Review fee.
 

Disturbed Area (square feet)	Fee
Less than 50	\$ 50.00
51 to 500	\$150.00
More than 500	\$150.00, plus 5% of cost of Restoration
  
2. Inspection escrow account.
 

Disturbed Area (square feet)	Fee
Less than 50	\$100.00
51 to 500	\$350.00
More than 500	\$350.00, plus 5% of cost of Restoration and backfill
  
3. Any balance remaining in the inspection escrow account after the final approval of the excavation and opening by the Township Engineer, shall be refunded to the applicant after the Township shall have deducted therefrom any costs associated with the inspection thereof.”

SECTION 2. The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Mine Hill, Chapter 12.08 entitled “Street Excavations”, Section 12.08.060 entitled “Deposit or bond required” shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

## “§ 12.08.060 Deposit or bond required.

A. No person shall be granted a permit pursuant to this chapter, until and unless there shall be deposited with the Township Clerk a performance guarantee in the form of cash, certified check, or performance bond to secure the cost of repairing, replacing and restoring the street or public place, or appurtenances thereto, to be opened, affected or disturbed by the proposed work.

B. The applicant must either have on file with the Township Clerk a performance guarantee in the amount of \$3,000.00 covering all openings or excavations made or to be made in a calendar year or furnish a performance guarantee in the amount of \$1,000.00 covering the proposed opening or excavation set out in the application. If bonds are posted as the performance guarantee, they shall be approved by the Township Attorney and shall be conditioned to indemnify the Township for any loss, liability or damage that may result or accrue from or because of the making, existence or manner of guarding or constructing any such opening or excavation during the term of said bond. The Township Engineer shall then review the cost required to restore the specific excavation or opening, and if it is determined that the cost of restoration is in excess of the amounts of the bonds posted as stated above or that the aggregate cost to restore any previously issued but uncompleted permits also exceeds the above stated amounts, then the applicant shall furnish to the Township an additional amount of a performance guarantee sufficient to provide for restoration by the Township. The Township Engineer shall state to the applicant the supplemental requirements for any such performance guarantee.”

SECTION 3. The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Mine Hill, Chapter 12.08 entitled “Street Excavations”, Section 12.08.140 shall be retitled “Reconstructed and resurfaced streets” and shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

## “§ 12.08.140 Reconstructed and resurfaced streets.

Whenever the Township Council enacts any ordinance or resolution providing for the reconstruction and resurfacing of any street, the Township Engineer shall promptly mail a written notice thereof to each person, firm or corporation owning any sewer, main or conduit or other utility in or under said street. Such notice shall notify such persons, firms or corporations that no excavation permit shall be issued for openings, cuts or excavations in said street for a period of five years after the date of enactment of said ordinance or resolution, except as set forth below. Such notice shall be submitted promptly so that the owners of utilities can make repairs or improvements prior to the completion of the Township’s roadway improvement project.

A. Emergency. During the five-year period, an excavation permit shall be issued to open, cut or excavate in said street if, in the judgment of the Township Engineer, an emergency exists which makes it absolutely essential that the excavation permit be issued.

B. New construction and restoration. During the five-year period, an excavation permit shall be issued to open, cut or excavate said street for the purpose of providing utility or other service to a newly constructed residence or other newly constructed structure adjacent to a newly paved street or for the purpose of providing utility or other service to a preexisting residence or structure which is being reconstructed and for which the reconstruction encompasses 60% or more of the structure.

C. Waiver. During the five-year period, an excavation permit may be issued to open, cut or excavate in said street for the purpose of providing utility or other service to a preexisting residence or structure, but only upon application to the Township Council and for good cause shown.”

SECTION 4. The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Mine Hill, Chapter 12.08 entitled “Street Excavations”, Section 12.08.220 entitled “Violation – Penalty” shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

“§ 12.08.220 Violation – penalty.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall be liable for a penalty not to exceed a fine of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00).”

SECTION 5. This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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 8. This Ordinance shall take effect as required by law.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

Mr. Morris announced that Anthony Ardito, Sr., founding member of our auditing firm, passed away this week.

Mr. Morris reported that he attended Dover High School’s play last week, featuring a number of Mine Hill students, and it was a great performance. He also attended the Good Year’s Club spring luncheon earlier this week, and Canfield Avenue School’s play this evening.

