

# **HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**September 12, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of September 12, 2017 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post On January 10, 2017 and advertised in said newspapers on January 12, 2017, respectively posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 10, 2017 and has remained continuously posted as required under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor Porto at 7:00 P.M.

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

**Mayor Porto** asked for a moment of silence for Michael Sokolowski who passed away this past Saturday night and Roland Blue who was also a Hainesport resident. Mayor Porto also asked for a moment of silence for the people we lost in the 911 tragedy and those who have been harmed by the hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

3. **ROLL CALL** - present were Committeewoman Gilmore, Committeeman Dickinson, Committeeman Fitzpatrick, Deputy Mayor Masciocchi and Mayor Porto. Also present were Township Administrator/Acting Clerk Paula Kosko and Solicitor John Gillespie.

4. **MINUTES**

A. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2017**

B. **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2017**

**Motion: Committeeman Masciocchi. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore.  
Committeeman Dickinson abstained. All others yes.**

5. **REPORTS**

A. **Tax Collector** – August 2017

B. **Code Enforcement** – August 2017

C. **Fire Official** – August 2017

D. **Construction** – August 2017

**Motion to approve the minutes and spread the Tax Collectors report across the minutes: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

## 6. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

### A. Trooper Storm Colleton Report

Trooper Storm Colleton gave an extended presentation to the residents and committee on the various things the State Troopers do in and around the community. He told the audience about his past record with the State Police for the last 23 years. He was recently promoted to squad leader in charge of 9 men and women. Sergeant Colleton still does all the activities he did before his promotion so he has double the work. He explained what happened during the “shots fired” incident which occurred a few weeks back in the Rancocas Heights section in the town. The State Police of Bordentown have everything recorded as to what the troopers are doing and are vigorously policing the area and they take the residents safety seriously. Mr. Dickinson said if anyone has a problem or question to please contact the administrator if they don’t want to contact the State Police. Ted Costa, 81 Parry Drive came up and asked if the crime in the township is criminal on criminal or is it criminal on defenseless, innocent citizen. Trooper Colleton said it is more crime on crime than crime on innocent citizen. Dolores Krollfeifer of 23 Easton Way thanked the trooper for his dedication and sacrifice for protecting the citizens of Hainesport; it is comforting. If they call for help they always get it. Mr. Masciocchi commented on the fact that the troopers are shorthanded but the county prosecutor’s office is as well. Trooper Storm said that is correct and is recommending bail reform. Mr. Fitzpatrick commented on the park development grant for \$250,000. He said he knows that in some of the parks we have problems and it is something to consider getting some eyes and ears in the parks with cameras. Everyone thanked the trooper for coming out tonight.

### B. 2017 Project Proposals for the Municipal Park Development Grant

Administrator Kosko presented some suggestions to the committee for the grant money application that the township will be applying for. She said some of the suggestions were: repairing the boat ramp at the former Flo’s Bar and Restaurant site and potentially enter into a shared services agreement with the county as one of their slated canoe and kayak launches, replace the crushed tire and mulch playground surface here at the municipal building; her recommendation is to replace it with the “port and play system” which is at the new playground. She also mentioned that the benches around the municipal complex could be replaced. Mr. Dickinson asked when the application has to be entered and Ms. Kosko said the county has not announced the date yet and haven’t even announced the grant awards from last year. Generally the announcement is in the fall. Mayor Porto said if anyone on the committee or anyone from the public has any ideas they can give them to Ms. Kosko or present them now. Mrs. Gilmore said she is all for replacing the rubber and mulch in the playground.

## 7. ORDINANCES

A. **ORDINANCE 2017-6** - Cancelling Certain Appropriation Balances Heretofore Provided for Various Capital Projects (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption**)

Ms. Kosko said this cancelled various capitol ordinances dating back as far as 2001 in the amount of \$84,230.

**Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.**

B. **ORDINANCE 2017-7** - Appropriating the Sum of \$105,000 in Funding from the Capital Improvement Fund for Various Improvements and Equipment (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption**)

**Motion: Committeeman Masciocchi. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

C. **ORDINANCE 2017-8** - Establishment of Abandoned Property List and Procedures for Addressing Abandoned Properties within the Township of Hainesport (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption**)

Mr. Gillespie said the word Vacant/ is missing from the title of the ordinance and asked that it be inserted.

**Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. All yes.**

D. **ORDINANCE 2017-9** - Bond Ordinance Providing an Appropriation of \$630,000 for Acquisition of Real Property Known as 1404 Route 38 Hainesport, New Jersey and Shown on the Hainesport Township Tax Maps as Block 100, Lots 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Consisting of Approximately 24.56 Acres and Authorizing the Issuance of \$598,500 of Bonds or Notes of the Township for Financing Part of the Cost Thereof (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption**)

**Mark Murdy**, 2614 Creek Road – said he is trying to find out what the advantage is to purchasing this property. Why are we going so far into debt and what we can realize out of this property? He is not happy about this.

**John Anderson**, 720 Woodlane Road, Westampton – said he is director of Rancocas Pathways, the group that is doing the national water trail on the Rancocas Creek. He was asked to walk through the site and give his opinion on the matter. He gave a description of the site and there are a lot of interesting buildings there and some may have to be torn down. If done right, the township can develop that site to multi-use adapted for use for the township. It would be a sustainable revenue for the township.

**Catherine McNelis**, 407 Bischoff Avenue – gave several descriptions of various areas that are in the township and wondered why a third of Hainesport should be developed to commercial property. As soon as this property is purchased it goes off the tax rolls. If the township has a guaranteed buyer that is one thing but she doubts that is the case. She said every year our taxes are increased and years from now the new committee will be getting blamed for this project.

**Mary McCleery**, 135 Tartan Lane – asked if this land the committee wants to buy could be left to the new committee that will be coming in in January. There are two lame ducks

on the committee. The new committee should be the one that takes care of this and it should be put on the ballot for the citizens to vote on. If outside people buy it the property will be a ratable property. Ms. McCleery thinks the committee should think twice before they decide to buy this property.

**Ted Costa**, 81 Parry Drive – said he is not going to criticize anybody on this issue but he has a couple questions. When the township purchased the twenty acres behind the municipal building they ultimately only paid 25% of the cost because of Green Acres funding and Burlington County kicking in funding. That was for Open Space and his first question is can't we apply for that? His second question is whether or not there has been a study made to find out if we need additional park land. It would be helpful if someone could explain it to the public.

**Lee Schneider**, 611 Broad Street – said she is curious if there was any testing done with the soil on this property. There was no mention of whether or not it had been done. Mayor Porto said that once the questions were all done Ms. Kosko will comment and then the committee will also comment.

**Tish Kelley**, 525 Lumberton Road – said she feels very strongly about this property. It is very unique because it has a lot of possibilities for us as a conservatory. To conserve open space and that is just as legally important as commercial. She would not like to see any of it in housing. Mrs. Kelley gave some suggestions as to what this property could be used for. She asked if this sale could be contingent on a study for clean-up.

**Mayor Porto** said the sale is contingent on the environmental impact study. Steve Latrell is here tonight to give some insight on the logistics and details for this matter. Mr. Latrell said this property falls under the Industrial Site Recovery Act which means when the activities of the business were shut down there was a full investigation done on the block and lot that were subject to the environmental study. That study was completed and that site is essentially "closed". The township would be buying a "clean" property with what is called a response action outcome which means the township enjoys a measure of protection from further suits from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to have you further investigate the property. As far as buying a former industrial site is concerned, this is as clean as you're going to get. That applies only to the block and lot of the property where the industrial acts occurred. As part of the due diligence for the purchase, they will have the property evaluated by an environmental consultant and a licensed site mediation professional. The results of that will be made public. It will take approximately 15 to 20 days to have that report ready to review.

**Mr. Gillespie** said he wanted to follow up on what Mr. Latrell said. Keep in mind, this is a public hearing on the bond ordinance and there is another ordinance that goes to the acquisition itself. The agreement of sale was agreed to at the last township meeting. Mrs. Kelley said she would have liked that we do this before the agreement of sale but we do not have the right to undertake those studies or walk the property before the agreement of sale. The agreement of sale allows us to start the study and that is what has been done. The broker told Mr. Gillespie that the only two other uses that were brought to him were a rock crushing business and the other was a storage facility. Not exactly one of the premier types of uses for that property.

