

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

The Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 7:30 p.m. on Monday September 26, 2016 in the Vernon Municipal Center, 21 Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey with Council President Dan Kadish presiding.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press on January 5, 2016 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-7.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present were Council Members Jean Murphy, Sandra Ooms, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel and Council President Dan Kadish. Also in attendance were Business Administrator Charles Voelker and Township Attorney John Ursin.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Council President Kadish led the assemblage of the flag.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Bells Across America

Bob Winters and Harold McPeek explained Bells Across America is a national recognized memorial for firefighters who have died in line of duty and invited Council and public to attend service held locally at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Sunday October 9, 2016 @ 9:00 am. Mr. McPeek, volunteer fireman in Vernon for 65 years, added the service is to “honor fireman who gave their all.” Council President Kadish read Bells Across America Proclamation.

Proclamation

Recognizing Bells Across America

WHEREAS, being a firefighter is a very satisfying profession that is highly respected by children and adults alike; and

WHEREAS, firefighters stand for all that is good in our society which is why they are one of the few occupations to be welcomed into your homes without an appointment; and

WHEREAS, communities rely on their firefighters to solve many types of problems ranging from fires, floods, traffic accidents, and hazardous materials incidents, and more; and

WHEREAS, firefighters go through a rigorous training program so they can follow their dreams to serve their communities with the knowledge that the other members of their team have been equally trained and will look out for each other; and

WHEREAS, despite human instinct to run away from a fire for fear of being injured, firefighters are the only ones who run towards a burning building as they are willing to risk their lives for complete strangers regardless of race, creed, color, or socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, Bells Across America will be held during National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend held on October 8 and 9 to honor those fallen heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Township has been fortunate to not lose any firefighters in the line of duty while serving with our fire departments: Highland Lakes, McAfee, Pochuck Valley, and Vernon.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Vernon that it does hereby recognize all Fallen Firefighters.

Proclamation Recognizing And Declaring The Month Of September As Childhood Cancer Awareness Month In Vernon Township.
Council Member Murphy read the Proclamation.

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Prostate Cancer is a serious threat to men's health across New Jersey and the nation, and

WHEREAS, while the causes of Prostate Cancer are still unknown, men with certain risk factors may be more likely to develop the disease and most men who suffer from Prostate Cancer are over the age of 65 and those whose fathers, brothers, or sons have had the disease are also at greater risk, and African American men experience both the highest incidence and the highest mortality rates; and

WHEREAS, increased public awareness of this disease, its risk factors, and its symptoms may save lives as men across New Jersey learn to recognize the warning signs of Prostate Cancer as listed at www.Cancer.gov; and

WHEREAS, Prostate Cancer is treatable when detected early, and prompt treatment can significantly reduce the suffering and deaths caused by this disease.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the *MONTH OF SEPTEMBER* shall be proclaimed *PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH* in the Township of Vernon, and that we encourage citizens to stand together against this disease.

PRESENTATIONS:

Supplies for Soldiers

Mark and Nancy Wolf presented information about their non-profit organization, Supplies for Soldiers, which supplies needed goods to military personnel overseas. Mr. Wolf adds his wife while volunteering on a care mission in Afghanistan, saw the great need of supplies for our soldiers and her passion to help, grew with support of local community. Personally they have donated over 1400 bags of supplies but need more help. Ms. Wolf has been awarded by the Secretary of Army a special coin for her extraordinary service. The organization attends many events promoting their service and increasing awareness to various community groups. Through advertising, Facebook and websites, awareness of this service has increased and Mr. Wolf encourages Vernon Township and local businesses to join by being drop off centers to expand the amount of care packages sent to help out troops. Council Member Murphy suggested having ideas of what is needed on the boxes.

Vernon TDR Feasibility Study, Courtenay Mercer, AICP, PP

Ms. Mercer explains Phase I of the TDR grant was information gathering and capacity Evaluation. Phase II she added was the Site evaluation, and Phase III is the Fiscal Analysis. Ms. Mercer, through a power point presentation, explained the Feasibility Study for the Vernon Township TDR Grant. Ms. Mercer detailed key areas studied: Real Estate Market, Analysis, Fiscal Impact Analysis, and the Transfer Ratio Demand Analysis. Ms. Mercer detailed the existing residential market demand and the projected market demand to year 2020 by income. Ms. Mercer explained the retail market demand includes convenience goods, comparison goods such as infrequently purchased electronics, eating & drinking establishments and experience oriented shopping. She added market demands are based on average household spending, retail estate estimates, and sales efficiency.

