

The Regular Meeting of the Evesham Township Council was called to order by Deputy Mayor Steven Zeuli at 6:00PM. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the Evesham Township Municipal Complex at 984 Tuckerton Road, Marlton, NJ 08053.

Deputy Mayor Zeuli announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was sent to The Burlington County Times and The Courier Post - published on January 25, 2017, posted on the Township's electronic media, posted on the bulletin board, and sent to those who requested notification.

Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL: Present: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli
Absent: Brown

Also Present: Township Manager Czerniecki, Township Solicitor Gillespie, Deputy Township Managers, Township Engineer Staszewski, Township Clerk Bergh, Acting Deputy Clerk Midgette

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 7, 2017 - Executive Session

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to approve the above listed minutes.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Absent: Brown

Motion Carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 99-2017 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, Township Council and Support Staff to Meet in Private Session and Authorizing the Exclusion of the Public from that Portion of the Meeting Dealing with Specific Issues Requiring Non-Public Discussions - Barton Run and Litigation

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman D'Andrea, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 99-2017 and move into Executive Session.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Absent: Brown

Motion Carried 4-0.

Council convened into Executive Session at 6:02PM.

Mayor Brown arrived at 6:20PM.

Council returned to open session at 6:24PM.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Brown presented a proclamation to seven-year-old resident Rocco Regalbuto for his heroic action of dialing 9-1-1 to save his mother's life.

Mayor Brown presented a proclamation to promote the "Heads Up, Eyes Forward!" campaign, the goal of which is to bring awareness to the dangers of distracted driving.

Mayor Brown presented a proclamation to the Cherokee High School Girls' Basketball Team for a victorious year, having been ranked as the #1 team in South Jersey for the 2016 - 2017 season.

Mayor Brown presented a proclamation to the Marlton Woman's Club for its efforts in child abuse prevention and formally declared the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Township of Evesham.

PRESENTATIONS

Tim Staszewski, Township Engineer, presented Phase II of the Willow Bend Road Improvement Plan. Mr. Staszewski explained that this upcoming project will include street repaving, improvements to stormwater drainage, and the replacement of select curbs and sidewalks that represent trip hazards. Most significantly, the plan includes the incorporation of a bike lane.

Mayor Brown called for a motion to approve the plan for Phase II of the Willow Bend Road Improvements.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman Zeuli, it was moved to approve the plan for improvements to Willow Bend Road as presented by Township Engineer Tim Staszewski.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: DiEnna
Absent: XXX

Motion Carried 4-0-1.

Township Manager Tom Czerniecki presented the Lenape Regional High School District Tax Levy. Discussion ensued with Township Council. Mayor Brown urged the Evesham Township Board of Education and the Lenape Regional High School District to acquire health insurance through the open market in order to prevent continual school tax increases.

Township Manager Tom Czerniecki reviewed the 2017 Budget, as introduction of the same is planned to take place at the next Council Meeting. Mr. Czerniecki discussed a ratable growth of \$30 million in the last year, though the Township saw a \$34 million reduction in valuation due to tax appeals. Moreover, the Township has maintained stable debt, which leaves the municipality with a capacity for improvements. The purpose of surplus was discussed, with Mr. Czerniecki noting that the Township Council has returned \$247,650 of surplus in tax reductions to the public since 2014. Moreover, the Township continues to maintain an "Aa3" bond rating with a positive outlook. Mr. Czerniecki also noted the significant cost drivers behind the 2017 Budget, which includes the Indian Spring Golf Course legacy costs, the School Resource Officer Program, landfill fees, enhanced snow removal services, and capital program down payments. Out of the surrounding townships, Evesham has the lowest per capita municipal budget. Additionally, out of the ten largest towns in Burlington County, Evesham also has the lowest per capita budget and the lowest tax increase on the average assessed home between 2005 and 2016.

Regarding landfill fees, Mr. Czerniecki clarified that the new Department of Public Works policy, introduced at the Council Meeting of March 7, 2017, was implemented to control the dumping of heavy waste from contractors, not residents. Mayor Brown stated that even then, residents should be getting dumpsters for major construction projects. Councilman DiEnna suggested that the Public Works Facility utilize a scale to control fees for construction waste.

