

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 (arrived late); Mr. Pepperman;
Mr. Willis
Absent – None
Also Present – Mr. Morris, Mayor; Mr. Bucco (arrived late), Township Attorney; Mrs.
Macchia, Municipal Clerk
Public Present – 5

PRESENTATIONS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 17, 2015 were tabled until later in the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Coranato and seconded by Mr. Willis to approve the minutes of October 1, 2015 as presented and the closed session minutes of October 1, 2015 as to content only. The roll was called and the minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

The following items of correspondence were noted:

- a. Resident Chris Osuch re: Paving of West Randolph Avenue
- b. NJ Division of State Police re: Approval of EOP Manual
- c. NJLM re: Dues Increase

CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bills List

A motion was made by Mr. Coranato and seconded by Mr. Willis to approve the bills list as presented. The roll was called, and the bills were approved by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Mr. Morris provided the following report:

- 1. New flag pole is installed
- 2. Stones for memorial will be set within the next week
- 3. Memorial fencing is in and will be stained next week
- 4. Meeting tomorrow with sewer meter consultant to discuss details and start work soon
- 5. Scare away hunger food drive is beginning this week, bag distribution is going smoothly
- 6. Memorial ceremony arrangements are going well, on track for November 7th at 4 pm
- 7. Donated tree was too big
- 8. Thomastown Phase II punch list is complete except waiting on final as-built plans
- 9. Getting prices for a pole barn for salt storage

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISONS

Recreation/Community Committee

Mr. Morris reiterated food drive information and noted that the Committee is also working on the Memorial and the various December events.

Board of Education

No report.

Fire & First Aid

Mr. Pepperman reported that the fire department is testing equipment. Uniform allowance was discussed.

Police

Mr. Pepperman reported that there was 1 arrest and 120 tickets issued last month.

Open Space Committee

Mr. Bloom reported that night rides on the trails are being held through November. New dirt bike activity and new downed trees were discussed. Mr. Bloom also noted that the yellow trail is almost complete and will add 2 miles to the system.

Planning Board

Mr. Morris reported that there are two applications before the board to update property status.

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None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 123-15 Redemption of Third Party Lien – Block 1707 Lot 14

A motion was made by Mr. Coranato 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; Mr. Pepperman; Mr. Willis; Mr. Bloom

Nays: none

Absent: Ms. Kanzenbach

Abstentions: none

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2013-025, was sold to Iron Hills Capital Partners LLC on October 24, 2013 on Block 1707, Lot 14 known as 11 Glenn Avenue; 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 \$77,977.55 to Iron Hills Capital Partners LLC. This amount includes the \$45,977.55 required for redemption as well as a return of the premium paid at the time of sale in the amount of \$32,000.00.

Total \$77,977.55

Iron Hills Capital Partners LLC

8 Ash Lane

Randolph, NJ 07869

NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

None.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bloom noted that the Township requested proposals from various neighboring municipalities for court services, and proposals were due today. One proposal was received from Rockaway Township. The merits of the proposal were discussed. Rockaway’s proposal is for \$75,000, as opposed to the current contract with Dover at \$90,000; both contracts incorporate annual 2% increases. Mr. Morris noted that the judge is the

same in both Rockaway and Dover. Rockaway's proposal is for a shared court, as opposed to our current joint court with Dover; shared courts do not intermingle funds, which will likely prove advantageous.

Mr. Bucco arrived at this time.

Mr. Bucco expressed concerns with continuing the discussion in open session, and it was concluded that the discussion would be added to the closed session agenda.

Ms. Kanzenbach arrived at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to approve the minutes of September 17, 2015 as presented and the closed session minutes of September 17, 2015 as to content only. 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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 124-15 Closed Session

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. 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 – Bruseo Driveway (potential)
 - Personnel Matter – Specify
 - Contract Negotiation – Specify
 - Attorney-Client Privilege – Massage Parlors; Court Proposal Discussion
 - 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.

4-2015-10-15

MINUTES OF THE MINE HILL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – October 15, 2015

Upon conclusion of closed session discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved by a voice vote to return to open session. It was noted that Ms. Macchia left the meeting during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Kanzenbach and seconded by Mr. Pepperman to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 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