

**WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS WAS
HELD THIS EVENING IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Monday, June 12, 2017

Council President Anthony Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following members present: Marc Benitez, Maria Cordonnier, William Liess, and Chris Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joe Wenzel, Township Engineer Dennis Lindsay, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia, and Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Absent: None

Township Employees present: DPW Superintendent Philip Simone, Police Chief Steve Post, Passaic County Sheriff Richard Berdnik, Sgt. OEM Coordinator Daniel Gianduso, Sgt. James Briggs, Sgt. Jason Presing, Cpl. Danielle Strothers, Cpl. John Moncato, Ptrlm. Ryan Hoyt, and Probationary Ptrlm. Louis Racanelli

Following the Salute to the Flag, the Statement of Public Notice was read.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: Take notice that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 as follows: A notice of the meeting was prominently posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, located at 225 Main Street, Little Falls, N.J. on January 3, 2017; a copy of the notice was faxed to the North Jersey Herald and News and The Record on the same date. Additionally, a copy of the notice was filed in the office of the Township Clerk on said date.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER LOUIS RACANELLI – At this time Mayor Damiano swore in probationary Patrolman Louis Racanelli.

PRESENTATION OF SHERIFF BERNIK – Passaic County Sheriff Richard Berdnik was presented with a plaque at this time.

PROCLAMATION HONORING THE ART STUDENTS OF THE LITTLE FALLS SCHOOLS – At this time, Mayor Damiano invited art students from Little Falls to accept a Proclamation in their honor.

Councilmember SGOBBA then announced the Council would take a five minute recess.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL MATTERS

It was moved by Councilmember Liess, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was opened to the public.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Tricia Toomey, 139 Wilmore Road, thanked the Mayor and Council for passing the resolution pertaining to the NJ Library Construction Bond Act. Ms. Toomey provided details of the resolution and its potential benefits.

John Veteri, 133 Prospect Street, thanked the Mayor, Council and DPW for their cooperation with the fifth Annual Passaic River Beautification Day. He commented on the success of a reforested lot between Louis and William Street and maintaining upkeep on Woodcliffe Ave.

Raymond Kostroski, 170 Donato Drive, reiterated an issue he raised at a previous Council meeting regarding property maintenance at two different sites on Wilmore Road and Long Hill Road. Council President SGOBBA assured Mr. Kostroski that the issue will be reviewed.

Arnold Korotkin, 181 Long Hill Road, acknowledged the Technology Committee is in the process of updating the Township website, however, he requested the website include regular and summer hours of operation for all municipal offices, as well as on the Township Facebook page.

Mr. Korotkin reiterated a request made at the previous two meetings regarding the inclusion of hyperlinks on the Council Meeting online Agenda to enable residents to preview and prepare for a future meeting.

Councilmember VANCHERI commented that the summer hours will be posted. Mr. Cuccia stated that the website did include a continuous document that contained all of the resolutions and ordinances attached to tonight's Agenda.

Michael Martinello, 25 Maple Street, questioned whether a guard rail or other safety measure would be installed near the new construction on Main Street, such that ongoing traffic does not go onto his residence.

Mayor DAMIANO recalled Planning Board meetings where this property was reviewed, noting traffic studies and traffic flow concerns were expressed and considered. However, the Mayor could not provide specifics of the site plan. Council President SGOBBA stated Mr. Martinello's concerns will be forwarded to the Planning Board and encouraged Mr. Martinello to attend the Planning Board Meeting. Mr. Martinello also raised issues regarding the scheduling of refuse pick up at his residence. Council President SGOBBA stated the Council will investigate his concern.

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It was moved by Councilmember Liess, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was closed to the public.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS:

Council AD-Hoc Committees:

Domestic Violence Committee - Council President appoints
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (1) Jacqueline Truland

Open Space Committee - Council President appoints
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (1) Anne Kahwaty

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that Patricia Toomey be appointed to the Little Falls Library Board for a five year term expiring May 31, 2022.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Council President SGOBBA announced the Township is fortunate to have Ms. Toomey on the Little Falls Library Board.

Council President SGOBBA explained the Agenda items pertaining the Committee appointments by the Council President.