In reference to the School Resource Officer Program, Councilman D'Andrea expressed his opinion that the Evesham Township School District should cover the costs of the SRO Program in its entirety as the District's budget is larger. Moreover, he noted that this program was meant to be a partner program, in which both the District and the Township split the costs of the same. Since the start of the program, the Township has covered the costs in full. Mayor Brown reflected the same, and requested that Mr. Czerniecki contact the Board of Education to express Council's intentions on the matter.

PRELIMINARY PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 2-4-2017 - An Ordinance of the Township of Evesham to Repeal Ordinance 21-12-2016 as Amended which Provided for Salaries and Compensation to be Paid to the Officers and Employees of the Township of Evesham and Substitute Therefore Salaries and Compensation Herein for the Year 2017 and Beyond

Mayor Brown opened public hearing. There being no comments, Mayor Brown requested a motion to close the same.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to close public hearing on Ordinance No. 2-4-2017.

Motion Carried 5-0.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2-4-2017.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Absent: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 3-4-2017 - An Ordinance of the Township of Evesham Amending Chapter 72 of the Code of the Township of Evesham Entitled "Fees" (Recreation)

Mayor Brown opened public hearing. There being no comments, Mayor Brown requested a motion to close the same.

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On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to close public hearing on Ordinance No. 3-4-2017.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Councilman D'Andrea stated that the purpose of this ordinance is to reduce the cost of renting the Gibson House.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3-4-2017.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Absent: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 4-4-2017 - Ordinance of the Township of Evesham Amending Chapter 62, the Subdivision and Site Plan Standards of the Township of Evesham (Hot Tubs)

Mayor Brown opened public hearing. There being no comments, Mayor Brown requested a motion to close the same.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to close public hearing on Ordinance No. 4-4-2017.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Township Manager Tom Czerniecki explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to remove the unnecessary burden from residents of placing pool permit requirements on hot tubs.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4-4-2017.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Absent: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 5-4-2017 - Amending Subsection 150-8 and Subsection 150-15 of the Code of the Township of Evesham

Mayor Brown opened public hearing. There being no comments, Mayor Brown requested a motion to close the same.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to close public hearing on Ordinance No. 5-4-2017.

Motion Carried 5-0.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to adopt Ordinance No. 5-4-2017.

Recorded Vote: Aye: DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: D'Andrea
Absent: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 6-4-2017 - An Ordinance of the Township of Evesham, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey, Providing for Various Capital Improvements and Related Expenses In and For the Township, Appropriating \$5,345,000 Therefor, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,090,000 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance the Same

Mayor Brown opened public hearing. There being no comments, Mayor Brown requested a motion to close the same.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to close public hearing on Ordinance No. 6-4-2017.

Motion Carried 5-0.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6-4-2017.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Absent: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 7-4-2017 - An Ordinance of the Township of Evesham, In the County of Burlington, New Jersey, Providing for the Improvements to the Township's Golf Course Grounds and Facilities and Acquisitions of Equipment In and For the Township, and Appropriating \$215,000 Therefor, and Providing for the Issuance of \$204,750 in Golf Course Utility Bonds or Notes of the Township of Evesham to Finance the Same

Mayor Brown opened public hearing. There being no comments, Mayor Brown requested a motion to close the same.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to close public hearing on Ordinance No. 7-4-2017.

Motion Carried 5-0.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to adopt Ordinance No. 7-4-2017.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Absent: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 8-4-2017 - An Ordinance to Modify Chapter 41 of the Code of the Township of Evesham Titled "Abandoned Property" and to Rename the Chapter as "Abandoned and Vacant Property"

Mayor Brown opened public hearing. There being no comments, Mayor Brown requested a motion to close the same.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to close public hearing on Ordinance No. 8-4-2017.

Motion Carried 5-0.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to adopt Ordinance No. 8-4-2017.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Absent: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 9-5-2017 - An Ordinance of the Township of Evesham to Determine Positions Eligible for the Defined Contribution Retirement Program

Township Manager Tom Czerniecki stated that the above legislation relates to a State regulation that prohibits certain, newly hired employees from entering the pension system. Instead, a contribution program will be provided.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to introduce Ordinance No. 9-5-2017.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Absent: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 10-5-2017 - An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 133 Streets, Sidewalks, and Parking Lots

Township Manager Tom Czerniecki noted that the purpose of this ordinance, at the request of Councilman Zeuli, is to tighten the standards of the road patching process.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to introduce Ordinance No. 10-5-2017.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Absent: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 11-5-2017 - An Ordinance of the Township of Evesham, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Adopting an Amended Redevelopment Plan for Certain Properties Familiarly Known as the "Aristone Tract" (Block 16, Lots 1, 1.01, 1.02, 1.04 & 1.05)

Township Solicitor John Gillespie explained that the redeveloper of the aforementioned project agreed to construct seven more affordable housing units, prompting the need to amend the redevelopment agreement.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to introduce Ordinance No. 11-5-2017.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Absent: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 12-5-2017 - Ordinance of the Township of Evesham, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey Authorizing and Approving a Financial Agreement Between the Township of Evesham and Barclay Chase at Marlton Urban Renewal, LLC, for Property Known as Block 16, Lots 1, 1.01, 1.02, 1.04 and 1.05 Pursuant to the Long Term Tax Exemption Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq.)

Township Manager Tom Czerniecki stated that the purpose of providing a pilot agreement under Ordinance No. 12-5-2017 is to give the public a better financial deal in redevelopment at a rate that would not have been received without said legislation.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to introduce Ordinance No. 12-5-2017.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Absent: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 100-2017 - Resolution Amending Calendar of Township Council Meetings

On motion by Councilman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 100-2017.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Absent: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 101-2017 - Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations (2017-4)

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 101-2017.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Absent: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 102-2017 - Resolution Designating "OPRA Counsel"

Resolution No. 103-2017 - Resolution In Support of Assembly Bill A2452 Creating New Restricted Liquor Licenses

Resolution No. 104-2017 - Authorizing Execution of Contract for Appraisal Services

Resolution No. 105-2017 - Evesham Alliance on Substance Abuse Membership Revisions

Resolution No. 106-2017 - Renewal of Contract - 2017 Youth Athletic Program Services - Contract Period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Resolution No. 107-2017 - Authorizing a Lease Amendment (Renewal) with the Congressman Thomas C. MacArthur for Use of a Portion of the Gibson House for a District Office

Resolution No. 108-2017 - Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 48-2017 - Renewal of Contract for 2016 Evesham Mowing and Landscape Services (Greenscape Landscape Contractors, LLC, Options 2, 8 & 12) Contract Period March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018

Resolution No. 109-2017 - Award of Window Contract to Rahn Landscaping, LLC D/B/A All-Green Turf Management for Mowing Services

Resolution No. 110-2017 - Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 132-2016 - Award of Contract for Driving Range Siding Repairs for the Indian Spring Golf Course

Resolution No. 111-2017 - Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 133-2016 - Award of Contract for Second Floor Upgrades for the Indian Spring Golf Course

Resolution No. 112-2017 - Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 74-2017 Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Program Administered by the Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety

Resolution No. 113-2017 - A Resolution Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Program Administered by the Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety

Resolution No. 114-2017 - A Resolution Authorizing the Township of Evesham to Execute an Agreement with Burlington County for Cooperative Participation in the Community Development Act of 1974

Resolution No. 115-2017 - Resolution Pertaining to the Widening of Sharp Road

Resolution No. 116-2017 - Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Evesham Township Planning Board to Cause a Preliminary Investigation to be Made Pursuant to the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, as to Whether Certain Property on East Main Street Within the Township of Evesham Qualifies as a "Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area" in Accordance with the Criteria Set Forth in the Statute

Resolution No. 117-2017 - Refund of Overpayment of Taxes, Block 26, Lot 5.01 C0094 (Tax Court Judgment)

Resolution No. 118-2017 - Resolution Authorizing the Funding of the Township of Evesham Share of the MACCS Contract with Central Jersey Waste and Recycling for Basic Service Solid Waste and Bulk Collection

Resolution No. 119-2017 - Resolution Amending the List of Improvements for the 2015 Capital Program

Resolution No. 120-2017 - Award of Contract - Phase II - Roof Replacement and Related Work at the Club House of the Indian Spring Golf Course

Resolution No. 121-2017 - Release of Performance Guarantee - Enterprise Rent-A-Car - Block 22.01, Lot 3 - On-Site Improvements - PB 12-05.01

Resolution No. 122-2017 - Rejection of Release of Performance Guarantee - Enterprise Rent-A-Car - Block 22.01, Lot 3 - Landscaping Improvements - PB 12-05.02

Resolution No. 123-2017 - Release of Landscape Portion of a Combined Performance Guarantee (Letter of Credit) - Waiver of Maintenance Guarantee - Enterprise Rent-A-Car - Block 22.01, Lot 3 - Landscaping Improvements - PB 12-05.02

Resolution No. 124-2017 - Resolution of the Township of Evesham, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey, Authorizing the Sale of \$13,365,000 Principal Amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017; Consisting of \$12,965,000 General Improvements Bonds and \$400,00 Golf Course Utility Bonds; and Authorizing Other Matters Relating Thereto

Resolution No. 125-2017 - Award of Window Contract to Gunton Corporation D/B/A Pella Window and Door Co. for the replacement of Doors at the Gibson House

Councilman D'Andrea inquired about Resolution No. 103-2017 and the specific kind of liquor license referred to in Assembly Bill A2452. Township Manager Tom Czerniecki stated that the purpose of said bill is to create Restricted Restaurant Liquor Licenses.

Councilman D'Andrea asked for clarification on Resolution No. 115-2017. Township Manager Tom Czerniecki stated that the bridge on Sharp Road is currently owned by the County, and the intent of the resolution is to affirm that the municipality has no plans to widen the road, which would create the need to widen the bridge.

In regard to Resolution No. 117-2017, Councilman D'Andrea stated that the Harvest House will be staying in tact, but will be moved closer to Main Street. In accordance with the same, Township Manager Tom Czerniecki expressed that it is also important to note that there are plans to open a part of the Harvest House will be made available to the public.

Mayor Brown asked if there were any separations.

Councilman DiEnna separated Resolution No. 102-2017 and inquired about its purpose. Township Solicitor John Gillespie responded that the objective of the legislation is to better keep track of the expenses the Townships incurs on seeking advice in regard to Open Public Records Act requests. Ultimately, the goal is to provide the State legislature with a report reflecting the financial burden OPRA law places on municipalities.

Mayor Brown called for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 102-2017.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 102-2017.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Absent: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Mayor Brown called for a motion to adopt the remainder of the Consent Agenda and any listed motions.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to adopt the Consent Agenda resolutions and any listed motions.

Recorded Vote: AYE: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Absent: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

MOTIONS

- Approval of Massage Therapy Establishments:
 - Ah-Mazing Massage
 - Hand & Stone Massage
- Application for Social Affair Permit
Knights of Columbus Council 6530
St. Joan of Arc Church
100 Willow Bend Road
Marlton, New Jersey 08053

May 6, 2017, 6:00PM - 10:00PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ila Vassallo, 5 Beauport Circle, on behalf of the Environmental Commission, respectfully suggested that Township Council consider preserving passive open space throughout the municipality and utilize the open space trust fund for said purpose.

Mayor Brown responded that the Indian Spring Golf Course has used the majority of the open space trust fund, and that due to affordable housing requirements imposed by the State, any open space available to the Township must be utilized to meet those requirements.

Dan Meyers, 12 Arrowhead Drive, stated that the Evesham Township Board of Education has hired a broker to potentially lease the property currently housing the Evans Elementary School building. Mr. Meyers expressed his concern that this may negatively impact the Arrowhead neighborhood.