Ms. Mercer explained the three main factors influencing financial feasibility: cost of purchasing land, cost of construction, and sales price or rent the developer would earn. Financial Feasibility of a project is determined through a Pro-Forma analysis. She added all of the expected

development costs are considered to determine how much the developer can pay and still achieve a target IRR (internal rate of return). Ms. Mercer offered examples of three prototypes of mixed use, residential and multi-family projects and explained financial feasibility outcomes expected. Ms. Mercer stated that it is not currently feasible for a TDR Receiving Zone in Vernon Township until market conditions improve to the pre-recession level.

Council President Kadish confirmed with Ms. Mercer that the 690 credits the Highlands Council assigns are based on 3000 acres in the Highlands Preservation Area. Council Member Wetzel added the future does not look promising in the Town Center without the TDR and questioned what the recent increased gas tax does to the analysis. Ms. Mercer agreed that economic factors will affect the analysis. Council President Kadish asked if study ended at the State line and didn't include Warwick, NY would the results be different. Ms. Mercer explained that Warwick is Vernon's competition from a retail market prospective. Council President Kadish asked how does the internet affect the market demand. Ms. Mercer states the decline in retail markets caused by internet shopping and increase in working from home is accounted for in analysis, and added the Big Box stores are not as desirable as 10 years ago.

Mr. Ursin questioned if the Council changes the zoning in the Town Center area will that increase value. Ms. Mercer stated value is based more on market demand than zoning. Council Member Rizzuto asked what will be the impacts or consequences of more traffic to the Township. Ms. Mercer explained it is hard to imagine now because Town Center is located far away from major entertainment, not walkable and Town would need to change zoning to shift demand.

Eric Snyder, retired Sussex County Planner, explained that Vernon needs to sell the rural experience and may take time to make changes and these issues are common for all NJ municipalities. Ms. Mercer added the market is cyclical and will change. Council Member Wetzel asked again what affect will the proposed gas tax have on Vernon. Mr. Nelson stated it will change purchasing patterns but also notes if we do not have the tax the state will not be able to provide the services from that revenue; we need to look at the whole picture.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Kadish asked for a motion to open the meeting to Public Comments.

MOTION: Jean Murphy

SECOND: Sandra Ooms

All members were in favor.

Rich Roberts, Great Gorge Village, questioned if Township bought the United Water system three years ago, why now is Council seeking legal action through Resolution #16-209 to determine ownership. Mr. Ursin explained that typically parts of a sewer system that are located on private property are privately owned. Mr. Roberts asked then are the pipes underground also privately owned? Mr. Ursin states yes that is correct and the property line determines ownership.

Council Member Murphy asked Mr. Ursin to explain ownership of Great Gorge Village and Black Creek systems. Mr. Ursin explained that previously United Water agreed to maintain and take responsibility for the lift stations but a municipality would not do that. He added the lift stations are on private property and the association would be responsible for the maintenance. Mr. Roberts questioned that the Town bought it that way, and why is it now different. Mr. Ursin added that United Water never had title but agreed to maintain it. Mr. Roberts stated the Condo Association residents pay double through taxes and Association fees for Township services like road maintenance, police and security, and the sewer fees. Council Member Murphy questioned the differences if the court rules ownership to Great Gorge Village or the Township. Mr. Ursin explained if Township is deemed the owner than through the MUA costs will be billed to end users and if privately owned the private entity will determine how to bill. Mr. Roberts repeated that the residents of Great Gorge will again be billed double for the sewer system.

Council President Kadish asked for a motion to close the meeting for Public Comments.

MOTION: Patrick Rizzuto

SECOND: Sandra Ooms

All members were in favor.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- There was no Mayor's report at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Kadish gave a brief explanation of Resolutions #16-201-205.
Council President Kadish asked for a motion to approve Resolutions #16-201-205 together.

MOTION: Dick Wetzel
SECOND: Jean Murphy

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Jean Murphy, Sandra Ooms, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel, Dan Kadish
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried to adopt 16-201 to 16-205.

RESOLUTION #16-201

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN (K. Palmer)

WHEREAS, the Department Of Veterans Affairs on August 3, 2016 awarded Kenneth Palmer a 100% permanent and total disabled Veteran; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Palmer made application to the tax office for exempt status on July 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to refund the amount of \$1,146.60 representing the prorated amount of the 3rd Quarter 2016 taxes paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #16-202

CANCELING TAXES FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN (K. Palmer)

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on August 3, 2016 awarded Kenneth Palmer a 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran;

WHEREAS, Kenneth Palmer made application to the tax office for exempt status on July 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2017 in the amount of \$3,263.40 for Block 83.06 Lot 3 also known as [REDACTED]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #16-203

CANCELING TAXES FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN (K Palmer 2016)

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on August 3, 2016 awarded Kenneth Palmer a 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran;

WHEREAS, Kenneth Palmer made application to the tax office for exempt status on July 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2016 in the amount of \$1,637.31 for Block 83.06 Lot 3 also known as [REDACTED]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #16-204

CANCELING TAXES FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN (R. Licata 2017)

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on July 22, 2016 awarded Robert T. Licata 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran;

WHEREAS, Robert T. Licata made application to the tax office for exempt status on July 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2017 in the amount of \$3,601.61 for Block 172.06 Lot 1 also known as [REDACTED]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #16-205

CANCELING TAXES FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN (R. Licata 2016)

WHEREAS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on July 22, 2016 awarded Robert T. Licata a 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran;

WHEREAS, Robert T. Licata made application to the tax office for exempt status on July 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel the taxes for 2016 in the amount of \$3,614.43 for Block 172.06 Lot 1 also known as [REDACTED]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

Council President Kadish gave a brief explanation of Resolutions #16-206 to 16-211.

Council President Kadish asked for a motion to approve Resolutions #16-206 to #16-211 excluding #16-210.

MOTION: Patrick Rizzuto
SECOND: Dick Wetzel

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Jean Murphy, Sandra Ooms, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel, Dan Kadish
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried to adopt 16-206 to 16-211 excluding #16-210.

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

RESOLUTION #16-206

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,440,000
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, IN THE COUNTY
OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF VERNON, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

Pursuant to a bond ordinance of the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex (the "Township") entitled: "Bond ordinance providing for the restructuring of a portion of the cost of acquisition of capacity at the sanitary sewage treatment plant of the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority by the Township of Vernon, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, appropriating \$2,800,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$2,666,000 bonds or notes of the Township for financing such appropriation", finally adopted on November 14, 2011 (#11-23), bond anticipation notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$2,440,000 shall be issued for the purpose of temporarily financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of said bond ordinance, including (to any extent necessary) the renewal of any bond anticipation notes heretofore issued therefor.

All bond anticipation notes (the "notes") issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the treasurer, the chief financial officer or the acting chief financial officer of the Township (the "Chief Financial Officer"), provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer and shall be signed and sealed by officials and officers of the Township in any manner permitted by N.J.S.A. §40A:2-25. The Chief Financial

Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued hereunder, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes at not less than par from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes hereunder is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Any note issued pursuant to this resolution shall be a general obligation of the Township, and the Township's faith and credit are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said obligations and, unless otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to do all other matters necessary, useful, convenient or desirable to accomplish the delivery of said notes to the purchasers thereof as promptly as possible, including (i) the preparation, execution and dissemination of a Preliminary Official Statement and Final Official Statement with respect to said notes, (ii) preparation, distribution and publication, if necessary, of a Notice of Sale with respect to said notes, (iii) execution of a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, with respect to said notes in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and (iv) execution of an arbitrage and use of proceeds certificate certifying that, among other things, the Township, to the extent it is empowered and allowed under applicable law, will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure that interest paid on said notes is not included in gross income under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

All action heretofore taken by Township officials and professionals with regard to the sale and award of the notes is hereby ratified, confirmed, adopted and approved.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 16-207

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM AND TO MAKE APPLICATION TO SUSSEX COUNTY FOR THE PLACEMENT OF “WELCOME TO VERNON” SIGNS ON ROUTE 565 and 517

