

MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
6:00 PM

PUBLIC MEETING 2015 STREETSCAPE  
JANUARY 28, 2016

The township meeting of the Township Committee took place on the above date, time and place with the following being present: Mayor Eugene Kobryn, Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick, Committeeman Ray Gormley, Committeeman John Kehm, Committeewoman Lisa Stevens, Township Administrator Garrett Loesch, Township Attorney Robin LaBue, Township Engineer Jason Worth, Recording Operator Linda Cicco and Township Clerk Diana McCracken;

Township Clerk Diana McCracken read the Open Public Meeting Statement and opened the meeting.

Flag Salute - Moment of Silence

Public Hearing 2015 Streetscape Improvement Project – Mathistown Road and Radio Road

*Township Engineer Jason Worth reported the 2015 Streetscape Improvement Project will consist of sidewalks, curbing, handicap ramps and associated streetscape improvements along Mathistown Road from Center Street to Radio Road and Radio Road from Basswood Lake Road by the Little Treasures Park to the first intersection of Country Club Boulevard. The goal of this project is to improve pedestrian flow through this area of the township where there have been several accidents in the past. In December 2013, the township applied to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for funding and in 2014 the township was granted \$840,000.00 which is the full amount requested. The project details include a 5' wide ADA compliant concrete sidewalk, concrete vertical curbing, handicap ramps at intersections and driveways, brick pavers at Mathistown Road and Radio Road, striped crosswalks and stop bars, retaining walls and benches. Decorative lighting will most likely be an alternate bid because the funds are a little tight. The approvals consist of final Environmental Assessment (NJEDA), Ocean County Engineering, and Ocean County Soil Conservation District. We hope to bid this project in late March/early April, project award in late April and start construction late May and work through early August. At this time our grant deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>.*

Public Comments

*Mr. Ed Andrew: Mentioned at the last township meeting there was discussion regarding designated bus stop areas to avoid traffic back-up and asked if that could be worked into the Streetscape plan.*

*Township Engineer Jason Worth explained he is working with Mark Jenkie from Ocean County Engineering and will speak to him about creating areas for the buses to stop. It depends on the available right of way.*

*Mr. Ken Maxwell: He is from Maxwell Funeral Home and expressed his concerns regarding the future construction work along Mathistown Road and how it will affect the parking and traffic flow during a funeral.*

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained at the beginning of a project the contractors are required to inform all of the property owners that they will be starting construction and throughout the project give advance notice before they get to a certain location. He offered Mr. Maxwell his contact information.

Mr. Ken Maxwell: Stated he is pleased with this project and it will benefit the residents.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated he will be available after this session to answer any questions or go over the plans.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens asked if any of the construction areas are township owned and will it affect any property owners.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained the baseball fields, Little Treasure's Park, the township building down to Country Club Boulevard are all township property. There is only one property owner affected between town hall and Country Club Boulevard.

Committeewoman Lisa Stevens asked how far down Radio Road will the project go.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained down to the baseball fields on Basswood Lake Road and the opposite side of the road it will connect to the MUA's sidewalk.

#### Township Committee Comments

Gormley: No comment

Kehm: No comment.

Stevens: Asked if the property owners affected by the Streetscape Project received notice.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated they received a certified letter. It was also announced at the last township meeting, on the website and in the newspaper.

Stevens: Asked if the project will run Wawa to the Harbor Island Shopping Center and if it is imminent domain.

Township Engineer Jason Worth stated it will fit within the existing right-of-way which extends about ten feet behind the edge of the pavement and we will stay within that as best we can. Anywhere we have to move around a utility pole we will be asking the property owners for permission as the sidewalk will be on their property.

Schlick: No comment.

Kobryn: As we see this project going forward it will give this town a new visual image which will be a plus. I believe we will enjoy it once it's complete.

Being no further business

Motion to Adjourn: Schlick

Second: Kehm

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

*Diana K. McCracken, RMC*

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