

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:30 PM

TOWNSHIP MEETING
APRIL 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, Township Administrator Garrett Loesch, Township Attorney Robin LaBue, Township Engineer Jason Worth, Recording Operator Linda Cicco and Township Clerk Diana McCracken. Committeewoman Lisa Stevens was absent.

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

Flag Salute - Moment of Silence

Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick read a proclamation designating the month of May, 2016 as Older Americans Month. We urge every resident to take time this month to acknowledge older adults and the people who serve them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to our community.

Mayor Gene Kobryn read a proclamation celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Little Egg Harbor Township Library. He presented the proclamation to Librarian Maggie Penk.

Mayor Gene Kobryn expressed his sincere apology for his conduct at the last meeting.

Motion to Open to Public: Schlick Second: Gormley All in favor

Resolution #2016-107

Adoption of the 2016 Municipal Budget *[public comments will be heard during item #7 Public Hearing of the 2016 Municipal Budget]*

Resolution #2016-108

Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with AFSCME Local 71 (Department Heads) *[MOA for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018 includes an annual 2% raise for the included employees as well as provision regarding salary adjustments for specified employees]*

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated he cannot name individual employees but stated an adjustment was worked in for the Flood Plain Manager for \$5,000, an adjustment for \$1,500 for additional duties concerning lien collections and procedures, and an adjustment for \$10,000 for additional recycling duties.

Mayor Gene Kobryn explained this was developed through an arbitration hearing not negotiation and through the arbitration process we now have an agreement.

Resolution #2016-109

Endorsing the Agreement made with Mark H. Stein, Esq. as Special Labor Counsel *[to investigate personnel and other matters]*

Mr. Peter Fenwerda: Expressed his disgust with the townships' spending and made suggestions to increase revenue.

Mr. Mike Polito: Asked for clarification on Resolution #2016-109. It is very unclear what the deliverable is.

Mayor Gene Kobryn explained he will articulate what Attorney Mark Stein's mission is and what we expect to get from him during the Mayor's directive update.

Mr. Mike Polito: Asked if the public can comment after the directive update.

Mayor Gene Kobryn stated yes.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if the 2% raise for department heads will be retroactive. Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained this was negotiated through the PERK mediator assigned by the state and will be retroactive back to January 1, 2015.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked what employees were included in this mediation.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated the department heads.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if they are in the union.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained they were in an association prior which was recognized through New Jersey PERK.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if the 2% retroactive will be paid in one lump sum.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated yes it will.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if there will be enough money to cover the payouts.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained he included the contractual adjustments in the budget.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for the amount of the retroactive reimbursement.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained he does not have the exact amount but put in \$49,000 to cover all disputed contracts for last year.

Mr. Tom Meredith: Thanked the mayor for his apology. He noted two meetings ago the mayor mandated to cease all contract and salary negotiations and asked Mr. Kobryn if he rescinded that.

Mayor Gene Kobryn stated yes, he rescinded.

Resolution #2016-110

Authorizing the appointment of two full-time laborers to the Department of Public Works [the salary for Grant J. Carey shall be \$16.85 an hour, and the salary for Donald V. Russell shall be \$15.85 an hour; appointments shall be effective on April 29, 2016]

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained the discrepancy with the starting salaries has to do with whether they have a CDL or are in the process of acquiring one. In this case one has it and the other is working on it.

Mr. Mike Polito: Asked if these two are in addition to or replacing employees at Public Works and is the letter of recommendation from the department head part of the documentation on hiring three new people.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained at the last meeting a resolution was amended to allow him to interview for the three positions which were replacement positions to staff we lost throughout last year. We are down five now. He sat in on the interview process with the Acting Superintendent of Public Works and made the recommendations. Once the background checks are complete, we can move forward with our letter to the governing body.

Mr. Mike Polito: Questioned the necessity of replacing each employee and the financial impact on the township and what is the best interest for the township.

Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick explained he met with the Township Administrator and former Public Works Superintendent Patrick Donnelly and negotiated five new hires down to three, which is absolutely necessary.

Mr. Mike Polito: Asked if this information was made available to all the committee members.