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon desires to welcome motorists to the Township as they enter Vernon’s borders; and

WHEREAS, three heavily motored points of access in the Township are County Route 565 at the border of the Township of Wantage and County Route 517 at the border of the State of New York and the border of Hardyston; and

WHEREAS, the Township would like to request that Sussex allow the Township to place 36’’ x 48’’ signs on Route 565 and Route 517 at its borders but within the Township of Vernon.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that it is requested that Sussex County Board grant permission for the placement of three (3) 36’’ x 48’’ signs, within the Township of Vernon, at the borders as noted below:

- Route 565 at the border of Vernon and Wantage Township;
- Route 517 at the border of Vernon and New York State;
- Route 517 at the border of Vernon and Hardyston; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the Township Mayor, Administration, Director of Public Works, Chief of Police and Municipal Clerk are authorized to sign and/or submit an application and the necessary documentation for Application for Opening a County Highway to facilitate the placement of the aforementioned signs.

Resolution No. 16-208

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON
TO DONATE SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY
TO THE POCHUCK FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon is in possession of a 2002 Chevrolet 4x4 Blazer 4 door SUV with an approximate value of \$2,000; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle is no longer needed for public use and therefore the Township deems it surplus municipal property; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Township is focused on both community and safety and often requires the services of the Pochuck Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Pochuck Fire Department has expressed a desire to utilize this vehicle for the rehabilitation of their current SUV; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes that it is beneficial to donate this vehicle to the Pochuck Fire Department.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the above mentioned vehicle is hereby donated to the Pochuck Fire Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township makes no representations regarding the condition or suitability of the vehicle or its parts, and the vehicle is being donated in an "as is" condition without warranties, either expressed or implied; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pochuck Fire Department will pick up and transport the vehicle at their own cost or expense.

Resolution No. 16-209

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF VERNON REGARDING OWNERSHIP
OF SEWER SYSTEM LIFT STATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon is the owner of a municipal sanitary sewer system;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has administratively delegated the Municipal Utility Authority to run the sewer system, but has retained ownership of the system and its component parts;

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon purchased a significant component of its municipal sanitary sewer system from United Water;

WHEREAS, the portion of this system purchased from United Water serves the Great Gorge condominiums and the Black Creek condominiums;

WHEREAS, there are lift stations located on the property owned by the Great Gorge condominiums and the Black Creek condominiums;

WHEREAS, a dispute was identified some time ago regarding ownership and maintenance responsibilities with respect to the lift stations;

WHEREAS, the dispute remains unresolved;

WHEREAS, the MUA has alerted the Administration that some or all of the lift stations will need significant capital expenditures in the future for repairs, maintenance renovation and/or replacement;

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Council believes it is in the best interests of the Township to seek a determination of the ownership before larger capital contributions are necessary;

WHEREAS, the municipal attorney has recommended seeking a declaratory judgment with respect to ownership by a New Jersey Superior Court Judge;

WHEREAS, the Township Council agrees with this approach;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the municipal attorney is authorized to file an action for declaratory judgment for a final determination by a New Jersey Superior Court Judge to determine who is the owner of the lift stations and who is responsible for the costs of required maintenance and repairs.

Resolution No. 16-211

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF VERNON AUTHORIZING THE
STRIPING OF CHURCH STREET IN SUPPORT
OF THE VERNON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the national news is often focused on reports that feature police officers in a questionable or negative manner; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council acknowledges that these news reports and the incidents cited are important to examine and raise many important questions that deserve analysis and public debate; and

WHEREAS, at the same time, the Vernon Township Council recognizes that law enforcement in our country can be a difficult and dangerous profession; and

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Council believes that Vernon Township has one of the finest police forces in the area; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Township's police officers serve the community with honor and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has suggested painting a blue stripe down Church Street in the vicinity of the Municipal Building and Police Department as a public show of support and appreciation for the Vernon Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Council supports this idea and endorses the Church Street blue line.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the Township Council supports the painting of a blue line down Church Street as a show of appreciation and support for the Vernon Township Police Department.

Council President Kadish asked for a motion to approve Resolutions #16-210.

