

Township Council President Kristine Kanzenbach called the special meeting of the Mine Hill Township Council to order at 4:30 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Ms. Kanzenbach announced that adequate notice for this meeting had been given as required by law.

ROLL CALL: Present – Mr. Bloom; Mr. Coranato; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Willis
Absent – Mr. Pepperman
Also Present – Mr. Morris, Mayor; Mr. Thompson, Township; Ms. Macchia, Township Clerk
Public Present – 0

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Non-Consent Resolutions

Resolution 078-12 Approving Inclusion of Victory Gardens in the Dover Joint Municipal Court

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Bloom to approve the resolution.

Mr. Morris noted that he and Mr. Thompson have been working for approximately five months to get pertinent information related to this agreement; receiving this information should not have been this difficult. Discussion followed. It was concluded that this resolution would be approved so as not to inhibit Victory Gardens Court process, but that more information about the calculations should be required from Dover.

Seeing no further discussion, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. Pepperman

Abstentions: none

WHEREAS, the Town of Dover of the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, has established a Joint Municipal Court serving the Town of Dover, Township of Mine Hill, Borough of Mt. Arlington, Borough of Rockaway and Borough of Wharton under a Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Dover as lead agency; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Victory Gardens currently operates its own municipal court in the town adjoining the Town of Dover; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities have determined it to be in their mutual best interests to provide for joint municipal court facilities, personnel and resources for use by their respective municipal courts with Dover as the lead agency; and

WHEREAS, the agreement is established in accordance with the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:61-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, each of participating municipalities will realize a savings to their respective tax payers in entering into this Shared Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the scope of services provides that Dover will make the necessary facilities available by way of courtroom, offices and storage space; and

WHEREAS, the Dover Municipal Court personnel will include judges, prosecutors and public defenders, interpreters and court administrators as well as security personnel; and

WHEREAS, the municipal court operations will be managed by Dover as a joint court using one set of books and one court calendar; and

WHEREAS, all municipalities will each receive and retain all net revenues generated by each of their respective cases; and

WHEREAS, the supported municipalities have agreed to pay increases based upon increases in the cost of the operation of the joint municipal court; and

WHEREAS, Dover will be able to obtain a substantial annual cost savings benefit which benefit must continue into the future of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, additional municipal participants may become part of the joint municipal court; and

WHEREAS, there will be two judges and two prosecutors appointed with Dover making a recommendation for the presiding judge and the presiding prosecutor and a committee to be established to make a recommendation for the second judge and prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, based on the formula of the Joint Court Advisory Committee, Victory Gardens shall pay a base fee of \$16,627.00 annually for their use of the Dover Joint Court; and

WHEREAS, Dover will continue to use its current court administration personnel, and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Borough of Victory Gardens in the Joint Municipal Court of Dover would result in both the Borough of Victory Gardens and the Joint Municipal Court of Dover benefiting from operational effectiveness and cost efficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the Township Council endorses the execution of an agreement for the inclusion of the Borough of Victory Gardens effective July 1, 2012, upon the terms and conditions set forth herein and to hereby authorize its inclusion in the joint municipal court pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B: 12-1 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Borough of Victory Gardens, Town of Dover, Borough of Mount Arlington, Borough of Wharton, and Borough of Rockaway which are hereby being requested to consider adoption of a similar Resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Honorable Thomas L. Weisenbeck, Assignment Judge Superior Court, and the Honorable Michael Luther, Chief Judge of the Joint Municipal Court of Dover.

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Bloom to approve Resolutions 079-12 and 080-12 together. Seeing no discussion, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. Pepperman

Abstentions: none

Resolution 079-12 Approving Mine Hill Township First Aid Squad Raffle License

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 Off-Premise Cash Raffle (50/50) to be held on November 13, 2012, at 9:00 pm.

Resolution 080-12 Waiving Fee for Mine Hill Township First Aid Squad Raffle License

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 raffle license fee be and is hereby waived for the off-premise 50/50 raffle license issued to the Mine Hill Township First Aid Squad for a drawing to be held on November 13, 2012.

Resolution 081-12 Authorizing Purchase of Sign under Safe Routes to School Grant

A motion was made by Mr. Willis and seconded by Mr. Bloom to approve the resolution. Seeing no discussion, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. Pepperman

Abstentions: none

WHEREAS, the Township of Mine Hill received a NJ DOT Safe Routes to School Grant with a non-infrastructure portion of \$22,000; and

WHEREAS, the non-infrastructure portion of the grant has approximately \$19,000 remaining to be used for educational purposes and safety initiatives such as traffic calming and dissemination of information; and

WHEREAS, the Township has secured three quotes for portable digital signs from vendors who meet the criteria set forth by the Grant program; and

WHEREAS, Garden State Sign provided the lowest quote for the requested sign and is also part of the State Contract 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, that the Township Council

authorizes purchase of the requested sign, specifically Garden State Sign model no. SMC-3000, in the amount of \$15,500.00, pending receipt of a letter of approval and authorization from NJ DOT.

Resolution 082-12 Adopting a Complete Streets Policy

A motion was made by Mr. Coranato and seconded by Mr. Bloom to approve the resolution. Seeing no discussion, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill recognizes the need to accommodate all modes of travel on Township streets, including pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and mass transit riders; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mine Hill seeks to meet the transportation needs of all its citizens by providing road networks that are safer, healthier, more livable and welcoming to everyone, regardless of age and ability; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council defines complete streets as roadways designed and operated to enable safe, attractive, and comfortable access and travel for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and public transport users of all ages and abilities, to be able to safely and comfortably move along and across a complete street; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are typically designed to include wider sidewalks, pedestrian intersection treatments, bicycle facilities, enhanced landscaping, and transit accommodations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINE HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the Township Council hereby establishes a Complete Streets Policy, which directs Township staff to accommodate all modes of travel, including pedestrians, cyclists and transit riders, to the highest degree possible when redesigning the public right-of-way.

Resolution 074-12 Approving Renewal of Liquor License for Morgan’s Tavern

A motion was made by Mr. Coranato and seconded by Mr. Bloom to approve the resolution. Seeing no discussion, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

WHEREAS, the applicant for Alcoholic Beverage Control License set forth below has been duly investigated; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill is satisfied that all the rules and regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Law, Title 33, Chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937, as amended and supplemented, including P.L. 1970, Ch. 77, have been duly complied with:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINE HILL IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the Township Council hereby agrees to issue to the following applicant, the following permanent license under the aforesaid State Statutes for the following annual fee, said license to commence July 1, 2012 and to expire at midnight on June 30, 2013.

<u>APPLICANT:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>	<u>FEE:</u>
J&J Jacmar, Inc. T/A Morgan’s Tavern For Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1420-33-004-005	384 Route 46	\$1,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue the aforesaid license in the form approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage of the State of New Jersey to the aforesaid applicant.

Resolution 083-12 Authorizing Grant Application

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Coranato to approve the resolution. Seeing no discussion, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended that the Township Mayor and Council apply to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for funds available as a part of the Federal Aid 2012 Transportation Enhancement Program for the purpose of constructing pedestrian safety improvements along Randolph Avenue between Indian Falls Road and US Route 46;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have considered this recommendation.

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 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 TE-2012-Mine Hill Township-00106 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Mine Hill.

BE IT FINALLY 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.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Bloom and seconded by Mr. Coranato to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 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