Committeeman John Kehm stated it has not. He explained Public Works is a critical entity in the town and we need to ensure there are enough employees especially in the summer months. Being down five men in the department is critical. It is necessary to

hire at least two men at this time to ensure the trash and recycling is picked up as well as keeping our fields cut and clean. We also need to make sure there is enough coverage for sick and vacation time.

Mr. Mike Polito: Asked for more transparency in the future when hiring new employees. Committeeman Ray Gormley stated we have a terrific public works crew at Public Works and it is vital we maintain that service for this community.

Mayor Kobryn asked the public for comments on the review of township expenditures. No public comment.

Mayor's directive update

Mayor Gene Kobryn explained the mission of the special labor counsel will be to review all employee complaints, conflicts of interest and advise us of his findings. This is an employee performance review of the township committee and management by the employees. All reviews will be strictly confidential and employees should not fear retribution. Employees, it is time to voice your concerns. A report by Mr. Steinman will summarize his findings and corrective actions that could be taken. He is representing the employees and their concerns. All interviews will be private, strictly confidential and protected.

Motion to Close to Public: Gormley

Second: Schlick

All in favor

Old Business: Anticipated Action for this evening

Ordinance #2016-03 (Second Reading and Adoption)

An Ordinance of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey amending and supplementing Chapter 269 of the Township Code to establish a "No Knock" Registry [owners and/or occupants that do not permit canvassing, peddling, itinerant vending, and door-to-door sales at their home]

Township Attorney Robin LaBue explained this was drafted to address resident concerns regarding solicitors coming to their doors. A registry will be available at the Township Clerk's Office for residents to sign if they do not want solicitors at their door.

Motion to Open to Public: Gormley

Second: Kehm

All in favor

Mr. Roman Krochmal: Through the Sunrise Bay HOA they do not allow solicitors. This suggests that each resident will have to sign the No Knock Registry and asked if this can be modified to cover communities as a whole.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue explained the township cannot enforce the regulations in their community therefore the residents must come in and sign-up for the registry.

Mr. Art Mooney: Believes this is improper and ridiculous that elderly residents have to go to town hall to sign the registry and will have his HOA lawyer look into it.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue explained there will be an application therefore if the HOA wants to get it to their residents and bring it to the Clerk's office that's fine.

Mr. Peter Ferwerda: Asked if there is a license fee for solicitors.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue stated yes.

Mr. Peter Ferwerda: Suggested raising the solicitor fee.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue explained a license or permit fee must be directly tied to the administration cost for that fee. You cannot raise revenue through a license fee when you are a municipality.

Mr. Bill Armitage: Asked if the president of the HOA in Sunrise Bay can file a complaint on behalf of the 325 residents to withdrawal them from solicitors.

investigation and during that time the officers are on administrative leave and remain on the budget.

Mr. Art Mooney: Mentioned we are hiring three officers in addition to the ones we are still paying.

Committeeman John Kehm asked if the three new hires were included in last year's budget and questioned the half a million dollars. In 2015 we budgeted for new officers and hired two.

Mayor Gene Kobryn mentioned the Chief of Police would be the one to discuss this with since it is his department.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if the half million dollars was accredited basically to salary increases for the Police Department.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated it involved salary and wages whether it is contractual increases, step raises, new hires or promotions, everything factored in together.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked for the number of police officers required to make up a full staff.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained including the three new officers the department is up to forty four which he believes the Chief of Police is satisfied with at this time.

Committeeman John Kehm stated at this time we are not sure if the three officers on administrative leave will be returning.

Mr. Art Mooney: Asked if and when the three officers return to work what will happen to the three additional officers that were hired.

Committeeman John Kehm explained we will then evaluate the situation with the Chief of Police and determine the needs of the town at that time.

Mr. Mike Polito: Asked if the forty four officers discussed include the ones on administrative leave.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated yes, they are included in that number.

Mr. Mike Polito: Questioned if those officers came back tomorrow there would be no increase in the budget.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated that is correct.