MOTION: Jean Murphy
SECOND: Sandra Ooms

Council Member Rizzuto opined this resolution is premature and feels the Township will lose the revenue of the interlocal agreement. Council Member Murphy stated the health benefits were not added to the costs of this service and is not cost efficient. Council Member Wetzel asked what is the Township getting for this service. Ms. Murphy said the amount is in the budget and added that the Township must give 90-day notice effective January 1, 2017, if the court ruling changes ownership the Council could revisit the issue. Mr. Ursin stated that United Water handled the maintenance but now the Township is maintaining until court decides ownership. Council President Kadish explained with recent retirements and no new hiring, the DPW employees are needed for Township services.

Council Member Rizzuto makes a motion to table Resolution #16-210.

MOTION: Patrick Rizzuto
SECOND: Dick Wetzel

A roll call was taken to table the resolution:

AYES: Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel
NAYES: Jean Murphy, Sandra Ooms, Dan Kadish
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
Motion Failed.

There was no further discussion.

A roll call vote was taken to adopt the resolution:

AYES: Jean Murphy, Sandra Ooms, Dan Kadish
NAYES: Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried to adopt #16-210.

Resolution No. 16-210

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF VERNON TERMINATING THE
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE
MUNICIPAL UTILITY AUTHORITY FOR THE
SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, previously, the Township of Vernon entered into a Interlocal Agreement whereby the Vernon Township Department of Public Works would provide manpower and services to the Vernon Township Municipal Utility Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement was approved by Resolution 15-62; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has reviewed this arrangement and has concluded that the cost of providing these services is a burden to the Township of Vernon; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Vernon Township Municipal Authority might be able to privately contract for these services more cost effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends that the Interlocal Services Agreement be terminated; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Services Agreement currently terminates on December 31, 2017, but provides an option to terminate with three months' notice.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the Mayor is authorized to terminate the Interlocal Services Agreement with the Vernon Township MUA for the services of the Department of Public Works effective December 31, 2016.

INTRODUCTION/1ST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None

PUBLIC HEARING/2ND READING OF ORDINANCES

Council President Kadish read Ordinance #16-22 by title:

Ordinance #16-22: Ordinance Amending The Salary Ordinance For “Non-Union” Employee

Council President Kadish asked for Motion to Open Public Hearing for Ordinance#16-22:

MOTION: Jean Murphy
SECOND: Sandra Ooms
All members voted in favor.

There was no comment from the public.

Council President Kadish asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing for Ordinance#16-22.

MOTION: Jean Murphy
SECOND: Sandra Ooms
All members voted in favor.

Council President Kadish asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance#16-22.

MOTION: Jean Murphy
SECOND: Sandra Ooms

A roll call was taken

AYES: Jean Murphy, Sandra Ooms, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel, Dan Kadish
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Resolution #16-212: Appointing Member to the Beautification Committee
Council President Kadish asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #16-212

MOTION: Jean Murphy
SECOND: Sandra Ooms
A roll call was taken

AYES: Jean Murphy, Sandra Ooms, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel, Dan Kadish
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #16-212

APPOINTMENT TO BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, and STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

1. That the following individual is hereby appointed as member of the Vernon Township Beautification Committee for a term of one year to expire on December 31, 2016:

Seat 4. Annette Van Loon

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Township Clerk shall send a certified copy of this resolution to the following:

- a. Chairperson of the Beautification Committee

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Ooms asked if the TDR Power Point Presentation can be added to Township website for the Public. Mr. Voelker will take care of that and Ms. Mercer previously said she will send final copy to Administration for website.

Council Member Murphy stated she was asked by residents what the difference in costs of paving versus oil & stone on Township Roads as well as which is more cost efficient over time including the maintenance of, sweeping and patching. Mr. Voelker explained each paving project is on a case by case basis for effectiveness due to water runoff, road terrain and existing conditions and Township does have a 5-year plan for all Township roads.

Council Members Rizzuto had no comment.

Council Member Wetzel had no comment.

Council President Kadish had no comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of business to be conducted on the agenda, a motion of Adjournment was made by Council Member Rizzuto, seconded by Council Member Murphy with all members voting in favor.

The regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Kirkman, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Dan Kadish,
Council President

Minutes approved: November 14, 2016