RESOLUTIONS

It was moved by Councilmember Benitez, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION [A] 17-06-12 - #1
TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY**

Resolution Re: Authorizing the Township of Little Falls Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994, C. 72

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls' 2017 tax rate has not been certified; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector will be unable to mail the Township's 2017 tax bills on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, the Little Falls Tax Collector in consultation with the Little Falls Chief Financial Officer has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and they have both signed a certification summarizing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the estimated tax levies for the 2017 calendar year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey on this 12th day of June 2017 as follows:

1. The Township of Little Falls Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Township for the third installment of 2017 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as are permitted and required by L. 1994, c.72 (N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and 54.4-66.3).
2. The estimated calendar year tax levy for 2017 is hereby calculated at \$47,581,673. The maximum amount that the Township will utilize in the preparation of the 2017 estimated tax bills is within the permissive range of 95% and 105% of the 2016 calendar year tax levy.
3. In accordance with New Jersey Statutes, the third installment of 2017 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10th or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

**RESOLUTION [B] 17-06-12 - #2
ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDED CONTRACT FOR
PATERSON AVENUE FIELD LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertising duly made, proposals were received by the Township of Little Falls on May 10, 2017 for Paterson Avenue Field Lighting Improvements, and the proposals were opened and read publicly as follows:

Quality Electrical
Hazlet, NJ
Bid: Metal Halide - \$439,000.00; LED - \$506,000.00

Fai-Gon Electric
Piscataway, NJ
Bid: Metal Halide - \$568,000.00; LED - \$660,000.00

and, **WHEREAS**, the Engineer has reviewed the bids for technical sufficiency and the Township Attorney has reviewed the bids for legal sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the award is subject to the Availability of Funds and certification of same in the 2017 budget; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls as follows:

1. That the bid of

Quality Electrical
290 Laurel Avenue
Hazlet, NJ 07730

in the amount of

\$506,000.00

be and the same is hereby accepted; and

2) That the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute a Contract in a form approved by the Township Attorney for the designated services at the bid price hereinabove cited, subject to the successful Contractor's filing the required form of Affirmative Action compliance and Payroll Certification for Public Works Projects; and

3) That the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to return to the unsuccessful bidder(s) any Certified checks and/or Bid Bonds received from them as surety, with the exception of the surety received from the second-lowest bidder, which shall be retained for a period

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not to exceed sixty (60) days or until a contract in a form satisfactory to the Township Attorney shall have been executed with the low bidder, whichever shall come first.

**RESOLUTION [C] 17-06-12 - #3
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE
PASSAIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK LEASE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, Passaic Valley High School has a need to make improvements to its track; and
WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls has available grant funding from the Passaic County Open Space, Recreation and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Capital Redevelopment and Rehabilitation Projects Program; and
WHEREAS, Passaic Valley High School desires to provide recreational opportunities to the Township of Little Falls and the general public; and
WHEREAS, the parties have determined that through joint efforts, various recreation/conservation improvements and facilities may be constructed at a facility to be known as the Passaic Valley High School Track.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a lease agreement with the Passaic Valley Regional High School Board of Education for the use of its track.

**RESOLUTION [D] 17-06-12 - #4
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING
AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and
WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchases of goods and services;
WHEREAS, on June 12, 2017 the governing body of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Little Falls.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Councilmember VANCHERI questioned whether commencement and/or completion dates have been established with regard to Resolution B. Mr. Lindsay responded that the timing of the project will be stipulated within the contract to accommodate recreation and athletic activities. Council President SGOBBA requested Mr. Lindsay comment on the difference between the two bids received. Mr. Lindsay elaborated on the bidding process and noted that the bids received were competitive.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1294 - It was moved by Councilmember Benitez, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the public hearing of Ordinance No. 1294, "**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE SECTION 143 ENTITLED 'PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES,'**" be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

No one further having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Benitez, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the public hearing on the Ordinance No. 1294 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Benitez, that the Ordinance No. 1294 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1295 – It was moved by Councilmember Benitez, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the public hearing of Ordinance No. 1295, "**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$225,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE**

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ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS,” be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Arnold Koroktin, 181 Long Hill Road, expressed concern regarding the development of Ordinance No. 1295. Specifically, Mr. Korotkin requested the Council vote no with respect to the purchase of the property on 60 Stanley Street until such time there is public involvement in development of a parking plan for the central business district and a public hearing for such.