**Mayor Porto** said the property is a very nice area for a park system. The important thing is that this is a bond ordinance. Currently this year we had \$205,000 allocated to paying down township debt. We are now going to see that decrease to approximately \$62,700 because of one of the acquisitions being the Deacon Road Tract that expanded our municipal park. That prevented a residential development from occurring. Currently, as it stands, approximately \$60,000 a year in cost would be this bond ordinance so we are looking at a substantial decrease in debt service payments next year. There is a 3 cent Open Space tax that could be utilized to pay a predominant portion of this. We are no way in a position that there will be a tax increase to pay for this project. Mayor Porto said if we are able to divide off the front of this property then it may provide an opportunity for commercial or retail use. It is in the re-development zone. We did receive unanimous support last week from the Joint Land Use Board.

**Mrs. Gilmore** said she was happy to walk back there to see the fabulous opportunity. It was an eye opener for her. It is important to have a plan for this property. She said this is all a win-win situation.

**Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

- E. **ORDINANCE 2017-10** - An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Properties Known as 1411 Route 38, Block 99, Lot 9; and 1404 Route 38, Block 100, Lot 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 in the Township of Hainesport (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption**)

**Catherine McNelis**, 407 Bischoff Avenue – said she is all for saving beautiful properties but she can't see losing our commercial sites. The committee just voted for it again and in her opinion that they are going to do canoes and kayaks-there was a place in Mt. Holly that had the canoes for 60 years and closed because nobody does it anymore. She asked why the township couldn't go to the owner of the property and agree to have them sub-divide this property without us purchasing it. Ms. McNelis said only 5% of the residents will use this property for what it is going to be used for.

**Mary McCleery**, 135 Tartan Lane – said she doesn't know why the residents even come up and talk because the committee already has its minds made up before they even say anything. So she thinks this whole thing is such a sham and they should all be ashamed of themselves.

**Kathy Parker**, 1819 Creek Road – had a question. She asked if the property across Route 38 from the Kleiner property is also being purchased and was told by Mayor Porto that it is being donated to the township. Mrs. Parker asked if there was a study done on what it will cost to clean up that property because there is clean up that needs to be done. Mayor Porto said the ISRA report that was done stated that the property has been re-mediated to those purposes. She said there is a great deal of things that have to be removed from the property and that does not magically disappear. Mayor Porto said over time this will be addressed. Mrs. Parker asked if there are figures for the cost. She also asked why it was in the paper that this was already done. Mayor Porto said we do not have control over what is written in the paper. It was not part of a press release.

**Mark Murdy**, 2614 Creek Road – said after hearing all the comments about the purchase of this property he is still confused as to why we are doing this. Mr. Murdy said he has heard so many comments about how wonderful this opportunity is going to be and he said it sounds like there is an awful lot of work that needs to be done. He also said he would have liked to go on the walk that the others went on through the property. Mr. Fitzpatrick asked him if the township should have asked him if he wanted to go through there and Mr. Murdy said he would have enjoyed an invitation. He also said it would have been nice to know that the township was going to purchase the property before it was a done deal. There was a heated discussion between Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Murdy about the property and what the use of it would be.

**Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

- F. **ORDINANCE 2017-11** - Amending the Local Zoning Ordinances to Require an Attachment Permit for the Installation of Microcell Antenna Equipment on Existing Infrastructure or New Infrastructure (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption**)

**Louis Lopez**, 98 Levis Drive, Mount Holly – asked for an explanation of this ordinance. Mayor Porto said Mr. Gillespie would do that. Mr. Gillespie said there was a gentleman by the name of William Flanagan at last month's meeting. He was here to make a presentation for these 4 foot antennae that companies are installing to existing poles and infrastructure. They approach towns with an artificial premise that they want a municipal wide, blanket authority to put these up wherever we want for our cell purposes. They claim they have BPU exemption and authority under the Board of Public Utilities which would pre-empt local review of the pieces of infrastructure. They are not regulated by the BPU and are not cell towers regulated by the FCC so it appears that there is some ability for the municipality to regulate in some degree where the 4 foot extensions are going to go and one of the concerns is that when cell towers first exploded no one knew how our landscape was going to change. Now where ever you look there are cell towers. But municipalities have very little authority over that because they are FCC regulated. They serve a purpose as far as communication is concerned. These 4 foot antennae don't enjoy the same federal or state sanctions so this ordinance is an opportunity to get control over where they are going to go as long as they don't interfere with the communication issues. If it is new infrastructure, it may be subject to site plan issues. So there is local control over how and where these things are going to go.

**Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Masciocchi. All yes.**

- G. **ORDINANCE 2017-12** – Amending Ordinance 2017-4, Establishing Salaries, Wages, and Compensation for Employees of the Township of Hainesport (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption**)

**Motion: Committeeman Masciocchi. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

## 8. RESOLUTIONS

- A. **RESOLUTION 2017-133-9** – Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Phillips Road Improvement Project

**Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.**

- B. **RESOLUTION 2017-134-9** – Authorizing Lien for Property Maintenance Expenses for Property Located at 1425 Marne Highway

**Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.**

- C. **RESOLUTION 2017-135-9** – Award Contract for Postage Machine Rental

**Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. All yes.**

- D. **RESOLUTION 2017-136-9** – Proclaiming September 17 to 23 Constitution Week

**Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

- E. **RESOLUTION 2017-137-9** – Authorizing Contracts for Certain Professional Services Relating to the Acquisition of Certain Property within the Township of Hainesport by the Hainesport Township Committee

**Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. All yes.**

- F. **RESOLUTION 2017-138-9** – Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Renewing Membership in the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

**Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Masciocchi. All yes.**

- G. **RESOLUTION 2017-139-9** – Authorizing Entering into a Contract with an Administrative Agent, CGP&H for the Administration of Affordable Units in the Township

**Mayor Porto** thanked Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Kosko and Committeewoman Gilmore for their help on this issue. He said we want to make sure the residents continue the best of service and are looking for savings.

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Masciocchi. All yes.**

- H. **RESOLUTION 2017-140-9**- Authorizing Purchase of 2018 Ford F-450 4WD Dump Truck with Snow Plow

**Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.**

- I. **RESOLUTION 2017-141-9** – Ordering the Correction of the Township's Tax Record and Authorizing the Refund of Excessive Payment to Courtney Longnecker

**Motion: Committeeman Masciocchi. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

## 9. BUSINESS

A. **Approval of Business Licenses** (See Attached)

**Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Masciocchi. All yes.**

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Resident Letter Concerning MUA Postage Charge

Mayor Porto said the township solicitor will be sending a letter to the MUA to point out this contractual notation.

B. Thank You Letters

There were some thank you letters that Mayor Porto mentioned.

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Masciocchi. All yes.**

C. New Street Light Installation Requests – Pole # 60444 – New York & Lake Avenues

Mayor Porto said we have created a procedure for street lighting poles. Now we have the necessary components to have PSE&G to install a light post. Ms. Kosko said we are committing to an ongoing monthly charge for this street light. It has been vetted through the proper policy and procedure that she established previously. The Public Works foreman and PSE&G agree with her that there is a pole missing in the sequence of poles. The cost per month will be about \$13.61 a month and it will be for a 100 watt high pressure sodium street light. Mayor Porto thanked Ms. Kosko for creating the policy so that it is uniform throughout the town.

**Motion to approve: Committeeman Masciocchi. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

11. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Comments are limited to 5 minutes)**

**Anna Evans**, 63 Parry Drive – thanked the committee for receiving her letter concerning the MHMUA postage charges. She said it may be a small amount but it's something that can be moved forward with. She also offered to anyone at the meeting that is from another town a copy of the letter if they would like it. Mrs. Evans said it states that the amount of the billing should be \$1.50 and not the \$2.25 the MHMUA is charging. She also said there was an article that came out today stating that the MHMUA is charging the Lumberton residents for much larger water pipes meters than they actually have. This has been verified to be true. She said it would be important for the residents in Hainesport to look into this situation. She suggested the township use their email base to tell the subscribers to check their actual meter size against the one that is listed on their bill. She gave an example of the differences in the meter sizes between Hastings Lane and Taft Court in Hainesport. Mrs. Evans thinks it could be a question the township could ask the MHMUA to see if they can review these discrepancies.

