

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
Council Meeting

6:30 PM Executive Session/7:30 pm Regular Session

May 4, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Lopatcong Township Council was called to order by Mayor Mengucci. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building located at 232 S. Third St., Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

A Prayer was offered followed by the Oath of Allegiance.

Mayor Mengucci stated “adequate notice of this meeting has been provided indicating the time and place of the meeting in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 by advertising a Notice in The Star Ledger and The Express-Times and by posting a copy on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.”

Present – Councilman McQuade, Councilman Palitto, Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci. Also, present were Attorney Campbell and Engineer Sterbenz.

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Council President Wright, seconded by Councilman Palitto. All in favor.

Public Comment: Agenda items only. Attorney Campbell explained the five-minute rule on public comments.

Donna Schneider – 26 Meadowview – Questioned Executive Session regarding storm facility maintenance.

Stephen Bryan – Reported he was an attorney representing Andrew Conningham regarding purchase of single-family dwelling located at 2 Highlands Way. Noted the property consists of 4 acres – two of which have a detention basin located on it. The detention basin provides drainage for entire development. The plat states the owner is responsible for maintaining the structure. Attorney noted that maintenance is fine but not repair or replacement of the structure. Attorney Campbell noted that what was said is accurate and this Council acknowledges that although the language is in the deed and the owners signed a detention basin disclosure and amendment with the developer, the Township Council agrees that it is not fair that the homeowner worry about inlets and piping and liners and things like that, that go inside of the detention basin. So, the proposal from the Council is a compromise and that the Township will take responsibility for structures, liner, piping and the property owner would be responsible for grass cutting, debris cleanup, sediment and a maintenance log that can be provide to the DEP. Because it is in the chain of title, if someone wants to prepare an amendment to this restriction, the Council by motion may authorize the mayor to sign. Motion by Mayor Mengucci, seconded by Council President Wright. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman McQuade, Councilman Palitto, Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Old Business:

Minutes – February 16 and March 2, 2022 Executive and Regular Sessions. Motion to approve by Council President Wright, seconded by Councilman McQuade. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman McQuade, Councilman Palitto, Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Consent Agenda:

Resolution No. 22-71 – Authorize Consent Agenda.

R 22-71

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CONSENT AGENDA FOR COUNCIL'S
CONSIDERATION**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby approve and authorize a Consent Agenda to move routine items of business requiring no discussion; and

WHEREAS, there are listed Items one through eighteen on the Consent Agenda.

1. Sycamore Landing – Rejection of Performance Guarantee release request pursuant to Engineer Sterbenz report.
2. Scenic Ridge – Approve reduction in the amount of the Performance Guarantee pursuant to Engineer Sterbenz report.
3. 2022 Roadway Improvement Project – Review and approve Change Order No. 1 and Invoice submitted by Capital Paving for work completed.
4. 2022 Roadway Improvement Project – Review and approve Change Order No. 1 and Invoice submitted by South State for work completed in the amount of \$229,500.16.
5. 2022 Roadway Improvement Project – Approve payment to KeyTech – Core Sampling Belview Road - \$1,720.00
6. Resolution – Correct Tax Account for Block 94, Lot 16.
7. Resolution – Correct Sewer Account for Block 51, Lot 1
8. Resolution – Refund Tax Overpayment for Block 2, Lot 31.03
9. Resolution – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-016 on Block 99, Lot 127 C0086 in the amount of \$645.92, Premium \$1500.00.
10. Resolution – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-047 on Block 116.14, Lot 18 C0052.
11. Resolution – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-021 on Block 75, Lot 1.01 in the amount of \$2769.73, Premium \$1,100.00.
12. Resolution – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-005 on Block 11, Lot 9 in the amount of \$1,866.76, Premium \$500.00.
13. Resolution – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-028 in the amount of \$683.43 on Block 116.12, Lot 9 C0071.
14. Resolution – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-019 on Block 99, Lot 401 C0317 in the amount of \$3,068.73, Premium \$1,900.00.
15. Resolution – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-046 on Block 116.12, Lot 10 C0072 in the amount of \$3,855.29.
16. Resolution – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-016 on Block 64, Lot 5 in the amount of R4,852.04, Premium \$2,000.00.
17. Resolution – Refund Tax Overpayment for Block 58.01, Lot 3 in the amount of \$1,031.62.
18. Appoint Gregory Blackwood to the Shade Tree Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey approve and authorize this Consent Agenda to move routine items of business that require no discussion.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion by Council President Wright, seconded by Mayor Mengucci to adopt. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman McQuade, Councilman Palitto, Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Sycamore Landing – Reject Performance Guarantee release request pursuant to Engineer Sterbenz report.