#### **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**

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

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstentions: none

#### **Resolution 046-14 Redemption of Third Party Lien – Block 503, Lot 8**

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2013-005, was sold to FWDSL & Associates, LLC on August October 24, 2013 on Block 503, Lot 8 known as 12 Green Road; and

WHEREAS, the amount required to redeem was received by the Tax Collector on the aforementioned property.

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 Treasurer shall refund \$1,555.51 to FWDSL & Associates, LLC. This amount includes the redemption amount of \$655.51 and the return of the premium paid at the time of sale in the amount of \$900.00

Total \$1,555.51

FWDSL & Associates, LLC  
5 Cold Hill Rd. South #11  
Mendham, NJ 07945

#### **Resolution 047-14 Redemption of Third Party Lien – Block 806, Lot 8**

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2012-008, was sold to FWDSL & Associates, LLC on August 15 202012 on Block 806, Lot 8 known as 18 William Street; and

WHEREAS, the amount required to redeem was received by the Tax Collector on the aforementioned property.

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 Treasurer shall refund \$4,138.63 to FWDSL & Associates, LLC. This amount includes the redemption amount of \$2,638.63 and the return of the premium paid at the time of sale in the amount of \$1,500.00

Total \$4,138.63

FWDSL & Associates, LLC  
5 Cold Hill Rd. South #11  
Mendham, NJ 07945

**Resolution 048-14 Redemption of Third Party Lien – Block 1303, Lot 6**

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #09-18, was sold to Royal Tax Lien Services, LLC on June 22, 2009 on Block 1303, Lot 6 known as One Corporate Way, Route 46; and

WHEREAS, the amount required to redeem was received by the Tax Collector on the aforementioned property.

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 Treasurer shall refund \$303,998.88 to Royal Tax Lien Services, LLC. This amount includes the redemption amount of \$243,998.88 and the return of the premium paid at the time of sale in the amount of \$60,000.00

Total \$303,998.88

Royal Tax Lien Services  
115 West Avenue, Suite 300  
Jenkintown, PA 19046

**Resolution 049-14 Redemption of Third Party Lien – Block 1505, Lot 2**

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2013-020, was sold to FWDSL & Associates, LLC on August October 24, 2013 on Block 1505, Lot 2 known as 40 Thomastown Road; and

WHEREAS, the amount required to redeem was received by the Tax Collector on the aforementioned property.

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 Treasurer shall refund \$2,788.27 to FWDSL & Associates, LLC. This amount includes the redemption amount of \$1,288.27 and the return of the premium paid at the time of sale in the amount of \$1,500.00

Total \$2,788.27

FWDSL & Associates, LLC  
5 Cold Hill Rd. South #11  
Mendham, NJ 07945

**Resolution 050-14 Redemption of Third Party Lien – Block 1615, Lot 10**

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2013-024, was sold to FWDSL & Associates, LLC on August October 24, 2013 on Block 1615, Lot 10 known as 25 Clark Street; and

WHEREAS, the amount required to redeem was received by the Tax Collector on the aforementioned property.

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 Treasurer shall refund \$2,313.67 to FWDSL & Associates, LLC. This amount includes the redemption amount of \$1,213.67 and the return of the premium paid at the time of sale in the amount of \$1,100.00

Total \$2,313.67

FWDSL & Associates, LLC  
5 Cold Hill Rd. South #11  
Mendham, NJ 07945

**NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 051-14 Morris County Dispatch 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. Coranato; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis; Mr. Bloom  
Nays: none  
Absent: none  
Abstentions: none



WHEREAS, the Mine Hill Township Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Township to enter into inter-local services agreements for utilization of Morris County's Emergency 911 and Dispatching Services; and

WHEREAS, Morris County has the ability to make the aforesaid services available; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose and a Certificate of Availability have been filed by the Chief Financial Officer with the Township Clerk in accordance with the Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINE HILL IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the inter-local services agreement with the County of Morris for utilization of Emergency 911 and Dispatching Services is hereby approved. The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized and directed to execute shared services agreements, as attached hereto.