**Louis Lopez**, 98 Levis Drive, Mt. Holly – said there is a house on Deacon Road that needs to be torn down in the park. A resident is concerned with the situation. Mr. Fitzpatrick suggested to Mr. Lopez that the resident contact the administrator with their concern and she would pass the information on to the proper person. Mr. Lopez said the last meeting was able to be viewed and this meeting would be even better later. He asked what the amount of the purchase for the property on Route 38 is and Ms. Kosko told him that it will be a little over \$63,000 and the funding was made available from the previous ordinance appropriating \$110,000 for capital projects earlier on the agenda. Mr. Lopez asked if the township had anything for 911 and was told there was not anything held but they will look into having something next year. Lastly, he asked if the township had a pay to play ordinance and Mayor Porto told him we do not have one.

**Catherine McNelis**, 407 Bischoff Avenue – asked the committee why they have not made an ordinance taking away the health benefits from Committeeman Fitzpatrick at the end of this year. Mayor Porto said he wanted to clarify to the public that Mr. Boettcher's benefits were not terminated when he left the township committee. He is still receiving health benefits. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that his benefits are done at the end of his term.

**Jennings Black**, 2505 Elm Avenue – said he has spoken with the committee several times now about the condition of the water on the Rancocas Creek by his home. He showed them pictures of the foam on the water and said that it is back. It has been ongoing for several years and Mr. Black is very concerned about it. He would like to have the source of this found and would like the township to do something about it. He has made many phone calls and hasn't really been able to get anywhere with that. Mayor Porto asked if he had called the DEP hotline to report it when it is happening and Mr. Black said he has called the number many times but it is usually when the office is closed. Mr. Fitzpatrick asked if the DEP has gotten back to him and was told that they came down during the day and the situation wasn't the same as it is in the evening. Ms. Kosko said she had a meeting with the DEP and showed the woman the pictures Mr. Black had given her and Carrie Floop, Director of Office of Local Government and Assistance, did follow up with her on the matter. The Division of Water Quality was consulted and Ms. Floop said there are many potential natural causes of foam and scum in streams and creeks. Ms. Kosko gave some examples of this and based on the photos this is part of the natural decay process. She told Mr. Black if he is not successful in getting in touch with them she is more than happy to work with them. Mr. Black said he would be glad to do whatever he can to resolve this matter. Mr. Fitzpatrick said Ms. Kosko is doing what she can to investigate the situation with the DEP. Mayor Porto asked Mr. Black to get a sample so the DEP can do something with it. Ms. Kosko asked Mr. Latrell to come up and address the situation. He said capturing a sample would be difficult and that if the DEP is going to get involved he is sure they would be able to do that themselves. He said he thinks the best opportunity would be for someone to meet with them and present what we have to them and then walk through the things that could be causing this. They might have water quality data of this from other areas that we could ask them about.

**Lee Schneider**, 611 Broad Street – said she spoke to Robert Craig from the Burlington County Sheriff's Department Senior Services Unit and he advised her of the free home security inspection. This is for people who are 60 and over. She gave information as to what the services are that they provide. The goal of the program is to provide increased security for senior citizens who live in Burlington County. All applicants must be a resident of

Burlington County and be at least 60 years or older to be eligible for this free program. If anyone is interested she would like them to reach out to her. Mayor Porto asked her to forward this information on to the township administrator.

**Letitia Kelley**, 525 Lumberton Road – said as a member of the DAR she is very happy to have the resolution proclaiming September 17<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> Constitution Week and she was wondering if she could have a copy of the proclamation.

## 12. COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

**Ms. Kosko** said the township purchased a speed radar machine and it came in and was placed it on Bancroft Lane. This is obviously a traffic calming device and things are going well with that. We will continue to communicate with Trooper Storm and Lt. Flaherty on different areas throughout the community where we can place it. Burlington County Chamber of Commerce is highlighting Hainesport Township at the Chamber of Commerce State of the County Dinner at the end of the month. Ms. Kosko met with the engineer on Monday and they did a field meeting for the Community Block Grant. She expects a surveying estimate on it in the next week. The DOT's Municipal Aid Grant has been approved for the Phillips Road project. Hopefully we will receive the grant for the project this year. The committee members have received invitations to visit the Robert Shinn Recycling Center in the evening on the dates of September 18<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> to see the actual operations. Ms. Kosko said she will be going to learn more about recycling in the county. Mayor Porto asked her to ask someone while she is out there for some brochures that we can put out for the residents it would be helpful. Ms. Kosko also wanted to reiterate what Trooper Storm had to say about how proactive they are in the community. It's her understanding from Paula Tiver that the State Police will be participating in Community Day this year. She wants to thank the barracks for their participation.