Scenic Ridge – Approve reduction in the Performance Guarantee pursuant to Engineer Sterbenz report.

2022 Roadway Improvement Project – Review and approve Change Order No. 1 and Invoice submitted by Capital Paving for work completed.

2022 Roadway Improvement Project – Review and approve Change Order No. 1 and Invoice submitted by South State for work completed in the amount of \$229,500.16.

2022 Roadway Improvement Project – Approve payment to KeyTech – Core Sampling Belview Road - \$1,720.00.

Resolution No. 22-72 – Correct Tax Account for Block 94, Lot 16.

R 22-72

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE TAX ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 94, LOT 16

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided with a receipt for a tax payment for Block 94, Lot 16 which was not applied to the taxpayer's sewer account; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer has been unable to find copies of receipts for all payments he made; however, there is sufficient evidence to support the allegation that the former tax collector tempered with this tax payer's account; and

WHEREAS, the Township has reviewed records from the taxpayer and agree that the account should be made current as of 1st quarter of 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office to credit the tax account for Block 94, Lot 16 so that it is current through the 1st quarter of 2020.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 22-73 – Correct Sewer Account for Block 51, Lot 1.

R 22-73

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE SEWER ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 51 ,LOT 1

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided with receipts for sewer payments for Block 51, Lot 1 which was not applied to the taxpayer's sewer account; and

WHEREAS, these payments were previously applied to the taxpayers account in 2019; however, taxpayer advised that these credits did not completely address the account issues from 2017; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer has been unable to find copies of receipt for all payments she made; however, there is sufficient evidence to support the allegation that the former tax collector tampered with this taxpayer's account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office to credit the tax account for Block 51, Lot 1 \$140.65 plus interest that has accrued since December of 2017.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 22-74 – Refund Tax Overpayment on Block 2, Lot 31.03.

R 22-74

WHEREAS, Block 2, Lot 31.03 qualified as tax exempt (disabled veteran) on March 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has adjusted the tax account to cancel taxes for 3rd and 4th quarter of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the homeowner for the property overpaid the 1st quarter 2022 payment in the amount of \$154.09 on February 14, 2022 and made the 2nd quarter 2022 payment in the amount of \$1733.47 on April 15, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes a refund in the amount of \$1,887.56 to: George & Beth Perrini, 1047 Belvidere Road, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865.

CERTIFICATION

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 22-75 – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-016 on Block 99, Lot 127 C0086 in the amount of \$645.92, Premium \$1500.00.

R 22-75

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2021-016 ON BLOCK 99, LOT 127 C0086

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 14, 2021 a lien was sold on Block 99, Lot 127 C0086 also known as 86 Overlook Drive for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-016 was sold to US Bank Global Corp Trust SCVS; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2022 the mortgage company for the property owner has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate no. 2021-016 in the amount of \$645.92, Premium \$1,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of May, 2022, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$645.92, Premium \$1,500.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate no. 2021-016 to:

US Bank Global Corp. Trust SCVS
50 S 16th Street, Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 22-76 – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-047 on Block 116.14, Lot 18 C0052.

R 22-76

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2020-047 ON BLOCK 116.14 LOT 18 C0052

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 29, 2020, a lien was sold on Block 116.14 C0052 also known as 52 Limerick Lane for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-047, was sold to US Bank Cust/Pro Cap 8/Pro Cap; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2022, the property owner has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2020-047 in the amount of \$2,227.51, Premium \$1,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of May 2022, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$2,227.51, Premium \$1,000.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-047 to:

US Bank Cust/Pro Cap 8/Pro Cap
50 S 16th Street, Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513

CERTIFICATION

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 22-77 – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-021 on Block 75, Lot 1.01 in the amount of \$2769.73, Premium \$1,100.00.

R 22-77

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 2020-021 ON BLOCK 75, LOT 1.01

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 29, 2020, a lien was sold on Block 75, Lot 1.01 also known as 415 Cromwell Street for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-021 was sold to US Bank Cust/Pro Cap 8/Pro Cap; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2022 the property owner has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate no. 2020-021 in the amount of \$2,769.73, Premium \$1,100.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of May 2022, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$2,769.73, Premium \$1,100.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-021 to:

US Bank Cust/Pro Cap 8/Pro Cap
50 S. 16th Street, Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 22-78 – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-005 on Block 11, Lot 9 in the amount of \$1,866.76, Premium \$500.00.

R 22-78

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 2020-005 ON BLOCK 11, LOT 9

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 29, 2020, a lien was sold on Block 11, Lot 9 also known as 237 North Prospect Street for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate no. 2020-005 was sold to US Bank Cust/Pro Cap 8/Pro Cap; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2022 the property owner has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2020-005 in the amount of \$1,866.76, Premium \$500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of 2022, the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,866.76, Premium \$500.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate no. 2020-005 to:

US Bank Cust/Pro Cap 8/Pro Cap
50 S. 16th Street, Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513

CERTIFICATION

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 22-79 – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-028 in the amount of \$686.43 on Block 116.12, Lot 9 C0071.

R 22-79

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2021-028 ON BLOCK 116.12 LOT 9 C0071

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 14, 2021, a lien was sold on Block 116.12, Lot 9 C0071 also known as 71 Limerick Lane for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate no. 2021-028 was sold to US Bank Global Corp Trust SCVS; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2022 the mortgage company for the property owner has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2021-028 in the amount of \$683.43.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of May 2022, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$683.43 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-028 to:

US Bank Global Corp. Trust SCVS
50 S. 16th Street, Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513

CERTIFICATION

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 22-80 – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate no. 2021-019 on Block 99, Lot 401 C0317, Premium \$1,900.00.

R 22-80

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2021-019 ON BLOCK 99, LOT 401 C0317

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 14, 2021, a lien was sold on Block 99, Lot 9 C0317 also known as 317 Clover Court for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-019 was sold to US Bank Global Corp Trust SCVC ; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2022, the mortgage company for the property owner has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2021-019 in the amount of \$3,068.73, Premium \$1,900.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this day 4th day of May 2022, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$3,068.73, Premium \$1,900.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-019 to:

US Bank Global Corp. Trust SCVS
50 S. 16th Street, Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513

CERTIFICATION

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 22-81 – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-046 on Block 116.12, Lot 10 C0072 in the amount of \$3,855.29.

R 22-81

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2020-046 ON BLOCK 116.12, LOT 10 C0072

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 29, 2020, a lien was sold on Block 116.12, Lot 10 C0072 also known as 72 Limerick Lane for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-046 was sold to US Bank Cust/Pro Cap 8/Pro Cap; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2022, the property owner has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2020046 in the amount of \$3,855.29.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of May 2022 that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$3,855.29 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-046 to:

US Bank Cust/Pro Cap 8/Pro Cap
50 S 16th Street, Suite 1050
Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513

CERTIFICATION

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 22-82 – Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-016 on Block 64, Lot 5 in the amount of \$4,852.04, Premium \$2,000.00.

R 22-82

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 2020-016 ON BLOCK 64, LOT 5

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 29, 2020, a lien was sold on Block 64, Lot 5 also known as 104 Dana Street for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-016 was sold to US Bank Custodian for Actlien Holding; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2022, the property owner has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2020-016 in the amount of \$4,852.04, Premium \$2,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of May 2022 that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$4,852.04, Premium \$2,000.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-016 to:

US Bank Custodian for Actlien Holding
50 S 16th Street, Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513

CERTIFICATION

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 22-83 – Refund Tax Overpayment for Block 58.01, Lot 3 in the amount of \$1,031.62.

R 22-83

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ISSUE A REFUND FOR A TAX OVERPAYMENT FOR BLOCK 58.01, LOT 3

WHEREAS, Block 58.01, Lot 3 qualified as tax exempt (disabled veteran) on April 22, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has adjusted the tax account to cancel taxes for the 2nd quarter of 2022 in the amount of \$1,031.62 and 3rd and 4th quarters of 2022 as billed; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the tax collector to cancel taxes in the amount of \$1,031.62 for the 2nd quarter of 2022 and the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2022 as billed.

CERTIFICATION

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Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Announcement – Special Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24th, 6:30 Executive Session/7:30 Public Session for the public hearing and adoption of the 2022 Budget, introduction of Bond Ordinances and any other matters to be addressed by the Council. Mayor Mengucci stated the June meeting has been rescheduled from the June 1st to June 2nd.

Council Reports –

Councilman McQuade – No Report.

Councilman Palitto -Thanked all volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt as well as the cleanup on Strykers Road on the 23rd.

Councilman Wright – Thanked the volunteers also for the cleanup. Last month Sergeant Jonathan Erikson retired and this month Sergeant Michael Patricia is retiring. Two new officers will have to be hired.

Mayor Mengucci – Read a note from Michael Sazonov on the cleanup several Saturdays ago. He also told Clerk Dilts, during the 53rd Annual Municipal Clerk’s Week, a thank you for all her tireless efforts working for the Township including the Council, Commissions, Committees and the Planning Board.

A meeting was held today at the park; the pool will be placed on a referendum at the General Election which requires some paperwork for placement on the ballot.

Engineer Sterbenz – First round of road projects were completed. Some additional road work is being set up for later this year as long as prices don’t deter from doing so. Looking to file an application for Year 2023 which is due July 1st. A discussion can be held at the June 2nd meeting for what roadway should be selected.

Department Reports – Motion by Councilman Palitto, seconded by Council President Wright. All in favor.

Payment of Bills – Mayor Mengucci made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Council President Wright. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman McQuade, Councilman Palitto, Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Council President Wright – Informed the public that Joseph Bichler resigned and interviews were held and a prospective employee has been selected to offer the position.

Motion to offer the position by Council President Wright, seconded by Mayor Mengucci. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman McQuade, Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Audience Participation:

John Nichols – Byron Drive - Property Maintenance and concerns over the dogs in the park.

Robyn George – Raleigh Court – Questions regarding referendum on the pool with decisions for both cost and options to be considered. Code of Conduct regarding behavior during meetings.

Elizabeth Melville – 17 Fox Farm Road – Water coming down the mountain and pooling onto her yard.

Patti Lienenbach – Barn Owl Way – Asked where the Truck Stop Ordinance stood. Read a letter aloud addressing interest on her account in which she felt overcharged. Asked the Council to adjust her account.

Richard Merker – Belvidere Road – Fence Project and complaint regarding sex education in the elementary school.

Donna Schneider – 26 Meadowview Drive – Ordinance regulating Porta potties. Meeting in Pohatcong regarding Phillipsburg Mall and the building of a warehouse.

Judy Liptak – 47 Kyle Drive – Truck Traffic, garbage and dead trees/plants on Strykers Road, meeting minutes and the redevelopment of the mall into a warehouse.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council President Wright, seconded by Mayor Mengucci. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC
Clerk/Administrator

James E. Mengucci
Mayor