Mr. Mike Polito: Asked for confirmation that as of today, there are no plans to hire any new police officers for this year. The Chief of Police has not discussed hiring over the forty four officers that were discussed this evening.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated that is correct.

Committeeman John Kehm stated he thought we were budgeted for forty three officers.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained we are budgeted for forty four officers.

Mr. Mike Polito: Explained page two of the user friendly budget shows a 71% increase from 2015 which equates to 1.2 million dollars. The surplus number in 2015 was 1.719 million and in 2016 it is 2.950 million. A 71% increase not allocated to anything so far needs significant justification.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained the money is allocated in the budget.

Municipal Auditor Kevin Frenia explained this is anticipated surplus. This year the town has seen the ratable come back and we are starting to recover after the storm and had a good year. The surplus is what is left over at the end of the year. The 2.9 million is money we are using to fund the budget which allows us to reduce the tax rate. This is a revenue line item.

Mr. Mike Polito: Believes if this is attributed to the town getting back on its feet he would expect a larger savings than half a million dollars.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained with a budget our size when he is doing bond ratings they look for approximately 10% to be available in future surplus, if not they are looking for a five-year plan on how to build it up and maintain it. Even

though we are using this it still leaves ample surplus to hold greater than 10% availability. We will not recapture all 2.9 million but about 2 million which will leave us that much better with next year's budget.

Mr. Mike Polito: Once the budget is approved during the year the town issues certificates of occupancy and permits, new additional taxes are collected and it is his understanding that this revenue will stay within the municipality and potentially the county government and none of it goes back to the school district.

Municipal Auditor Kevin Frenia stated that is true. We have a collection percentage and are the taxing body for all the tax collecting entities within the township. A certain percentage is not collected each year about 2 to 3% which we build into our budget. The first year of added assessments the town keeps the schools portion of that; however whether or not taxes are collected the schools gets their check in full. In the long run the town probably pays out more than they take in on that tax.

Mr. Mike Polito: Our tax collection rate for last year was 99.68% which is a significant income from 100%. To say we are taking a big hit on funds not collected, we don't give anything back to the school board yet we collect a full rate from our tax payers.

Municipal Auditor Kevin Frenia stated not every year.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained the last five years or so there have been a lot of tax appeals.

Municipal Auditor Kevin Frenia explained last year we got back on our feet with the assessments so we will start to collect 99% now. Last year was a good year because we had a lot of added assessments due to building and construction.

Mr. Mike Polito: Asked why the schools are not benefiting from this.

Municipal Auditor Kevin Frenia explained it is New Jersey's statutory law and not something the town controls.

Committeeman Ray Gormley explained when the tax appeals come in the town eats that money and the school does not have to give anything back.

Motion to Close to Public: Schlick Second: Gormley All in favor

Resolution #2016-107

Adoption of the 2016 Municipal Budget

Motion to Adopt: Schlick	Second: Kehm	Roll	Gormley	<u>Yes</u>
			Kehm	<u>Yes</u>
			Stevens	<u>Absent</u>
			Schlick	<u>Yes</u>
			Kobryn	<u>Yes</u>

Resolution #2016-108

Authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with AFSCME Local 71 (Department Heads)

Committeeman Ray Gormley suggested carrying this resolution until all committee members are present and have the proper documentation. We need to agree on a meeting date to have an executive session to discuss and negotiate these contracts.

Mayor Kobryn stated he agrees with this decision.

Motion to Carry: Gormley	Second: Kehm	Roll	Gormley	<u>Yes</u>
			Kehm	<u>Yes</u>
			Stevens	<u>Absent</u>
			Schlick	<u>Yes</u>
			Kobryn	<u>Yes</u>

Committeeman Ray Gormley added he believes it is important to have a complete package put together for each committee member of all the outstanding unions we are currently negotiating with so we all have the same information.

Committeeman John Kehm mentioned this will give the department heads time to review their contract.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained the union came back and authorized the MOA. This was handled through a PERK mediator and with discussions he had with the towns Labor Counsel Rob Greitz. The attorney from the state that was handling this was looking for a vote this evening. He will let Mr. Greitz know this was carried and it very well may have to go to fact finding.

