TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG MEETING MINUTES

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

November 1, 2023

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

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 Warren County Zone and by posting a copy on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building".

A Prayer was Offered followed by Oath of Allegiance Led by the Boy Scouts

Present: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci. Also present were Engineer Sterbenz and Attorney Baldwin.

Swore In: Police Sergeant Stephen Gabos

Presentation – Municipal Park Plans were shown providing ongoing Master Plan updates to the proposed buildings and pools within the park. A discussion ensued with comments from the public.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only - No comments

Old Business:

Minutes - Approve Executive and Regular Session Minutes for October 4 and October 16, 2023. Motion to approve the minutes by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilman Palitto. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci. NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Council President Wright - October 4, 2023

Ordinance No. 23-21 – Second reading and public hearing to Amend, Supplement Chapter 86 entitled "Business registry," to Incorporate a Penalty Schedule Therein. Motion to hold a public hearing by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Mayor Mengucci. All in favor. John Betz-Is a landlord included as a business? Motion to close public hearing by Councilman Palitto, seconded by Council President Wright. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-21

SECOND NOTICE OF AN ORDINANCE

NOTICE is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at the Municipal Building, 232 South Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, the following

Ordinance was presented and passed on the final reading. The Ordinance was then ordered to be published according to law by title only.

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 86, ENTITLED "BUSINESS REGISTRY," TO INCORPORATE A PENALTY SCHEDULE THEREIN

Said Ordinance may be read and inspected at any time at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, Lopatcong Township Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Motion to adopt this Ordinance on second reading by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilman Palitto. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci NAYS: None

New Business:

Best Practices – Public discussion – CFO Browne indicated that the Division puts this out every year and what your score is dictates your December State aid payment. This year is 67 questions; some of which are unscored. Township scored 36.5 and will receive the total aid.

Ordinance No. 23-22 – First reading to Amend and Supplement Chapter 163 entitled "Privately-Owned Salt Storage", is Created.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-22

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit from the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has obtained a new five (5) year Municipal Stormwater Permit from the State in 2023 to cover the five-year period between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong is subject to the Community-wide Ordinance requirements of the new Tier A Municipal Stormwater Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Community-Wide Ordinance requirements in the Township of Lopatcong's new Tier A Municipal Stormwater Permit necessitate the adoption of the ordinance regarding privately owned salt storage on or before January 1, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT CHAPTER 163 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, ENTITLED "PRIVATELY-OWNED SALT STORAGE", IS CREATED AS FOLLOWS:

Part One – Chapter 163 of the Code of the Township of Lopatcong entitled "Privately-Owned Salt Storage" shall be created as follows:

Chapter 163 – Privately-Owned Salt Storage

§163-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent stored salt and other solid de-icing materials from being exposed to stormwater.

This ordinance establishes requirements for the storage of salt and other solid de-icing materials on properties not owned or operated by the municipality (privately-owned), including residences, in the Township of Lopatcong to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

§163-2. Definitions.

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

DE-ICING MATERIALS

Means any granular or solid material such as melting salt or any other granular solid that assists in the melting of snow.

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE

Means a surface that has been covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water.

STORM DRAIN INLET

Means the point of entry into the storm sewer system.

PERMANENT STRUCTURE

Means a permanent building or permanent structure that is anchored to a permanent foundation with an impermeable floor, and that is completely roofed and walled (new structures require a door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall).

A fabric frame structure is a permanent structure if it meets the following specifications:

- A. Concrete blocks, jersey barriers or other similar material shall be placed around the interior of the structure to protect the side walls during loading and unloading of de-icing materials;
- B. The design shall prevent stormwater run-on and run through, and the fabric cannot leak;
- C. The structure shall be erected on an impermeable slab;
- D. The structure cannot be open sided; and
- E. The structure shall have a roll up door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall.

PERSON

Means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

RESIDENT

Means a person who resides on a residential property where de-icing material is stored.

§163-3. De-icing Material Storage Requirements.