## 13. COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

**Mr. Gillespie** wanted to expand on a couple things earlier. He said the township may end up paying less than the bond was quoted because his guess is that they are not going to go to permanent financing right away; they are probably going to issue Bond Anticipation Notes which gives them great flexibility. Interest rates are now dirt cheap for public entities so the outlay is probably not going to be that much. The township will go out for BANS it is very low interest rate and they will do that annually. They will be renewed and paid annually on a small amount. If you look at the bond ordinance the bond council has established a 40 year life use for the bond if it goes to permanent financing. That is \$15,000 a year. With interest you're talking \$18,000 to \$20,000 a year. With BANS you won't do that and that allows flexibility. Mr. Gillespie went on to talk about sub-dividing the property and various things that could be done with it. He talked about the Green Acres and said we won't know if the property will qualify for the program so you don't know what you would be applying to Green Acres for. Green Acres has restrictions and the township might not want to impose on this property. Mr. Gillespie directed this comment to Mr. Murdy in the audience. Mr. Murdy had said none of this was in the paperwork and it wouldn't be in the paperwork. That is why you have a public hearing. The bond ordinance simply established the funding for the

borrowing of the money and authorized it for debt purposes. As the mayor said, it increased the debt capacity by less than 1%.

#### 14. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

**Mrs. Gilmore** thanked Trooper Colleton for coming out tonight. And also for training the next generation of troopers and we hope they are half as good as he is. She also wanted to thank John Anderson and Paula and Tish and she looks forward to working with them going forward on the project. Mrs. Gilmore said there was a presentation to the committee last month on the program of Trap Neuter Release. Even though we haven't put forth that ordinance tonight there are some residents that are having a meeting Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Street Center to discuss the benefits of TNR. They are looking for volunteers and interested parties that may want to attend.

**Mr. Masciocchi** thanked Sergeant Colleton for his presentation tonight and reiterated that they are working under staffed and they do a tremendous job. Not only are they shorthanded with the number of troopers that they have but they are shorthanded at the other end of the legal spectrum when it comes to prosecuting these people. We are fortunate that we have a town policed by the State Police. With regard to the property, the reason he voted for both the ordinances is because he finds the property has a dual nature that he finds very intriguing. He thinks it is very good for the township. It has the open space components but it has the potential for business components as well with the frontage on Route 38. Add to that that the property is being sold and purchased from an estate, it is usually a good time to buy a property. There is a risk involved with any acquisition, but the potential seems to be very inviting and could be a good thing for the town. If it ends up paying for itself and continue to generate money for the town it's a win-win situation.

**Mr. Dickinson** wanted to remind everybody about Community Day that is coming up on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. He always looks forward to the State Police presentation. His nephew just graduated from the State Police 10 weeks ago.

**Mr. Fitzpatrick** said he has nothing to comment on.

**Mayor Porto** said he is very thankful for the State Police coverage this township has. They bring a high level of professionalism with them and he thinks they perform much higher capabilities than the local police department would. He thanked the sergeant for coming out tonight and said if someone can't get in touch with Sergeant Colleton please contact Ms. Kosko. Mayor Porto said he is also thankful that the committee was able to move forward with the open space acquisition which leaves the possibility done in a manner that allows options for the municipality to be able to sub-divide and look to future development.

#### 15. BILL LIST

**Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

Bills that Committeeman Fitzpatrick abstained from: 17-00653, 17-00654, 17-00666, 17-00732 and 17-00754.

Bills that Mayor Porto abstained from: 17-00663 and 17-00717.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. RESOLUTION 2017-142-9 – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session

Mr. Gillespie told the mayor that he doesn't expect the session to go more than 15 to 20 minutes.

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. All yes.**

1. Attorney Client Privilege
2. Potential Litigation

**Motion to re-enter into Open Session: Committeeman Masciocchi. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.**

Mayor Porto asked if there is a Motion to authorize the Solicitor to move forward on property issue as discussed in Closed Session.

**Motion: Committeeman Masciocchi. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

Mayor Porto requested a Motion to adjourn.

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Masciocchi. All Yes**

17. ADJOURNMENT @ 10:08 P. M.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Paula L. Kosko*

Acting Municipal Clerk