Mr. Wenzel clarified that Ordinance No. 1295, should it be approved, only authorizes issuance of a bond not the purchase of a property.

Mr. Korotkin referred to syntax within the Ordinance No. 1295 that stated “acquired,” indicating intent to do something with said funds. Mr. Wenzel stated that a purchase would be intended at some later point. Mr. Korotkin requested the public be notified when consideration of a purchase might occur, to which Council President SGOBBA responded that the public would be notified. Council President SGOBBA underscored that the ordinance is setting up the mechanism for a possible purchase.

No one further having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the public hearing on the Ordinance No. 1295 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the Ordinance No. 1295 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1296-It was moved by Councilmember Benitez, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of June 26, 2017 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
ORDINANCE NO. 1296**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
TO AMEND CHAPTER 7 (TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, the current Municipal Code contains certain provisions for the types of allowed parking on various municipal owned locations include the former Township Municipal Building site; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Code sets forth parking regulations on the site which sets forth the time and manner of parking as well as such spaces being limited to those with permits; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Code further authorizes that space on the site may be reserved for various types of municipal vehicles and/or officials; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that such a designation has the unintended consequence of disallowing public employees of the Little Falls Public Library from parking on site because they are driving personal vehicles and not municipally owned vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has found it proper to amend the language of the Code to more accurately reflect the true intent of the regulation to permit municipal or library employees to use the spaces at the site;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, that Chapter 7, Traffic, of the Code of the Township of Little Falls, is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

§7-40.10: “Civic Center and 35 Stevens Avenue Parking Lots.”

A. *No Change*

B (1)-(7). *No Change*

B (8). The Township may reserve parking spaces for ~~various types of municipal vehicles and/or officials~~ municipal or library employees. Such reserved spaces shall be prominently identified. Only ~~authorized~~ vehicles driven by municipal or library employees may be parked in such reserved spaces; all other vehicles will be subject to ticketing and towing at owner's expense.

C. *No Change*

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

ADMINISTRATOR:

1. TRUCK ROUTE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Mr. Cuccia announced an amendment to the Truck ordinance reflecting feedback from the County will be presented at the Regular Meeting on June 26, 2017.
2. PERSONNEL MANUAL ANNUAL UPDATE – Mr. Cuccia explained the update to the Personnel Manual was driven by the Joint Insurance Fund and cases experienced throughout the year. Most changes were related to personnel policy and employment practice. Mr. Cuccia requested the Council to move the update by resolution at the June 26, 2017 Regular Meeting.

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3. TAX REFUND RESOLUTIONS – Mr. Cuccia stated tax refund resolution will be presented at the June 26, 2017 Regular Meeting.
4. CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTIONS – Mr. Cuccia announced two Chapter 159 resolutions will be presented at the June 26, 2017 Regular Meeting. Mr. Cuccia elaborated that Chapter 159 resolutions are the manner in which the Township amends the budget based upon the receipt of grants after budget adoption.
5. PECKMAN RIVER GAUGES – Mr. Cuccia reported that to date, two gauges have been installed and information is being received. Installation of gauges at the Route 46 bridge and Cedar Grove locations are pending.
6. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO RE-AUTHORIZE AND EXTEND THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM– Mr. Cuccia requested the Council’s consideration to support legislative action which Congress is debating whether or not to reinstitute. Mr. Cuccia noted support would be appreciated as many individuals in the Township are involved in the program. The resolution will be presented at the June 26, 2017 Regular Meeting.
7. REPORT OF BIDS RECEIVED FOR FEMA 2015 FMA & NJDEP– Mr. Cuccia indicated the Township has received bids for three of the five requested items. Advertisements have been sent out to seek bids for the remaining areas. Mr. Cuccia anticipated presenting results of all five items at the next Regular Meeting, requesting the Council award to the lowest bidder.