Committeeman John Kehm explained the entire governing body has not had an executive session or agreed to this and the inconsistencies in these contracts.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained this may go to the next level which is the fact finding level with the state.

Mayor Gene Kobryn explained both he and the Deputy Mayor got involved and it was an arbitration hearing, there was never a negotiation. They were told it is either an up or down vote because there was no negotiation. He agrees with future contracts all committee members must be involved and know what is going on.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained an unfair labor practice was presented against the township and a procedure had to follow.

Committeeman Ray Gormley stated the Mayor was in negotiation with this unit and then stopped the negotiations to allow the two new committee members to come on board which created the unfair labor practice.

Mayor Gene Kobryn stated what is the difference arbitration or the negotiations that never existed.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue stated she is not familiar with the process they are discussing.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained there were negotiations prior and the unfair labor practice was because negotiations had stopped. He believes the mayor was attempting to ensure transparency with the new committee members. When there was no progress in 2016 they filed their unfair labor practice.

Mayor Gene Kobryn explained from a legal standpoint our position on this agreement is to vote it up or down.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue stated that is correct. She believes they cannot go back to them at this point.

Resolution #2016-109

Endorsing the Agreement made with Mark H. Stein, Esq. as Special Labor Counsel

Mayor Gene Kobryn explained Committeewoman Stevens is absent and he would prefer she was part of this discussion. This is not an investigation per say but a review of employee complaints which is prudent to clear the air.

Committeeman Ray Gormley asked the Mayor for the number of complaints or grievances at hand.

Mayor Gene Kobryn explained a lot of it is personnel and he cannot discuss names. Some include the committee and employees against employees. His position at this time is to clear the air for the benefit of the employees. This is not an investigation to determine any criminal activity.

Committeeman Ray Gormley asked the Mayor if these complaints and grievances have gone through the proper channels a normal complaint or grievance would go through.

Mayor Gene Kobryn explained in some cases yes and in some no.

Committeeman Ray Gormley stated each year on January 1, the township appoints professionals. He asked why these grievances and complaints have not gone through the proper channels and procedures. If our professionals have determined there is a conflict, he can understand the need to hire outside counsel.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained he believes they went through the proper channels.

Committeeman John Kehm asked if the townships labor counsel has a conflict that would warrant hiring outside counsel. It appears to him that the town's labor counsel has been handling the issue so far.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained the township's labor counsel has handled some of the cases; however there has been conflicts requiring outside counsel.

Committeeman John Kehm asked if outside counsel has been involved already.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained it has already happened in some cases.

Committeeman John Kehm asked then why are we seeking a conflict attorney.

Mayor Gene Kobryn explained the need for a conflict attorney. We need someone that is not aligned with any political party or township issues.

Committeeman Ray Gormley stated if the town currently has labor counsel in place then why is there the need to hire outside counsel.

Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick asked if Township Attorney Robin LaBue is conflicted out.

Committeeman Ray Gormley stated yes Gilmore and Monahan is conflicted out.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue explained we can review the complaints and determine if there is a need for a conflict attorney.

Mayor Gene Kobryn stated he would like to have Committeewoman Stevens present on this topic of conversation.

Motion to Carry: Schlick	Second: Kehm	Roll	Gormley	<u>Yes</u>
			Kehm	<u>Yes</u>
			Stevens	<u>Absent</u>
			Schlick	<u>Yes</u>
			Kobryn	<u>Yes</u>

Resolution #2016-110

Authorizing the appointment of two full-time laborers to the Department of Public Works

Motion to Approve: Kehm	Second: Schlick	Roll	Gormley	<u>Yes</u>
			Kehm	<u>Yes</u>
			Stevens	<u>Absent</u>
			Schlick	<u>Yes</u>
			Kobryn	<u>Yes</u>

Resolution #2016- 111

Bill Resolution

Current Account	\$589,093.41
Third Party	<u>\$119,166.19</u>
Total	\$708,259.60

Motion to Approve: Kehm	Second: Schlick	Roll	Gormley	<u>Yes</u>
			Kehm	<u>Yes</u>
			Stevens	<u>Absent</u>
			Schlick	<u>Yes</u>
			Kobryn	<u>Yes</u>

