

Council President Bloom called the regular meeting of the Mine Hill Township Council to order at 7:37 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 (arrived late); 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 – 3

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Willis to approve the minutes of April 17, 2014 as presented. The roll was called, and the minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

The following items of correspondence were noted:

- a. Tim Voll re: Rental Registration Fee

Mr. Bloom summarized Mr. Voll's letter objecting to the annual rental registration fee. Discussion followed and it was concluded that the fee was fair for covering the costs of inspections of rental properties. Mr. Bloom will call Mr. Voll to respond.

CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bills List

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED

None

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Mr. Morris provided the following brief updates:

- Dolores Walking Path has been filled and compacted; will be graded next week
- Lampposts for Dolores Path have been ordered and paid for by CBDG Grant
- Mike Betz has been hired to assist with various DPW summer projects
- Home Depot is considering donating the construction of a pier at the Mine Hill Beach
- Paddleboats for the Beach will be arriving soon
- Recent water main leak was identified; minor and easy to repair
- USTA is interested in providing grant funding to repair tennis courts
- New rules for disposal of debris at the mulch site are working out well
- Mr. Morris, Mr. Bucco, Ms. Kanzenbach and Mr. Willis will meet with RVRSA on May 9th
- Photocopier and telephone system leases are coming due this summer; better services are being investigated
- Current standards of speed calming are being researched and discussed with the Police Department

Mr. Morris reported that residents of Xenia Court were visited by another resident who tried to scare them into believing the Township had not properly dealt with the mine collapse near their home. Mr. Morris has obtained a letter from Mining Engineer Gary Gartenburg attesting that he was present throughout the repairs and that they were conducted properly and conform with the latest standards of repair. Mr. Gartenburg is also working with the Township to improve the current mine ordinance.

Mr. Morris discussed plans for Memorial Day. He met with the American Legion; they are looking to be more visible and involved in the community. Plans for Memorial Day include expanding the parade and hosting a picnic at Fireman's Field. Mr. Bloom noted that he spoke with the Legion recently and they were hoping to have their liquor license fees waived. Ms. Macchia responded that she had already spoken with them and advised them that State law does not allow these fees to be waived.

Mr. Morris plans to meet with the Fire Department to discuss the celebration of their 100th anniversary in 2015. Festivities will be held in conjunction with Mine Hill Day that fall.

Mr. Morris made the following appointments to the newly reformed Recreation/Community Committee:
Katie Bartnik; Jill Manherz; Jill Anderson; Dave Ake; Pete Bruseo

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS

Recreation/Community Committee

No report.

Board of Education

Mr. Bloom reported that he attended the budget meeting, and noted that the Board did well at keeping the tax increase to a minimum.

Fire & First Aid

Mr. Pepperman noted that the Fire Department hosted their annual Easter egg hunt very successfully. The Department pumped out a basement earlier today. First Aid Squad King of the Hill car show is coming up. Mr. Morris added that our First Aid Squad covered many Dover calls in 2013, more than reasonable. Discussion followed, and a discussion will be held with Dover to address the matter.

Police

Mr. Pepperman will work with Mr. Bloom and the Department to set up the meeting discussing trails and speeding.

Open Space Committee

Mr. Bloom reported that the Raritan Headwaters cleanup day was held recently, and included a number of volunteers from the Township. The cleanup was very successful, collecting approximately a ton of garbage.

Planning Board

No report.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

John Paschal of Thomastown Road asked for more details about the water leak. Mr. Morris responded with additional details.

Sandy Seibert of Maple Avenue remarked that she thought the townhouses at the end of Thomastown coming on the tax rolls would lower taxes throughout the Township. Mr. Morris explained that, rather than reducing taxes, additional funds were put into the capital account to allow for the overdue paving of Thomastown Road and First Street without having to borrow the money to do so. Next year, the \$90,000 annual payment on the fire truck will come off the books. Those funds will also be put into capital projects rather than tax decreases because there are other roads in need of paving and Township buildings in need of repair, as well as debts that the Governing Body would like to pay off sooner rather than later. The goal is to eventually pay off all debts, keep taxes flat, and keep enough funds in capital to avoid future borrowing. Improving the Township's reserves also improves the bond rating, so if future borrowing became necessary the best possible rates could be applied for.