A. Temporary outdoor storage of de-icing materials in accordance with the requirements below is allowed between October 15th and April 15th:

- 1. Loose materials shall be placed on a flat, impervious surface in a manner that prevents stormwater run-through;
- 2. Loose materials shall be placed at least 50 feet from surface water bodies, storm drain inlets, ditches and/or other stormwater conveyance channels;
- 3. Loose materials shall be maintained in a cone-shaped storage pile. If loading or unloading activities alter the cone-shape during daily activities, tracked materials shall be swept back into the storage pile, and the storage pile shall be reshaped into a cone after use;
- 4. Loose materials shall be covered as follows:
 - a. The cover shall be waterproof, impermeable, and flexible;
 - b. The cover shall extend to the base of the pile(s);
 - c. The cover shall be free from holes or tears;
 - d. The cover shall be secured and weighed down around the perimeter to prevent removal by wind; and
 - e. Weight shall be placed on the cover(s) in such a way that minimizes the potential of exposure as materials shift and runoff flows down to the base of the pile.
 - i. Sandbags lashed together with rope or cable and placed uniformly over the flexible cover, or poly-cord nets provide a suitable method. Items that can potentially hold water (e.g., old tires) shall not be used;
- 5. Containers must be sealed when not in use; and
- 6. The site shall be free of all de-icing materials between April 16th and October 14th.
- B. De-icing materials should be stored in a permanent structure if a suitable storage structure is available. For storage of loose de-icing materials in a permanent structure, such storage may be permanent, and thus not restricted to October 15th April 15th.
- C. All temporary and/or permanent structures must also comply with all other local ordinances, including building and zoning regulations.
- D. The property owner, or owner of the de-icing materials if different, shall designate a person(s) responsible for operations at the site where these materials are stored outdoors, and who shall document that weekly inspections are conducted to ensure that the conditions of this ordinance are met. Inspection records shall be kept on site and made available to the municipality upon request.
 - 1. Residents who operate businesses from their homes that utilize de-icing materials are required to perform weekly inspections.
 - 2. Residents of single-family residential dwellings where no businesses are being operated are exempt from the weekly inspection requirements subject to compliance with the provisions in Section 163-4 of the Code.

§163-4. Exemptions.

Residents may store de-icing materials outside in a solid-walled, closed container that prevents precipitation from entering and exiting the container, and which prevents the de-icing materials from leaking or spilling out. Under these circumstances, weekly inspections are not necessary, but repair or replacement of damaged or inadequate containers shall occur within 2 weeks.

If containerized (in bags or buckets) de-icing materials are stored within a permanent structure, they are not subject to the storage and inspection requirements in Section 163-3 above. Piles of deicing materials are not exempt, even if stored in a permanent structure.

This ordinance does not apply to facilities where the stormwater discharges from de-icing material storage activities are regulated under another NJPDES permit.

§163-5. Enforcement.

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer of the Township of Lopatcong during the course of ordinary enforcement duties.

§163-6. Violations and Penalties.

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall have 72 hours to complete corrective action. Repeat violations and/or failure to complete corrective action shall result in fines not to exceed \$500.00. After notification, each day of continuing violation of the terms of this section shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense hereunder.

Section Two – Severability.

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section Three – Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Lopatcong held on November 1, 2023, and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on December 6, 2023 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the Township Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building located at 232 So. Third St., Phillipsburg, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Motion to adopt this Ordinance on first reading by Council President Wright, seconded by Councilman Palitto. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci. NAYS: None

Ordinance No. 23-23 – First reading to Amend and Supplement Chapter 115, entitled "Fees" to add a New Section titled "Tax Sale Fees".

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-23

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 115 ENTITLED "FEES" TO A NEW SECTION TITLED "TAX SALE FEES" **WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren State of New Jersey has the authority pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-1 ("Act") to place liens upon properties that fail to pay property taxes: and

WHEREAS, according to the Act, the Township has the authority to hold Tax Sales to collect the outstanding unpaid taxes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-38, the Township has the authority to assess a fee for the cost of holding such tax sales and these fees may be made a part of the property lien; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes such an amendment to establish fees is in the best interest of the Township and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 115 entitled "Fees" be amended to include a new section as follows:

SECTION I

§ 115-16. Tax Sale Fees

When holding Tax Sales, the Township shall charge \$25 for each mailing of notice to the subject property owner of each sale. This fee shall be payable and collected beginning the 50th calendar day prior to the date of sale, and in the case of an accelerated tax sale, the fee shall be payable and collected beginning on the 11th day of the eleventh month of the current fiscal year. If unpaid prior to the tax sale, the fee shall form a part of the tax lien and be paid by the purchaser at the tax sale.

SECTION II

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION III

If any article, section, subsection, paragraphs, phrase or sentence is, for any reason, inconsistent with the Code of the Township of Lopatcong, or is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed severable.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

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Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Motion to adopt this Ordinance on first reading by Mayor Mengucci, seconded by Council President Wright. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci. NAYS: None

Lopatcong/Pohatcong Shared Service Court - Mayor Mengucci to execute Shared Municipal Court Agreement with Pohatcong.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Council President Wright, seconded by Councilman Palitto. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci. NAYS: None

R 23-165

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 six on the Consent Agenda.

- 1. Resolution Authorizing Sewer Credit on Block 107, Lot 6 in the amount of \$2,060.53 as recommended by the Sewer Appeal Board.
- 2. Resolution Approve Disabled Veteran Exemption on Block 85.05, Lot 3.
- 3. Resolution Approve fireworks for Phillipsburg School District for November 22, 2023.
- 4. Resolution Mayor Mengucci to execute renewal of Animal Control Shared Services Agreement.
- 5. Resolution Transfer of Appropriations of 2023 Budget during the last two months of the year in the amount of \$46,200.00.
- 6. Resolution Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-049 in the amount of \$7,092.69, Premium \$100.00 on Block 117, Lot 9.

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, November 1, 2023.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 23-166 - – Authorizing Sewer Credit on Block 107, Lot 6 in the amount of \$2,060.53 as recommended by the Sewer Appeal Board.

R 23-166

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING SEWER CREDIT ON BLOCK 107, LOT 6 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,060.53

WHEREAS, the Sewer Appeal Board heard a matter on October 18, 2023 wherein the property owner of Block 107, Lot 6; 11 Buckley Hill Drive documented a leak from the hose connecting to the washing machine; and

WHEREAS, a credit was given by Aqua New Jersey based on 85,683.5 gallons; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer Appeal Board determined that a total gallons credit would be in the amount of 95,616.5 amounting to \$2060.53.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey upholding the Sewer Appeal Board's decision to provide a credit of \$2060.53 to owners of Block 107, Lot 6 due to a leak from the hose of the washing machine.

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, November 1, 2023.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 23-167 - Approve Disabled Veteran Exemption on Block 85.05, Lot 3.

R23-167

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING 100% DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION ON BLOCK 85.05, LOT 3 KNOWN AS 15 SYLVIA STREET

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has approved a Disabled Veteran Exemption to the property owner of Block 85.05, Lot3 as of 10/13/2023; and

WHEREAS, if the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong agree with the above effective date, the 4th Quarter 2023 property taxes will be partially credited in the amount of \$2,062.92 as well as cancelling taxes for 2024 due to the exempt status.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong on this 1st day of November 2023 that the above referenced property is tax exempt and the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to make the necessary adjustment to reflect this.

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, November 1, 2023.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 23-168 – Approve fireworks for Phillipsburg School District for November 22, 2023.

R 23-168

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS OF THE 2023 LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET DURING THE LAST TWO MONTHS OF THE YEAR AS PER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to expend an amount in excess of the respective items appropriated in the 2023 Lopatcong Township Municipal Operating Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as per N.J.S.A. 4-58 that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong authorize the Chief Financial Officer to make the following appropriation transfers:

FROM:		TO:	
Mun Clerk S&W	\$ 3,000.00	Tax Assessor S&W	\$ 6,500.00
Bldg& Grounds OE	\$ 10,000.00	Postage OE	\$ 3,500.00
Parks & Playgrd OE	\$ 15,000.00	Mun Clerk OE	\$ 3,000.00
Tax Assessor OE	\$ 6,500.00	Computer Svcs OE	\$ 5,000.00
Administration OE	\$ 3,500.00	Engineering OE	\$ 5,000.00
Road Dept OE	\$ 5,000.00	Bldg Sub-Code S&W	\$ 9,000.00
Legal OE	\$ 3,200.00	Shade Tree S&W	\$ 1,200.00
		Social Security OE	\$ 5,000.00
		Uniform Fire S&W	\$ 3,000.00
		Road Dept S&W	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$46,200.00	Total	\$ 46,200.00

CURRENT FUND:

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk for the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Animal Control Shared Service Agreement – Mayor Mengucci to execute renewal of Animal Control Shared Services Agreement with Washington Boro.

