

Council Vice President Willis called the regular meeting of the Mine Hill Township Council to order at 7:30 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS NOTICE

Mr. Willis announced that adequate notice for this meeting had been given as required by law.

ROLL CALL: Present – Mr. Coranato; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis
Absent – Mr. Bloom
Also Present – Mr. Morris, Mayor; Mr. Bucco, Township Attorney; Mrs. Macchia,
Municipal Clerk
Public Present – 5

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Coranato to approve the minutes of October 2, 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
Nays: none
Absent: Mr. Bloom
Abstentions: none

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to approve the minutes of October 9, 2014 as presented. The roll was called, and the minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

The following items of correspondence were noted:

- a. Morris County Communications Division re: 2015 Service Fees
- b. Pancreatic Cancer Action Network re: Request for Resolution
- c. NJLM re: Annual Dues Increase Proposal
- d. Jefferson Township re: Notice of Land Use Ordinances (not included)
- e. Morris County Abstract of Ratables (not included)

Ms. Macchia explained the Communications contract and associated fees. Ms. Macchia was instructed to place the Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Resolution on the November agenda, and to locate an online version of the Abstract of Ratables to provide to Council.

CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bills List

Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Coranato 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. Willis
Nays: none
Absent: Mr. Bloom
Abstentions: none

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Mr. Morris reported that planning is underway for the design and installation of a new roof for Town Hall. He also noted that changes to the Fee Ordinance were being worked on, and provided an update on DPW projects.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS

Recreation/Community Committee

Mr. Morris reported that the Scare Away Hunger food drive is approaching.

Board of Education

No report.

Fire & First Aid

Mr. Pepperman reported that the Fire Department command vehicle is in need of repair.

Police

Mr. Pepperman reported that officers will be receiving training to deal with off road vehicle violations. He added that the newly renovated headquarters would hopefully be ready in November, and that a new website is forthcoming.

Open Space Committee

Ms. Kanzenbach reported that there are concerns over the kiosk signage and about the trail crossing at the mulch site road.

Planning Board

Mr. Willis reported that there is one incomplete application before the Board at this time.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Sandy Seibert, 8 Maple Lane, thanked the Township for tree trimming.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 23-14A An Ordinance Renaming Second Street as Baker Street

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 November 13, 2014. The roll was called and the ordinance was introduced by the following vote:

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

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to rename Second Street 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 Street 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 Street” 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 Street 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.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

None

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 130-14 Authorizing Contract for Rabies Clinic

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

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. Bloom

Abstentions: none

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to conduct a Rabies Vaccination Clinic on January 17, 2015 (with an inclement weather backup date of January 24, 2015); and

WHEREAS, this service has historically been provided by Dr. Steven B. Hodes, DVM, who practices veterinary medicine within the Township, and his staff; and

WHEREAS, the contract agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Township Council and the Township Attorney of the Township of Mine Hill.

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 does hereby authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute an agreement with Dr. Steven B. Hodes, DVM for the Rabies Vaccination Clinic schedule for January 2015.

Resolution 131-14 Approval of Raffle License – Educational Foundation 50/50

A motion was made by Mr. Coranato 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

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. Bloom

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 Educational Foundation to conduct on premise cash raffles (50/50's) on the following dates:

November 2, 2014
November 16, 2014
December 7, 2014
January 18, 2015
February 1, 2015
February 15, 2015
March 1, 2015
March 15, 2015
April 5, 2015
April 19, 2015
May 3, 2015
May 17, 2015

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

Resolution 132-14 Approval of Raffle License – Educational Foundation Instant Raffle

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

Nays: none

Absent: Mr. Bloom

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 Educational Foundation to conduct on premise instant raffles (pull tab raffles) on the following dates:

November 2, 2014
November 16, 2014
December 7, 2014
January 18, 2015
February 1, 2015
February 15, 2015

March 1, 2015
March 15, 2015
April 5, 2015
April 19, 2015
May 3, 2015
May 17, 2015

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

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

Risk Management Committee

Mr. Morris reported that the Township’s insurance carrier is requiring the Township to establish a Risk Management Committee. Following discussion, it was concluded that Ms. Kanzenbach and Mr. Pepperman would form the committee.

Sewer Ordinance

Mr. Morris advised that an ordinance will be forthcoming associated with potential sewer expansion and modification of sewer related fees. With assistance from Tax/Utility Collector Judi O’Brien, Mr. Morris discussed the assessments and fees that would be implemented.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

John Paschal, Thomastown Road, asked if there has been a long term analysis of taxes. Mr. Morris responded that the amount of increases year over year is trending downward.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 133-14 Closed Session

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

Ayes: Mr. Coranato; Ms. Kanzenbach; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis
Nays: none
Absent: Mr. Bloom
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 – Specify
 - Personnel Matter – Specify
 - Contract Negotiation – RVRSA, Sports Contracts
 - 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.

MINUTES OF THE MINE HILL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – October 16, 2014

5-2014-10-16

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Coranato to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 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