Mayor Brown stated that the property can only be used for educational purposes, as that is what it is currently zoned for. In order to lease the school building, the Board of Education must come before the Township Council for approval. Mayor Brown and Mr. Meyers discussed what could be done to increase property values in the Arrowhead neighborhood in light of the closing of Evans Elementary School.

Janis Knoll, 304 Elm Terrace, questioned the amount of affordable housing units that will be made available through the Barclay Chase project. Township Solicitor John Gillespie replied that the plan agreed to approximately 33 affordable housing units.

On a separate topic, Ms. Knoll inquired about the relocation of the Harvest House, and the plan for the rest of the property. Mayor Brown responded that the property will undergo redevelopment. Councilman D'Andrea explained that in order to save the Harvest House, it has to be moved to the edge of the property to make room for redevelopment.

PUBLIC HEARING: COMCAST FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Township Manager Tom Czerniecki introduced Fred DeAndrea, a representative from Comcast, to explain the purpose of the public hearing for the renewal of Comcast's franchise agreement with the Township of Evesham.

Fred DeAndrea noted that the public hearing is required by law, and that there are no formal actions required from Township Council on the same. Before opening the floor to public comments, Mr. DeAndrea discussed what Comcast has done to increase customer service.

Councilman D'Andrea noted his interest in live streaming Council Meetings, and inquired if Comcast would be able to provide the Township with the necessary equipment.

Mr. DeAndrea stated that it is an aspect of the franchise agreement suitable for discussion.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing on the Comcast Franchise Renewal Agreement.

No comments were made.

STAFF COMMENTS

Tom Shanahan, Director of Finance, reported that the Township refunded its bridge commission loan, which resulted in the saving of \$400,000. Mr. Shanahan presented Township Council with the bond refunding report.

Allison Bittner, Management Assistant/Analyst, announced the launch of the Township's E-Newsletter, "Everyday Evesham," as a part of a new communication initiative. The goal is to provide subscribers with the newsletter twice a month via email.

Chris Chew, Chief of Police, commented on the success of the School Resource Officer program, as these designated officers have been effective in rapidly securing the safety of children and teachers during various incidents that occurred after the inception of the program. Mayor Brown requested that a report reflecting the same should be sent to the members of the Board of Education for consideration.

Tim Staszewski, Township Engineer, stated that Phase II of the Willow Bend Improvement project will begin after July 4, 2017.

Tom Czerniecki, Township Manager, commended Tom Shanahan for his work on the 2017 budget. On a separate topic, Mr. Czerniecki addressed resident Janis Knoll about her comments regarding the Township's website at the Council Meeting of March 7, 2017. In order to facilitate better communication with department managers per her request, Mr. Czerniecki stated that a link has

been created to provide a way for residents to directly email the same.

John Gillespie, Township Solicitor, expanded upon Dan Meyer's concerns over the potential leasing of Evans School. Mr. Gillespie noted that Mr. Czerniecki composed a letter to the Board of Education suggesting the various obstacles and possible ramifications of leasing the property, and invited the Board to have a discussion with Township officials on the same. Mr. Gillespie reported that members of the Board of Education failed to respond to Mr. Czerniecki's letter.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman D'Andrea thanked Eagle Scout, Matt Smith, for the creation of a nature trail connecting Cherokee High School and the Memorial Park as proposed at the Council Meeting of October 18, 2016. On a separate topic, Mr. D'Andrea, in regard to Ila Vassallo's comments on the preservation of open space, stated that if the State didn't impose extensive affordable housing requirements, he would not be in favor of more redevelopment in the municipality.

Mayor Brown presented a handmade book created by the Township's 5th graders, which lists the reasons that they love about living in Marlton.

On motion by Councilwoman Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to adjourn the meeting.

Recorded Vote: All Ayes.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Mary Lou Bergh, Township Clerk

Randy Brown, Mayor

Caitlin Midgette, Acting Deputy Clerk

Submitted: April 12, 2017

April 4, 2017
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Approved: _____