Miscellaneous Approvals

Approval of Raffle License for the Episcopal Church gift auction and 50/50 on June 11, 2016 at Cuisine on the Green

Motion to Approve: Kehm

Second: Schlick

All in favor

Township Engineer

Jason Worth reported per authorization at the last township meeting we advertised the Streetscape Improvement Project and bids are due to be received on May 17. We received our first round of review comments on the Twin Lakes Boulevard Roadway and Drainage Project from the DOT. The MUA's project on Twin Lanes Boulevard will go out to bid in the near future and they expect construction work on their end to begin this June or July. Lastly, Walmart completed paving Route 9 in front of their site and are coordinating the traffic lights with the DOT. The DOT will be paving Route 9 from Bass River north to Eagleswood during the night and should be substantially complete sometime in August.

Township Committee Comments

Gormley: Congratulated the new Public Works employees and wished them well.

Kehm: No comment.

Schlick: We will be having a township clean-up day May 7. He spoke about the importance of recycling and instituting fines for residents that do not.

Kobryn: Spoke about Harbor House and the Community Champion Program.

Schlick: Asked if the No Knock Registry applications could be mailed out with the tax bills to make it easier for residents.

Kobryn: We will look into implementing a procedure for possibly mailing the applications. He then spoke about the procedure for the meeting agenda. Monday prior to each township meeting is the deadline for agenda items to be submitted and any item not ready will not appear on the agenda. All agenda items and their resolutions shall be loaded on the township website Tuesday morning. He asked the township attorney if there were any issues with this procedure.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue stated no.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained we strive to have the agenda on the website Tuesday morning/afternoon.

Kobryn: Transparency is paramount and resolutions by title are not in the best interest of transparency and he is not in favor of resolutions by title.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue stated that can be used as a policy.

Gormley: There may be times when a resolution by title is required.

Kobryn: Agreed, if necessary they may be done.

Public Comments

Mr. Bill Armitage: Walmart will be opening soon and requested a left turn arrow on the southbound side of Mathistown Road.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained there will be a left-hand turn lane including a left turn arrow heading south on Route 9. He will confirm tomorrow.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained part of Walmart's required Route 9 improvements are the new traffic light in front of Walmart on Otis Bog Road, improvements to Mathistown Road and Route 9, and improvement to the Oak Lane Route 9 traffic light.

Mr. Bill Armitage: Commented when he asked the county about the old Shop-N-Bag driveway they told him the site must go under major renovation before they can close the driveway onto Center Street and asked if this will now be done.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained the current renovation does not include a site plan revision so they are not required to go back before the planning board.

Ms. Lori Aceto: Explained her family purchased 50 acres of land on Mathistown Road in 1974. The taxes have increased overall by 347%. They have dealt with many issues when trying to sell the property because of a zone change from residential to ONP which is offices and professional buildings. In 2002 they sold 40 acres which later became the Winding Run development. In 2014 they are approached by the Walters Home Group to purchase their land for the development of 60 to 70 affordable housing units which they were denied. They have 10 acres left and are requesting a meeting with township officials for future direction and fair development of this land.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue corrected Ms. Aceto's statement and explained their builder approached the township and were denied the right to build. There was no application to build. With regard to the affordable housing units, her property is not zoned residential, it is general business.

Ms. Lori Aceto: Stated she has been in the construction industry for forty years and in her experience she would sit down in an informal setting and discuss with the township her building plans

Township Attorney Robin LaBue explained there was no denial of the right to build however there could still be conversation.

Ms. Lori Aceto: Asked to sit down with the governing body and have a conversation regarding the development of their remaining 10 acres. Frustrated because they have been denied development on many occasions and less than a year after selling the 40 acres the buyer received approval for a zone change. She is asking for direction.

Mayor Gene Kobryn believes her request is reasonable and will have the administrator reach out to the township planner to have a conversation with her.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated we will certainly arrange the meeting as soon as possible.

Ms. Lori Aceto: Requested to have a meeting within the next two weeks. She read a letter from 1990 regarding preserving the wooded pristine character of this segment of Mathistown Road.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained there was a Master Plan in 2008 and a Re-examination in 2015.

Committeeman Ray Gormley asked why all the property was not purchased at once.

Ms. Lori Aceto: She is not sure why but was happy to sell.

Ms. Ann Michaels: Invited the public to the Senior Expo on May 4.

Mr. Peter Ferwerda: The Master Plan was just recently completed to the satisfaction of all. He believes this conversation should go to the Planning Board regarding a zone change.

Mr. Roman Krochmal: Explained he is confused with the letters regarding the Energy Aggregation Program. The letter for residents with solar panels asks residents to opt in however the residents without must opt out or they are automatically in.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained residents with solar do have to request to participate in the program.

Mr. Roman Krochmal: Asked where the electricity will be bought from.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained it is a third party supplier and he will look into it.

Mr. Roman Krochmal: Explained the largest supplier of electricity for the east coast is American Electric Power. They are the responsible supplier for much of our pollution and acid rain.

Ms. Joy MacDonald: Asked if the number of units approved on Radio Road and Oak Lane will come off the amount the state requires for low income housing and if they get a tax break also.

Township Engineer Jason Worth explained yes it does count against the Affordable Housing total from the state. He does not believe they receive a tax break but will be seeking a Pilot Program.

Ms. Joy MacDonald: Mentioned if they seek the Pilot Program it will mean more taxes for the residents.

Mayor Gene Kobryn explained the Pilot Program needs approval and until we get to that stage it is hard to determine how it will affect residents. As soon as we have more information, we will let everyone know.

Ms. Joy MacDonald: Mentioned there is still a question regarding how many units will be there.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue explained there is still ongoing litigation.

Mr. Art Mooney: Spoke about the buying and selling of electricity. NJNG rate increase is going to cripple a lot of senior citizens. He asked the township to address the wide cracks in roads in Sunrise Bay.

Mr. Anthony Savino: Questioned the need to hire additional labor counsel to resolve issues within the township.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue explained there is a difference between a grievance and a complaint, it is two different procedures. A grievance is something under the contract and a complaint is something about the violation of township procedures. She has not seen these complaints.

Mr. Anthony Savino: Stated it still goes through the union.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue explained an employee complaint would not go through their union, it would go directly to the Township Administrator. The township has an employee policy manual; the employee complaint policy goes to the administrator and is investigated by labor counsel.

Mr. Anthony Savino: Cannot believe the town is hiring a separate labor counsel when they are paying one already. It is a waste of money. He asked how the town plans on fining residents for not recycling. There are items that the town will no longer pick up such as televisions. He asked how can the town force residents to recycle if they won't even accept their items.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained our contract with LogTech ran out because they were not taking anymore electronics from municipalities. We would have had to put at least \$50,000 this year into an extra line item just to handle recycling electronics.

Mr. Anthony Savino: Stated the town is compensated for recycling.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch stated not for electronics.

Mayor Gene Kobryn explained a while ago Patrick Donnelly issued a memorandum to many people including the state that e-waste will not be acceptable at the town. As a result the entire state has a problem with e-waste, no one will take it and there is nowhere to put it.

Township Administrator Garrett Loesch explained if they see an excessive amount of electronics in our landfill dumping, the town can be fined. We are trying to seek out another company to accept e-waste.

Mr. Anthony Savino: Stated it is the townships problem to take care of this issue, not the residents.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue explained the fines the town is looking to enforce is not for electronics but residents that are throwing their recycling in their trash containers.

Deputy Mayor Dave Schlick explained he was referring to the condo associations that throw everything in the trash, including recycling.

Mr. Anthony Savino: Stated he was the Recycling Coordinator for this town and the Superintendent of Public Works for many years and implementing fines will result in a lot of complaints and phone calls. He explained the automated system picks the trash and recycling up so how will they know if there is recycling mixed in with the trash.

Township Attorney Robin LaBue explained the intention is to fine people that are repeat offenders.

Being no further business

Motion to Adjourn: Kehm

Second: Schlick

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Diana K. McCracken, RMC

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Township Clerk