**Resolution 052-14 Extension of the Randolph Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project**

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstentions: none

WHEREAS, the Township of Mine Hill ("Township") was awarded a grant from the Municipal Aid portion of the Transportation Trust Fund in the amount of \$170,000.00 from the NJDOT for the construction of sidewalks on Randolph Avenue in the 2012 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the grant agreement for the project required the Township to award a construction contract by November 2013 to avoid losing the grant allocation; and

WHEREAS, the Township was unable to meet the November 2013 deadline to award a construction contract and applied for an extension of time in August 2013; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT approved a six (6) month extension relative to the award of a construction contract to May 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Township has begun working on the construction documents for the project with the intention of meeting the May 7, 2014 deadline in the grant agreement; and

WHEREAS, surveying work has been completed and work on the design plans has been initiated; and

WHEREAS, the economic downturn that began in 2008 in the United States has had a significant impact on the Township, particularly as it relates to State aid and tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Township through its budget process, determined that it did not have the ability due to anticipated revenues and tax collections to incorporate monies for the completion of design and the construction of the improvements in the 2013 calendar year budget; and

WHEREAS, the Township awarded a contract to complete the design for the project on March 18, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Township is in the process of including monies in its 2014 budget to construct the project; and

WHEREAS, the completion of the design plans and the construction of the project will occur after May 7, 2014, the deadline for awarding a construction contract for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Township is in need of a second six (6) month extension of time from the NJDOT for the award of a construction contract to avoid losing the funding allocated in 2012;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE Township of Mine Hill, that a request be filed with the NJDOT's Division of Local Aid and Economic Development for a second six (6) month extension of time on the Randolph Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the NJDOT's Division of Local Aid and Economic Development.

**Resolution 053-14 Approval of Raffle License Application – Mine Hill First Aid Squad**

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstentions: none

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 First Aid Squad for an On-Premise Cash Raffle (50/50) to be drawn on May 17, 2014, with a rain date of May 18, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the municipal license fee be and is hereby waived.

#### **Resolution 054-14 Salary Resolution**

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstentions: none

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mine Hill Township Council as follows:

Section 1: The salaries and wages of the following employees of the Township of Mine Hill for the Calendar Year 2014 shall be and are hereby fixed as follows:

Job Title	2014 Salary Amount	Name
<b>Division of Administration:</b>		
Mayor - Full Time	\$55,800.00	Sam Morris
Council President	\$2,500.00	David Bloom
Council Member	\$2,500.00	Fred Willis
Council Member	\$2,500.00	Bret Coranato
Council Member	\$2,500.00	Kristine Kanzenbach
Council Member	\$2,500.00	Conrad Pepperman
Administrative Clerk	\$20,000.00	Marcie Istvan
Administrative Assistant	\$4,567.50	Jennifer Blouse
Chief Financial Officer	\$25,375.00	Katelyn Wild (Acting)
Purchasing Manager	\$5,075.00	Katelyn Wild
Human Resource Director	\$8,120.00	Katelyn Wild
Township Clerk	\$40,600.00	Amanda Macchia
Deputy Township Clerk	\$17,700.00	Marcie Istvan
Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$1,015.00	Amanda Macchia
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$304.50	Katelyn Wild
Alternate Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$300.00	Marcie Istvan
Health Department Coordinator	\$0.00	Amanda Macchia
<b>Division of Taxation:</b>		
Tax Assessor	\$20,724.00	Joseph Ferraris
Tax Collector	\$27,405.00	Judi O'Brien
<b>Division of Construction:</b>		
Construction Technical Assistant	\$39,077.50	Jennifer Blouse
Zoning Official	\$3,500.00	Jennifer Blouse
Code Enforcement and Housing Officer	\$10,000.00	Tom Trapasso
Emergency Management Coordinator	\$2,505.94	Phil Wilk
Construction Official	\$12,000.00	Sean Donlan
Electrical Subcode Official	\$10,872.00	Joe Bevacqua
Fire Subcode Official	\$7,000.00	Dave Manherz
Plumbing Subcode Official	\$11,500.00	Ed Buccieri
Building Subcode Official	\$2,000.00	Sean Donlan
Building Inspector	\$7,000.00	Dave Manherz
Fire Safety Inspector	\$20.00/hour	Roger Gully
Smoke Detector Inspector	\$30.00/inspection	Phil Wilk