TOWNSHIP CLERK:

2. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS – Mrs. Kraus stated the liquor license renewals are standard procedure that come up every year. The Councilmembers will receive a list of licensees to be renewed prior to the next Council meeting.
3. LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER – Mrs. Kraus explained that the liquor license transfer is to be approved at the June 26, 2017 Regular Meeting.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT

1. PARKING RESTRICTIONS – Mr. Simone reviewed several areas of parking in the Township. Documents of each were provided to Council. Mr. Simone first addressed the next round of streets that fell within guidelines the Township established to regulate parking on Township streets. The following streets were measured: Notch Croft Drive, Crestmont Road, Birch Road, Hemlock Road, High Court, and Overlook Avenue. Mr Simone indicated the only street that will require one side of the street parking is Overlook Avenue, from Hemlock Road to the dead end. Mr. Simone’s letter to the Council included his recommendation to prohibit parking on the northeast side of the roadway where a rock wall is located.

Mr. Simone explained Lower Notch Road is governed under 7-11, 7-13, and 7-14 in the Code Book, which contain contradictions. Mr. Simone recalled previous discussion regarding parking on Lower Notch Road and summoned the Council for justification on how to manage parking on Lower Notch Road. Council President SGOBBA stated Lower Notch Road needs to be addressed.

Mr. Simone then addressed overnight parking on Crestmont Road. Mr. Simone referenced the Code Book Article 5, Overnight Parking Section 7-77 Ordinance No. 979 and stated there is no overnight parking allowed in the Township. Mr. Simone recalled Chief Dmuchowski suspended overnight parking during the last major flood in 2011, with Council and Mayor approval by resolution. However, there has been no action since then. He requested direction from Counsel. Mr. Wenzel instructed that an ordinance cannot be repealed by resolution, and that he will review the matter and report back at the next Council meeting.

At this time, Mr. Simone presented Ordinance No. 1268 which was completed last year but not passed as changes were made. He specified that there should be no parking on Browertown Road and sections 7-10, 7-11, 7-12, and 7-13, have to be amended when this ordinance is changed. He further instructed that ordinances currently in place will require modification as well. Mr. Simone will make modifications for presentation to Council. Council President SGOBBA requested the Council have time for review and to advise Mr. Simone on what direction to take.

2. ROAD MORATORIUM – Mr. Simone explained the purpose of a road moratorium, such that once a road is paved, the Township may institute a time limit until the road can be opened. Mr. Simone announced he received a request from PSE&G to open up Morningside Circle, which was recently completed. Mr. Lindsay indicated a road moratorium would exempt emergencies, however would apply to discretionary work. The proposed road moratorium for the Township would designate the decision to Public Works Department, which would have established parameters. Mr. Lindsay discussed standards by which an opened road must then be repaired. Councilmember CORDONNIER requested clarification on how the specific request being presented by the resident on the Morningside Circle would be handled. Mr. Lindsay noted the proposed road moratorium was modeled after the County’s procedure. Mr. Simone added that the residents on Morningside Circle were given advance notice of roadway work. With the moratorium in place, advance notice would be given to residents to do any work before the Township completes paving. Mr. Lindsay acknowledged that five years is a long time and it is an issue the Township may have to deal with. Councilmember CORDONNIER queried whether letters could be sent to residents moving forward regarding the moratorium so they have the opportunity to make changes. Councilmember VANCHERI raised the issue of how a change of home ownership may present an issue. Council President SGOBBA stated the moratorium pertains more as to how the road is repaired if work must be performed. Council President SGOBBA requested Ms. Kraus forward the information to the Council for review. The Mayor stated it is important to review all the information submitted by Mr. Simone and Mr. Lindsay, and to develop a comprehensive plan to protect the infrastructure while not inconveniencing the public.

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TOWNSHIP ENGINEER:

1. CRANE STREET IMPROVEMENTS – Mr. Lindsay provided an overview of the Crane Street project. A preliminary plan was prepared and presented to residents to gain feedback, which was followed by project design. Mr. Lindsay noted the job was put on hold due to financing issues with the Transportation Fund Act. However, now that the issues are resolved the project can again proceed. Bids are to be received on June 21, 2017 and Mr. Lindsay will report bids received to the Council. Mr. Lindsay added that the project is being supported with a \$215,000 grant from Municipal Aid.