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 060-14 Authorizing Redemption of Third Party Lien – Block 701, Lot 7

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2012-006, was sold to US Bank, Cust for Pro Capital I, LLC on August 15, 2012 on Block 701, Lot 7 known as 3 Florence Lane; 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 \$5,508.27 to US Bank, Cust for Pro Capital I, LLC. This amount includes the redemption amount of \$5,408.27 and the return of the premium paid at the time of sale in the amount of \$100.00

Total \$5,508.27

US Bank Cust for Pro Capital I, LLC
50 South 16th St., Ste. 1950
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Resolution 061-14 Authorizing Redemption of Third Party Lien – Block 1802, Lot 1, C0808

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2012-025, was sold to US Bank, Cust for Pro Capital I, LLC on August 15, 2012 on Block 1802, Lot 1, Qualifier C0808 known as 400-56 East Randolph Ave.; 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 \$8,186.96 to US Bank, Cust for Pro Capital I, LLC. This amount includes the redemption amount of \$7,486.96 and the return of the premium paid at the time of sale in the amount of \$700.00

Total \$8,186.96

US Bank Cust for Pro Capital I, LLC
50 South 16th St., Ste. 1950
Philadelphia, PA 19102

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 062-14 Authorizing Tonnage Grant

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 Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c. 102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand the existing program; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS; the recycling regulations impose on the municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2013 recycling grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Mine Hill Township Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed;

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:

1. Mine Hill Township hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Recycling Coordinator Amanda G. Macchia to ensure that the application is properly filed.

2. The monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.
3. This resolution replaces resolution 090-13 which was approved on May 2, 2013.

Resolution 063-14 Amendment to Capital 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, the Township of Mine Hill, County of Morris, desires to amend the 2014 Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting thereon or correcting the items therein as shown in such budget for the following reason:

Resurfacing 1st Street and North 1st Street, Various Improvements to Municipal Facilities, and Various DPW Equipment

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill of the County of Morris, as follows:

Section 1. the 2014 Capital Budget of the Township of Mine Hill is hereby amended by adding thereto a Schedule to read as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1
CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MINE HILL, COUNTY OF MORRIS
Projects Schedules for 2014
Method of Financing

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COST</u>	<u>CAPITAL IMPROV. FUND</u>	<u>GENERAL NOTES/BONDS</u>
As Listed Above	\$ <u>120,000</u>	\$ <u>120,000</u>	None

Section 2. The Clerk be and is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, within three days after the adoption of these projects for 2014 Capital Budget, to be included in the 2014 Capital Budget as adopted.

Resolution 064-14 Amendment to Water Capital Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Willis and seconded by Mr. Coranato 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, County of Morris, desires to amend the 2014 Water Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting thereon or correcting the items therein as shown in such budget for the following reason:

Repair and secure the Xenia Court water main due to subsidence, and acquire a truck, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for the Water Utility of the Township

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill of the County of Morris, as follows:

Section 1. the 2014 Water Capital Budget of the Township of Mine Hill is hereby amended by adding thereto a Schedule to read as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1
WATER CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MINE HILL, COUNTY OF MORRIS
Projects Schedules for 2014
Method of Financing

GENERAL PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST	WATER CAPITAL IMPROV. FUND	NOTES/BONDS
As Listed Above	\$ 29,000	\$29,000	None

Section 2. The Clerk be and is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, within three days after the adoption of these projects for 2014 Water Capital Budget, to be included in the 2014 Water Capital Budget as adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 12-14 Capital Ordinance – General

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to introduce the ordinance. It was noted that the public hearing on this ordinance will take place on May 15, 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, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Mine Hill, in the County of Morris, New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to undertake the following public improvements and acquisitions in, by and for the Township: (A) resurfacing of South 1st Street and North 1st Street; (B) undertaking of various improvements to municipal facilities; and (C) acquisition of various equipment and machinery for the use of the Department of Public Works. Depending upon contract prices and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval of the Township Council, there may be additions to the roads being resurfaced listed in clause (A) of the preceding sentence. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$120,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvements authorized and described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be raised from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Township. The sum of \$120,000 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Township to the payment of the cost of said purpose. No debt is authorized by this ordinance because funds on hand are available and being appropriated.

Section 3. Said improvements are lawful capital improvements of the Township having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements, no part of the cost of which shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 4. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

Ordinance 13-14 Capital Ordinance – Water Utility

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to introduce the ordinance. It was noted that the public hearing on this ordinance will take place on May 15, 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, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Mine Hill, in the County of Morris, New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to: (A) repair and secure the Xenia Court water main due to subsidence; and (B) acquire a truck, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for the Water Utility of the Township. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$29,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvements authorized and de-scribed in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be raised from the Water Utility Capital Improvement Fund of the Township. The sum of \$29,000 is hereby appropriated from the Water Utility Capital Improvement Fund of the Township to the payment of the cost of said purpose. No debt is authorized by this ordinance because funds on hand are available and being appropriated.

Section 3. Said improvements are lawful capital improvements of the Township having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements, no part of the cost of which shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 4. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promul-gated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

None at this time.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bloom noted that residents of the Flats are not happy with that term. Recent discussion among residents concluded that it would be more pleasant to call it the "Lake Area." However, he learned that the lake does not have a name. Discussion of various potential names followed; the chosen name can be made official via resolution. Possibilities include Sunset Lake, Dickerson Lake, and Crystal Lake. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Mr. Morris added discussion of a building that would house recreation space. Discussion will follow at a future meeting.

Mr. Pepperman asked if there was an update on energy aggregation. Mr. Morris responded that he is researching further and discussing with the school.

Mr. Bloom discussed holding an information session for residents interested in hooking up to natural gas lines.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 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