Administrator/Planning Board	\$3,045.00	Amanda Macchia
Recording Clerk/Planning Board	\$1,522.50	Amanda Macchia
<b>Division of Community Programs:</b>		
Director of Community Programs	\$10,150.00	Katelyn Wild
Beach Managers	\$8.50-\$20.00/hour	Various
Lifeguards	\$8.50-\$15.00/hour	Various
Snack Bar Employees	\$8.50-\$12.00/hour	Various
Bus/Van Drivers	\$18.31/hour	JoVanah DiGilio
Crossing Guards	\$18.72/hour	Debra Malson
Alt. Crossing Guard	\$14.50/hour	Laura White
<b>Division of Water:</b>		
Water Collector	\$19,977.74	Judi O'Brien
Water Secretary	\$7,105.00	Judi O'Brien
<b>Division of Sewer:</b>		
Sewer Collector	\$5,305.91	Judi O'Brien
<b>Special District Division:</b>		
Special District Secretary	\$12,180.00	Amanda Macchia
Recycling Coordinator	\$1,522.50	Amanda Macchia

Department of Public Works Personnel (Foreman, Operator, Laborer, and maintenance shall be compensated in accordance with the contract negotiated and in effect between the Township of Mine Hill and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local # 102.

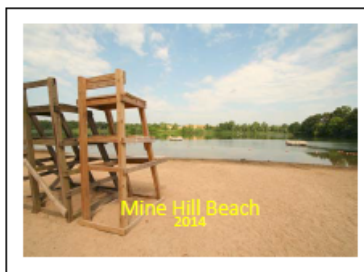
Section 2: All salaries or compensation herein above fixed are annual rates and shall be effective January 1, 2014 unless otherwise stated. When an hourly rate is stated, payment shall be made on the basis of properly approved time sheets. All salaries shall be payable bi-weekly except for Council Members, who are paid quarterly, and Water Operator, Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Official who are paid monthly.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect immediately after passage

**NEW & OLD BUSINESS**

Mine Hill Beach Presentation

Mr. Morris presented the following slides:



13' Island Hopper " Bounce & Splash Trampoline

Price: \$949.99

[LINK TO WEBSITE](#)

Water Wheeler Pedal Boat

Price: \$839.00

- Holds 2 people at a time
- Beach Rate: \$10.00 for a half hour.
- Life vests 2 Adult & 2 Children

Estimated Price: \$90.00

[LINK TO WEBSITE](#)

New Lifeguard Chair

DPW Construct New Lifeguard Chair

Estimated Cost for Materials \$300.00

**Total Additions**

Trampoline: \$949.99  
Pedal Boat: \$839.00  
Life Vests: \$90.00  
Lifeguard chair: \$300.00

**Total for Improvements: \$2,178.99**

Mr. Morris reported that the beach has lost approximately \$4,000 in each of the last two years, vastly improved over prior management. Management has been perfected and running the beach can't get any cheaper. This year's focus will be on areas of revenue increase. Investments of approximately \$2,000 this year will make the beach more interesting and attractive. Another potential area for revenue increase is to inquire about signage at other beaches that fill up early in the day to draw people here when they are turned away at other gates.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

John Paschal, Thomastown Road, expressed concerns about the proposed water trampoline.

Mr. Heredia asked if the school would be able to avail themselves of the energy aggregation savings. Mr. Morris responded that the school can be included, or could probably enter a contract on their own if the board so desired.

**CLOSED SESSION****Resolution 055-14 Authorizing Township Council to Enter Closed Session**

It was noted that no action would be taken upon return to open session.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstentions: none WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 of the Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINE HILL, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the specified subject matter(s) set forth in paragraph 2 below.
2. The subject matter(s) to be discussed are as follows:
  - Litigation – Fennimore Landfill/Roxbury/NJDEP (potential)
  - Personnel Matter – Specify
  - Contract Negotiation – RVRSA (potential); Parsippany (potential)
  - Attorney-Client Privilege – Specify
  - Collective Bargaining Agreement – Specify
  - Other – as authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 – Specify
3. Minutes of the closed session and any other information required to be shown in the minutes by law, shall be promptly available to the public when the matters discussed are resolved, to the extent that making such matters public shall not be inconsistent with section N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.
4. The Township Council may come back into open session and take further action.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

At the conclusion of closed session discussion, upon motion made and seconded, and a voice vote, the Council returned to open session.

**OPEN SESSION**

Mr. Morris asked Mr. Bucco the status of the legislation permitting open space money to be used to fix mines. Mr. Bucco is currently working on the bipartisan aspect of introducing a bill, and then will move forward.

Mr. Bloom asked Mr. Morris when the Township would be availing itself of free cable internet services. Mr. Morris reported that the free version of cable internet available to government is very slow. He is investigating getting the higher speed services at a reduced rate rather than getting the free version.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 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