COUNCIL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember BENITEZ reported the Domestic Violence Prevention Committee has identified resources to utilize and expand on the literature given to the community. Through some research, the Committee has discovered funds were allocated to the Committee, and will apply the funds to create some new literature. Councilmember Benitez concluded his report by thanking Chief Post for his assistance with the Committee.

Councilmember VANCHERI reported the Technology Committee met with the vendor to discuss the Township website layout, and is in the process of developing the draft layout. Councilmember VANCHERI stated his plans to meet with the Committee, Mayor, and Business Administrator to initiate the next step of setting up web pages. Councilmember VANCHERI requested all Councilmembers send him mission statements, links and resources, pertaining to their assigned Committees. Councilmember VANCHERI projected project completion towards the end of the summer. In reference to the Wildlife Committee, Councilmember VANCHERI reported meeting with the Animal Protection League to glean ideas. The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife also plans to meet with the Committee. Additionally, the Committee has had discussions with other towns as to how to manage wildlife and Councilmember Vancheri has contacted the County to determine whether the County has any plans. Discussion with Mr. Simone has occurred to move ahead with signage in high traffic areas; the specific placement of signs remains to be worked out. Lastly, Councilmember VANCHERI reiterated a plan to utilize a local resident's dog to rid geese.

Councilmember CORDONNIER discussed the success of the Block Party sponsored by the Business Association and thanked the Mayor, Mr. Simone, the DPW, Chief Post and the members of the Police Department for their support. As school Liaison, she and Superintendent Marinelli attended a Morris County school which focused on a stigma free environment. Councilmember CORDONNIER stated she and Superintendent Marinelli will be meeting with the Mayor to create an ongoing program, as well as designating the month of October as stigma free, in association with the Municipal Alliance. Councilmember CORDONNIER applauded the success of the art show and how beneficial collaborating with the schools is for our children. Regarding the Transportation Committee, she met with Chief Post to address traffic and safety initiatives. Chief Post's input will be incorporated into a follow-up with a meeting with Mayor, Mr. Simone and Mr. Cuccia, and ultimately the County as many of the initiatives correspond with County roads.

Councilmember LIESS thanked all the individuals, organizations, Police Department, DPW, and the efforts of Councilmember VANCHERI to produce a successful parade. Councilmember LIESS reported the Senior Advisory Board will convene tomorrow to plan events for the fall.

Mr. Cuccia informed the Council a request was received from NFG TV Incorporated, doing business as Eastern, to film in Morris Canal Park. Mr. Cuccia referred to the Township's Film Ordinance, indicated all documents appear to be in order, and that the company has paid their fee. The group plans on filming on the 14th and 15th of June in between the meetings, therefore, Mr. Cuccia requested Council to authorize moving ahead, with ratification at the next meeting. Council President SGOBBA instructed Mr. Cuccia to move forward with the request.

Council President SGOBBA stated in light of the hot weather forecasted, residents that need help with heat related issues should contact the Police Department. The Police Department can then direct callers to cooling stations or provide other assistance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was opened to the public.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Raymond Kostroski, 170 Donato Drive, requested if the Township can request PSE&G bring gas in lines ahead of time to those homes that want it prior to a moratorium.

John Veteri, 133 Prospect Street, discussed a request he brought to the County to have two roads paved at time instead of five or six. He received a response from the County that they cannot do it in that manner. Mr. Veteri questioned whether the Township could do anything.

Mr. Veteri also discussed overnight parking and encouraged bringing it back. He felt it is a way to vet out illegal apartments and would restore law and order.

Mr. Veteri raised the issue of septic stating there are still houses in the Township on septic systems. Mr. Veteri expressed that getting homes off septic systems is a good idea, especially in consideration of the work planned for Lindsley Road.

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Steve Martell, 23 Crane Street, raised the issue of sidewalks on Crane Street. Mr. Martell commented that the sidewalks dead end on each side and do not serve a purpose. He indicated the residents have been attempting to get curbs for years, and that curbs would be more suitable.

No one further having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Liess, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was closed to the public.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Benitez, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk