

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; Mr. Bucco, Township Attorney (arrived at 7:34PM);
Ms. Istvan, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Public Present – 4

PRESENTATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to approve the minutes of September 4, 2014 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. Pepperman to approve the Closed Session minutes of September 4, 2014 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 September 18, 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: none
Abstentions: Mr. Coranato; Mr. Pepperman

Mr. Bucco arrived at this time 7:34PM

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

The following items of correspondence were noted:

- a. Hurd Street Improvements

Mayor Morris explained that the Town needs to put a new water line in on Hurd Street between Ford Street and Route 46 and then repave Hurd Street, between Ford Street and Route 46, once the water line is installed. The City of Dover currently supplies water there and has asked Mine Hill to install a main and reconnect the Mine Hill residents at the end of Hurd Street to Mine Hill's system. Currently they are on Dover's Line which runs across the field and it is an old galvanized line and if it breaks they will not be fixing it. The Mayor confirmed that the Town has the capacity for this within Mine Hill's allocation from the MUA. Originally the Mayor was going to apply for a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) for the water pipe, and the balance would be paid from the Water Utility Capital. He was informed however, by Mr. Tanzi from the County that Mine Hill does not qualify for a grant. According to the 2010 census numbers, the new math that came out, Mine Hill does not have any economic areas that qualify. Mayor Morris is going to review the census numbers and income numbers and appeal it because he feels that is just not the case, especially with the number of students that receive free lunches at Canfield Avenue School. The Mayor mentioned that he was hoping to have it done all next year, but with the recent grant information, it may have to wait until 2016, but it does need to get done. Mayor Morris said he will apply for a State DOT grant to repave Hurd Street after the water line is installed. Additional curbing and storm water upgrades will take place along with the paving.

b. Morris County Agriculture Development Board - Paschal Farm

The Council discussed the letter that was received from the Morris County Agriculture Development Board (Morris CADB) in regards to the Morris CADB being in the process of preserving the Paschal Farm (Block 1502, Lot 1 and Block 1102, Lot 1.) The Mayor noted that there is quite a bit of work involved with what the County is requesting and that an escrow may need to be set up to cover the costs. The Town will not pay for the Mining Engineer and Town Engineer and both of them need to respond to the County. They are asking the Town for certification of mining areas and also development ideas etc. They want a third party to say yes these are the development possibilities, these are the mines. It was noted that they are trying to determine the development value so that they can pay what it is worth because it may be worth more, due to the run off and the parcel that was purchased across the street. They also want someone to cut out the section that was designated as COAH as the letter noted that Morris County CADB cannot pursue preservation of a property that has been designated for COAH. Mr. Paschal noted that he, as the property owner, never assented to or agreed to give the Town part of the property for COAH. Mayor Morris said it was filed three or four years ago that Mr. Paschal was in agreement. The Town will have to file a correction which will involve a letter from Mr. Paschal saying he was not in agreement. Mayor Morris mentioned that the Town will try to make it minimal impact for Mr. Paschal.

CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bills List

Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach seconded by Mr. Coranato 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. Willis; Mr. Bloom

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstentions: none

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED

Ordinance 23-14 An Ordinance Authorizing A Change In The Name of "Second Avenue" In The Township Of Mine Hill To "Baker Street"

Upon motion made and seconded and a voice vote, the public hearing on this ordinance was opened.

Mayor Morris mentioned that the Town has not heard back from the resident or the owner. Mr. Coranato stated that he did speak to the resident about the name change. Mayor Morris added he spoke with the administration at Canfield Avenue School about the renaming and they said it will be a help to them. Mr. Bucco stated that the ordinance does require that the Police, Fire Department, First Aid Squad, etc. need to be notified.

Seeing no further discussion, the public hearing on this ordinance was closed.

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Willis to adopt the ordinance. The roll was called, and the ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

Absent: none

Abstentions: none

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to rename Second Avenue between Canfield Avenue and Baker Street to establish Baker Street as a continuous street from Canfield Avenue to Route 46 in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes that changing the name of Second Avenue to Baker Street is in the best interest of the Township.

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

Section 1. The street name of “Second Avenue” between Canfield Avenue and Baker Street, in the Township of Mine Hill, County of Morris shall be renamed “Baker Street”.

Section 2. The Public Works Department is hereby authorized and directed to install any and all street signs and traffic markings reflecting the change of the street name from Second Avenue to Baker Street and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to instruct the Township Engineer to revise the Township’s Official Map to reflect the change in the street name.

Section 3. The Township Clerk is hereby further authorized and directed to notify the Township Residents along said street of the effective date of the name change and to further advise all appropriate agencies, including but not limited to, the United States Post Office, the Police and Fire Departments, the First Aid Squad and the Morris County Department of Planning and Development of the change in said street name.

Section 4. 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 5. 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 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Mayor Morris reported on the following:

The Mayor explained that he had a four hour meeting with Paul Sterbenz, the Town Engineer and Jennifer Molter from the DOT local office. They reviewed all of the projects regarding the sidewalk projects. The contract for the first phase will be awarded at this evening’s meeting. The second phase is a Federal Grant.

The third phase from Fairfield Avenue to Route 46 is a State Grant. It was recommended not to accept the Federal Grant. The Federal Grant involves one set of inspection criteria for every grant like the one the Town was given, no matter what the size of the project. The inspections are so difficult and onerous. When the Town gets a State grant, the Town will receive 2/3 of the money up front and the other 1/3 at the end after everything is signed off at the end by the engineer. The Town has 1/3 of the risk. With a Federal grant, 100% risk is on the Municipality. Not one penny comes out until it is completed. So, the Town would have to put up \$275,000. If it is not done correctly the Town ends up paying. The smaller the Town the more risk. Mayor Morris mentioned that looking at the typography of it, he felt DPW could easily handle it. They are budgeted in already so the labor is paid for. The Town would have to pay for the materials, the concrete, and Belgian block. The Mayor will also talk to the County, since it is on a County road, and maybe it is something they would partner with the Town which would help in paying for the materials. Mr. Willis added that his understanding is that with the Federal Grant there has to be a fulltime inspector on the site the whole time which the Town is responsible for paying for which is another \$50,000 to \$75,000. Mayor Morris said he did finish the Federal Manual and turned it in and Ms. Molter. Although she did not approve it yet, she did say it looked pretty good. Mayor Morris said he thinks the Town could administer it, but it would just not be worth the risk. He noted that a lot of other small towns are getting away from it. The Mayor said he felt that next year, with the two contracts being awarded for phases one and three and DPW taking care of phase two, by the same time next year it will be done.

Speed bumps are progressing. There are a few more to go in on Frank and George Streets, and one on Dickerson Mine Road. Thomastown Road speed bumps have been put in and the police will monitor how the speeding is going.

DPW is prepping for the winter, getting the plows prepared.

Gillan Street sewer line is in and the Mandrel Air Test will take place on Monday to make sure that the pipe has not crushed down.

On Wednesday the Mayor will meet with the architect from Maser in regards to the design for the Veteran's Memorial.

The garbage pickup is going out to bid and has to be out for 60 days and then another two months from there to make a decision. The Mayor will be looking as to whether it is better for the Town to continue to contract it out, or start having it done in house. Mr. Bucco mentioned there tends to be a lot of workman's compensation claims in the garbage industry. The Mayor has talked with neighboring towns and is looking at all aspects in order to determine what the best decision to make is.

The Mayor announced that after 34 years, the women who have been running the Mine Hill Library are retiring. Kathleen Crnarich and Pat Jackowski met with the Mayor and gave him a letter stating they are retiring and have enjoyed their many years of service and will help with whatever transition takes place. The Mayor asked them to attend a Town Council meeting in December. The Mayor said the Council, Community Committee and others interested need to meet and decide in which direction the library should go.

The Best Practices Worksheet score from 2012 was a 68. The current one that is going to be submitted is a 90. There are categories on it that, as a small town, Mine Hill cannot do. Having a score of 90 is very good for a small town. With a score of 80 to 100, a town gets the full 100% of State funding.

The Mayor mentioned that the Town needs to borrow on the high end \$150,000 in order to put a much needed new roof on the Mine Hill Municipal Building including repairing any damage that has been caused underneath. It would be a sloped roof. Offices have had roof leaks which have left them smelling musty. The First Aid Squad roof needs to be correctly repaired from damage it experienced from hurricane Sandy. The whole front facade around the First Aid garage needs replacing. The Mayor will get better numbers together. He was hoping to do it out of capital, but cannot. It is not budgetary borrowing which was done in the past. Various methods of how the Town could borrow money were discussed. Mr. Bucco mentioned the

Town could borrow on one year notes, which can be rolled over for up to ten years. The Mayor said also included in what the money would be borrowed for are: install handicapped accessible doors in both the Municipal Building and Civic Center, stucco the outside of the municipal building and purchase a sign that says “Municipal Building”. The Mayor will put together a spreadsheet for the Council to review.

The American Legion needs a new roof at a cost of \$40,000. Mayor Morris said that if the Town cannot apply for a Community Development Block Grant, the Town should apply on behalf of the Legion as they are eligible.

The Mayor noted that a Mine Hill resident unselfishly donated \$3,000 to another resident who is a Purple Heart Veteran in order to cover the deductible, so the gentleman would be able to have necessary and immediate major heart surgery.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS

Community Committee

Mayor Morris reported that there is a meeting on Monday 10/6/14 at 7:30PM to discuss the Scare Away Hunger Food Drive, to start talking about Thanksgiving and Christmas activities, and to debrief Mine Hill Day. Mr. Bloom mentioned that Mine Hill Day was a great success and thanked the Mine Hill Day Committee for all their work.

Board of Education

Mr. Coranato reported that Mr. Zygmunt did a presentation explaining the following: Spanish lessons are increasing to twice a week; there is a Gifted and Talented Program in the works; there is a new English/Language curriculum they are starting; there is a new language interactive program where the students have more of an ownership because they get a choice in the words they learn; and they are installing a weather station that the students will have access to through the computers. They finished power washing around the school. It was also mentioned that on October 20th the NJASK scores will be presented.

Fire & First Aid

Mr. Pepperman spoke with the Chief and they are conducting their hose pump and ladder testing. They are also doing their certification on the new Scott packs. On September 12th they reported to a head on collision where there was an entrapment and they had to use the Jaws of Life in order to get the victim out. Mr. Bloom said the Inspection Dinner was very nice, the trucks looked great, and they received a lot of good accolades from a number of fire officials in the area. Mayor Morris mentioned that the recertification of the 1989 MACK is going to be done by a company called Fire One. A truck can be run for 35 years. The Insurance Service Office who sets the insurance rate, said it does not matter how old a truck is as long as it pumps water. The State said they do not care how old it is as long as it pumps according to its specs. The Mayor said the Town may have to pay for repairs, but the Town is 10 years away from having to buy a fire truck. The Town may need a new ambulance in 2017 or 2018. The Command Vehicle is in need of repairs and the Town will get a report of what needs to be done in addition to estimates to complete all the work.

Mr. Pepperman spoke with Edna and they have a volunteer who will graduate school in December and will be a full time member. Currently they are riding the ambulance but only doing the basic ABCs of first aid which are the vital signs and assessments. They actually have another interested volunteer. Mr. Pepperman thanked them for reporting to the September 12th entrapment.

Police

Mr. Pepperman reported that there were five arrests in Mine Hill for the month of September. There were 105 tickets issued. October 10th is Put the Brakes on Fatality Day. They applied for a DWI Grant which they will run in December. They should be back in their Headquarters around October. Mr. Pepperman inquired about if the Town purchased the radar sign yet and the Mayor said he will obtain that. E-Tickets were discussed and Mayor Morris stated the Town will have an inter-local agreement with Wharton. Wharton is going to sign the contract with the company and they are going to give us a report and the Town will pay \$3.00 a ticket.

Open Space Committee

Mr. Bloom reported they will be meeting in a week and a half and Ms. Kanzenbach will attend the meeting as Mr. Bloom will not be able to attend.

Planning Board

Mr. Willis reported that the Planning Board has a meeting Monday night, October the 6th.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. John Gangemi of 109 Rout 46 asked what the status was in regards to figuring out a way to pay for the Midget Football Program. Mayor Morris explained that Senator Bucco put in a request to the State for clarification of the rules and how it works. They responded in a letter that the Town has to have a contract with sport services. The Governing Body will have to decide if they want to contract with Little League, the Midget Football/Junior Knights, with soccer or any other sport program to provide a sports league or program. Through that contract it makes it legal to pay for the contract and it is the legal way to do it. It will not be able to take place for 2014, but can be started in 2015. Mr. Gangemi asked how they should proceed. Mr. Bloom said he would like to see an overview of all of the programs and get into the recommended budget of each contract. Discussion ensued of how to approach the various sports leagues and it was mentioned a letter should and will go out. Mr. Bucco mentioned various items can be ironed out in the contract. Further discussion took place about making sure that the participants are residents of Mine Hill. It was discussed that a resolution will need to be created. The Mayor also mentioned once these contracts begin, audits will need to be done at times. Discussion took place around looking for grants from various sources like the NFL or sporting companies to help fund the programs. It was also mentioned that this subject matter will need to be further reviewed and discussed in an upcoming Town Council meeting in order to start the process in 2015. This new process needs to be developed, if the Council approves it, due to the fact that the Town was informed by the Town auditor in 2012 that they could not do it the way they used to do it. The Town will lose State grants, etc. so the old way was stopped immediately.

John Paschal of Randolph Avenue, questioned when the last time the roof of the Municipal Building was replaced. Mr. Willis say he could not remember the roof ever being replaced, but that only certain sections were repaired. Mr. Paschal questioned what other roofs is the Town responsible for. He voiced his concern that he has heard so many times about the various roofs needing to be replaced. He mentioned that it may not be the whole roof, but rather just around certain fixtures. He continued to say it is important to find the leaks and correct those. Mayor Morris explained that the roof on the Municipal Building really needs to be replaced and corrected due to all of the problems. Mayor Morris mentioned that he will make sure the Town completes the process in the most effective and cost efficient way.

Mr. Paschal also asked Mayor Morris to please be cautious with the idea of purchasing a garbage truck and having the garbage pickup be completed in-house.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Willis 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 119-14 Authorizing Redemption Of A Third Party Tax Lien, Block 1707, Lot 5.01

2 Jason Court

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2014-018, was sold to US Bank Cust for BV001 Trust on September 5, 2014 on Block 1707, Lot 5.01 known as 2 Jason Court; 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 \$6,208.99 to US Bank Cust for BV001 Trust. This includes the redemption amount of \$1,108.99 and the return of premium paid at time of sale in the amount of \$5,100.00

Total \$6,208.99

US Bank Cust for BV001 Trust
50 South 16th St, Ste 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Resolution 120-14 Authorizing The Issuance Of A Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate Pursuant To Chapter 99 Of The Public Laws Of 1997

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of this municipality has previously issued a tax sale certificate to The Township of Mine Hill (Holder), which certificate is dated December 31, 1960, covering premises commonly known and referred to as Lot 7 in Block 1707 as set out on the municipal tax map then in use which certificate bears number 190; and

WHEREAS, the Holder of the aforesaid tax sale certificate has indicated to the Tax Collector that they have lost or otherwise misplaced the original tax sale certificate and have duly filed the appropriate Affidavit of Loss with the Tax Collector, a copy of which is attached hereto.

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 Tax Collector of the municipality be and is hereby authorized, to issue an appropriate duplicate tax sale certificate to the said Holder covering the certificate lost as previously described all in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 99 of Public Laws of 1997.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and the Loss Affidavit be attached to the duplicate certificate to be issued to said Holder and that said duplicate certificate shall be stamped or otherwise have imprinted upon it the word “Duplicate” as required by law.

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 121-14 A Resolution Authorizing Shared Services Agreement With The Mine Hill Township Board Of Education For Lawn Maintenance And Snow Removal Services

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, the Board of Education of the Township of Mine Hill wishes to have the Township of Mine Hill take responsibility for lawn mowing and trimming, snow plowing and removal, and fall leaf blowing and removal at Board owned facilities; and

WHEREAS, Mine Hill is willing to accept responsibility for these services at Board owned facilities for a three year period in exchange for a capital contribution of \$10,600 towards the purchase of maintenance equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill finds that it is in the public interest to enter into a shared services agreement with the Board of Education, in the form attached hereto, for the provision of lawn maintenance and snow removal services in accordance with the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5, a municipality entering into a shared services agreement must adopt a resolution clearly identifying the agreement and ensure that a copy of the agreement is available for public inspection.

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 Shared Services Agreement with the Mine Hill Board of Education for the provision of certain lawn maintenance and snow removal services be and the same is hereby approved pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq. Said Agreement is for a term commencing on upon execution of the Agreement and expiring December 31, 2017.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Shared Services Agreement on behalf of the Township.
3. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide a fully executed copy of the Agreement along with a certified copy of the Resolution authorizing same to the Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”) in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4(a)(3)(b). The Township Clerk is further authorized and directed to coordinate with the Board of Education the filing of said document with the DCA.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution 122-14 A Resolution Declaring The Township Of Mine Hill A Stigma Free Town

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, The Town Council of the Township of Mine Hill in the state of New Jersey and the County of Morris, recognizes that one in five Americans have experienced some sort of mental illness according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administrations (SAMHSA); and,

WHEREAS, despite major accomplishments and the progress achieved, New Jersey must still overcome significant challenges before it can reach the goal of making quality mental health care available to all those who need it; and,

WHEREAS, mental health problems are more common than cancer and heart disease combined (SAMSHA), and more than half of all Iraq and Afghanistan veterans hospitalized at VA hospitals are treated for mental illness according to the Veteran’s Administration, and the stigma associated with mental illness is the biggest roadblock to recovery; and,

WHEREAS, The Codey Fund for Mental Health has initiated a statewide campaign requesting towns throughout New Jersey designate their municipality a Stigma Free Town; and,

WHEREAS, by declaring the Township of Mine Hill, a Stigma Free Town, the Township Council supports the elimination of stigma associated with mental health illness and will promote public awareness of mental health issues and work to overcome stigma, stereotyping, discrimination and removing any barriers to recovery; and,

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 of Mine Hill is a Stigma Free Town.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately

Resolution 123-14 A Resolution Authorizing An Expenditure From The Recreation/Food Pantry Trust Fund

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach 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 Community Committee has recommended that 1,300 reusable bags be purchased for use in the “Scare Away Hunger” food collection program in support of the community food drive; and

WHEREAS, the Township has obtained a quotation for the purchase of printed bags; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for the purchase of the bags is \$1,500; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Mine Hill has certified that funds are available for this purpose in the Recreation/Food Pantry Trust Fund.

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 Council authorizes the expenditure of up to \$1,500.00 from the Recreation/ Food Pantry Trust Fund for the purchase of reusable shopping bags in support of the Township food drive efforts.

Resolution 124-14 Approval To Submit A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Agreement With The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For The Municipal Aid Trust Fund Fiscal Year 2015 For The Hurd Street Roadway Improvement Project (Phase 2)

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 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 roadway improvements along Hurd Street between a point located six hundred (600) feet south of Dale Street and State Route 46; and

WHEREAS, The Township's Mayor and 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-2015-Hurd Street (Phase 2)-00412** 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 125-14 A Resolution Authorizing The Award Of A Contract To Vektor Corporation (Arnold's Roads, Inc.) For The Randolph Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project, Phase 1, (West Randolph Avenue To Dolores Place) In The Township Of Mine Hill, Morris County, New Jersey

A motion was made by Mr. Willis 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, the Township of Mine Hill solicited bids for the Randolph Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, Vektor Corporation submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid pursuant to the Township's Notice to Bidders for the above-referenced contract; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer and Township Attorney have reviewed the bids and have found that the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Vektor Corporation has submitted a bid that is in proper form and may be awarded by the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to award the contract to Vektor Corporation in accordance with its bid proposal; 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 the construction of the Randolph Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project, Phase 1 is hereby awarded to Vektor Corporation, P.O. Box 6892, Monroe, New Jersey, 08831 in accordance with its bid proposal for an amount not to exceed \$182,596.50.
2. The award of this contract is subject to and expressly conditioned upon the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.
3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Vektor Corporation in accordance with its bid proposal dated September 24, 2014 provided the condition set forth in Paragraph 2 of this Resolution is satisfied.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

None at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 126-14 Closed Session

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Willis to approve the resolution to enter Closed Session at 9:06PM. 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 – Settlement of tax appeal Campo v. Mine Hill
 - Personnel Matter – Specify
 - Contract Negotiation – Teamsters Contract
 - Attorney-Client Privilege – RVRSA

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- 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.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

At the conclusion of closed session discussion, upon motion made and seconded and a voice vote, Council Re-entered open session at 9:29PM.

OPEN SESSION

Resolution 127-14 A Resolution Authorizing The Settlement Of Mine Hill Township Tax Appeal Litigation Matter

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, appeals of the 2013 and 2014 real property tax assessments have been filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, settlement of the appeals is 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, as follows:

1. The settlement of the above referenced tax appeals filed at the Tax Court of New Jersey is hereby authorized as follows:

Anthony Campo
Properties: 38-44 Wharton Avenue
Block 401, Lots 9, 9.01, 10 and 10.01

<u>Property</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Proposed Assessment</u>
Block 401, Lot 9	2013	\$309,500.00	\$280,000.00
	2014	\$309,500.00	\$250,000.00
Block 401, Lot 9.01	2013	\$312,500.00	\$280,000.00
	2014	\$312,500.00	\$250,000.00
Block 401, Lot 10	2013	\$331,500.00	\$300,000.00
	2014	\$331,500.00	\$270,000.00
Block 401, Lot 10.01	2013	\$339,200.00	\$300,000.00