Resolution No. 23-169 – Transfer of Appropriations of 2023 Budget during the last two months of the year in the amount of \$46,200.00.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS OF THE 2023 LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET DURING THE LAST TWO MONTHS OF THE YEAR AS PER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

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Administration OE	\$ 3,500.00	Engineering OE	\$ 5,000.00
Road Dept OE	\$ 5,000.00	Bldg Sub-Code S&W	\$ 9,000.00
Legal OE	\$ 3,200.00	Shade Tree S&W	\$ 1,200.00
		Social Security OE	\$ 5,000.00
		Uniform Fire S&W	\$ 3,000.00
		Road Dept S&W	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$46,200.00	Total	\$ 46,200.00

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk for the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. **Resolution No. 23-170**– Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-049 in the amount of \$7,092.69, Premium \$100.00 on Block 117, Lot 9.

R 23-170

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 2020-049 ON BLOCK 117, LOT 9

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 29, 2020, a lien was sold on Block 117, Lot 9 also known as Stonehenge Drive for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-049 was sold to ProCap8 FBO Firstrust Bank; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2023, the Certificate No. 2020-049 has been satisfied in the amount of \$7,092.69, Premium \$100.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 1st day of November 2023, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$7,092.69, Premium \$100.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2020-049 to:

ProCap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank P.O. Box 774 Fort Washington, PA 19034-0774

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk for the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Council Reports:

Councilman Belcaro – No report.

Councilman Palitto – No report.

Council President Wright – Truck traffic at Twilight and the old Cooper's has been good and the Zoning Officer had them back in court on the 17th where they were fined again. The Chief of Police and the Officers have been pulling over trucks on Belvidere Road and Red School Lane frequently he reported.

Mayor Mengucci – Confirmed the signs were ordered and when they would be installed with Brian Weeks. No incidents were reported with Trick or Treat.

Report of the Engineer – Received a grant from the Department of Transportation to improve Stonehenge Drive from Buckley Hill to Red School Lane in the amount of \$137,000.00. He also noted that he looked into K&S Trucking and confirmed truck parking was allowed and documented in the Planning Board Resolution of 2018. He will be following up with the property owner on other matters of improvements that were not completed as yet.

Report from Chief of Police - Provided an update on the OEM regarding Lows Hollow Road and Fox Farm Road. There is a site inspection scheduled for next week. Next month there will be more information to report on. Gave the monthly traffic report which is on file in the Clerk's

Office.

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

Approve Payment of Bills – Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilman Palitto. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Council President Wright, Mayor Mengucci. NAYS: None

Public Comment – 5-minutes

Robert Bruce – Harwich Road – Confirmed the pool/park cost. Asked if the township attorney can draft a letter to the businesses along Strykers Road informing them of the parking of tractor trailers illegally. Attorney Baldwin will take a look into this.

Robyn George - Raleigh Court – Asked about the tree plan for the park and future opportunities for grants. Wanted to confirm the playground is included. Asked about the weight room.

John Kecherson -38 Jade Lane - Truck traffic look at all areas where they are parking and enforcement. Asked the budget ceiling number for the park -15 million. Asked for an update on Belview where there were trucks parked.

John Betz – Brakeley Gardens – Rent Control Leases – mentioned what they are being charged for.

Donna Schneider -26 Meadowview - Asked about the field behind her home about any applications for development. Asked about the truck fines and where it all ends up. Asked about changing the ordinance regarding the fines.

Court Recorder – Recorder was turned off due to speaker static.

Joe DiMassi - 254 Lows Hollow Road – Addressed Council about his drainage problems on his property he thought due to pipes collapsing that had been installed by the Township. Engineer Sterbenz will take a look at his property.

Matt Johnson – 1103 Belvidere Road – Asked about the park plans and phases.

Amanda Jessamine – 12ll Belvidere Road – Discussed her opinions on the park renovations Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Council President Wright. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC Clerk/Administrator James E. Mengucci Mayor