



Mayor and Common Council Borough of Flemington

October 28, 2013

Council Meeting Room

I. Work Session Agenda 7:00 PM Start

1. DISCUSSION: REVERSE ENERGY AUCTIONS (EDWARDS)

Mayor Edwards gave a brief overview of the information she has gathered concerning reverse energy auctions. Ms. Edwards informed moving the Borough to this type of energy purchasing program could benefit the taxpayer.

Ms. Edwards explained the process, stating the company would compile an aggregate of the Borough's electric bills, put them out to utility suppliers for auction then select the lowest bidder. Ms. Edwards said the Borough could choose a company that works only with municipal utilities, such as Emex Power, or use a company that would extend their service to the whole community. Ms. Edwards added that Emex Power is also certified to purchase natural gas as well.

Councilman Novick asked if the Borough would be locked into a contract.

Mayor Edwards replied yes, this is how it works.

Councilman Greiner inquired what exactly is auctioned.

Mayor Edwards explained the Borough's current utility company maintains the infrastructure, while the actual energy purchased is auctioned off.

Council President Velella asked if billing would change.

Mayor Edwards said no, it would still be JCP&L.

Mr. Novick asked if including residents in this process would create any exposure to the Borough administration.

Mayor Edwards said this is a question that would be asked if Council decides to bring these companies in for presentations. Ms. Edwards said that tonight she is asking Council if they would like to pursue this option. Ms. Edwards said she would like to make an informed decision by the start of 2014.

Mr. Velella suggested Council speak with other municipalities who use this program. Mr. Velella added the savings also need to be meaningful to justify the administrative costs.

Everyone agreed.

Mr. Greiner informed these programs are usually hedge plays, where the buyer is banking on a savings if the price goes up. Mr. Greiner said a key question is - "How deep are the companies' pockets?", and can they cover a large price increase. Mr. Greiner added that one positive is stability, because the buyer is not subject to fluctuations in the market.

Mr. Novick informed that the League of Municipalities may have an objective list of current users.

Councilman Gorman said he had previously spoken with former Councilman Hain about this subject.

Mr. Velella said it is important to not put the town into any risk.

All agreed it would be beneficial to look into this energy option.

2. UPDATE: GOOD NEIGHBOR ORDINANCE (SWINGLE)

Council Vice President Swingle addressed a recent question brought up by Councilman Novick regarding the Good Neighbor Ordinance and concerns for victims of domestic violence.

Mr. Swingle stated Borough Attorney Goodman had looked into an article out of Norristown, PA concerning an individual who filed suit claiming the Ordinance "cooled" her to seek police aid. Mr. Swingle informed the PA Ordinance, specifically used in towns such as Norristown and Rochester, states that 3 calls to the police in one month may result in eviction from the rental unit. Mr. Swingle said that he and Mr. Goodman agree that this action violates an individual's due process rights, adding this is a "profound thing to do". Mr. Swingle said the American Sociological Review often references these two towns in regard to lawsuits on this issue.

In conclusion, Mr. Swingle informed the PA law is very dissimilar to that of NJ:

1. NJ requires two 2C convictions (not 3 calls to police)
2. NJ does not require/seek a bond or eviction

Mr. Swingle added the Borough is fairly well protected, with many levels of discretion in place.

Mr. Swingle also noted that Norristown has since pulled this Ordinance but the lawsuit is still pending.

Council President Velella inquired where we are in the process of the State mandate.

Mr. Swingle said he is working with members of the legislative district, stating he had written an amendment which they are now reviewing. Mr. Swingle said this amendment would shield the victim from eviction if he/she is the sole lease holder. Mr. Swingle informed he has also included an amendment to change the landlord description to classify apartments by blocks and/or proximity.

Councilman Novick said it is important to get the right information to the public, stating the editor of the Hunterdon County Democrat needs to properly articulate the perception of the Ordinance. Mr. Novick also said there should be an article in an upcoming Borough newsletter addressing this issue. Mr. Novick added a tenant has no fundamental right to be in an apartment, stating it is at the landlord's discretion to renew the lease. Mr. Novick said that if the landlord feels the tenant has called the police too many times, it's his choice to not renew.

Mr. Velella added it is very important to make sure the victim is protected. Mr. Velella said Social Services should be informed and educated concerning the GNO.

Mr. Swingle added groups that deal with domestic violence, such as SAFE in Hunterdon, should also be included.

Mr. Novick said he agrees with Mr. Velella and Mr. Swingle, stating perception can become reality without the proper information.

3. Motion To: Motion to Adjourn the Work Session

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Gorman, Councilman
SECONDER:	Phil Velella, Council President
AYES:	Swingle, Velella, Fine, Gorman, Novick, Greiner

II. Regular Meeting Agenda 7:30 PM Start

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Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brian Swingle	Council Vice President	Present	
Phil Velella	Council President	Present	
Dorothy Fine	Councilwoman	Present	
John Gorman	Councilman	Present	
Joey Novick	Councilman	Present	
Phil Greiner	Councilman	Present	

Erica Edwards	Mayor	Present	
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4. UPDATE ON PROGRESS AND INTRODUCTION OF 2014 BUDGET: FLEMINGTON BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (ROBERT BENJAMIN, BOARD CHAIRMAN AND MEGAN JONES-HOLT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR) (UP TO A MAXIMUM OF APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES)

FBID Board President Robert Benjamin introduced the current Board members and also Mr. Fred Ferrari, who is not on the Board, but has been aiding with the strategic plan.

Mr. Benjamin started his presentation by reminding that 54% of Borough taxes are paid by commercial property owners, and with Council's help, bringing in more businesses and current business expansions will help lighten the load on residents.

Mr. Benjamin said he knows that there are naysayers out there asserting the FBID is not doing enough, noting these same people also say Council is not either. Mr. Benjamin stated that we need to ignore them and work together, following the same path as Somerville, Red Bank, and Westfield, who have succeeded in revitalizing their towns. Mr. Benjamin added the FBID is executing this nicely and at a faster pace than those other towns.

Mr. Benjamin listed the steps that have been taken so far:

1. Create the Board
2. Define the roles
3. File for 501c3
4. Clean up areas in need
5. Hire Professionals - planners, branding experts, etc.
6. Promote the town
7. Create a streetscape plan
8. Maintain transparency

Mr. Benjamin informed this is a proven model for success.

Mr. Benjamin also listed some recent projects:

1. Purchased new chimes for the clock
2. Aided in the purchase of bikes for the new Police Bike Patrol
3. Annual Turkey Trot
4. Girls on the Run
5. Union Hotel project
6. Streetscape plan
7. Working with Borough Property Maintenance Official Tirpok to improve business store fronts

8. Safety lighting
9. Took over the banner program - adding they are getting proposals for a pulley system
10. Placing signs in empty store fronts
11. Working on a marketing campaign
12. Started a Restaurant Association
13. Working on a careful review of 90-100 Main Street
14. Completed a successful audit
15. Completed a parking survey - looking into color coded signage
16. Car shows - which are 100% privately funded
17. Planter program
18. Working to renew the lease on their office space.
19. Attended the Freeholder meeting requesting financial support, as Flemington is the County seat
20. Working on the strategic plan
21. Working on branding
22. Hired new Director Megan Holt
23. Devised an election structure
24. Working hard on communication
25. Held their first Street Fair - which had attendance over 25,000

Executive Director Megan Holt reiterated many of Mr. Benjamin's statements, and gave some additional insight into the FBID process.

Ms. Holt reminded of the FBID Mission Statement :

Recruitment, Retention, Revitalization

Ms. Holt informed a company has been hired to aid in strategic planning, adding this is a long term process, so results are hard for many people to see. Ms. Holt noted a public workshop is being planned.

Ms. Holt spoke of upcoming events being sponsored by the FBID:

1. Free cultural events - such as a jazz concert being held at the Courthouse on the first Thursday in November
2. Restaurant Week
3. Santa at various areas around the Borough
4. Mummers at the Christmas parade
5. Business workshops - ways to increase business, bringing the store outside

Concerning recruitment, Ms. Holt said the FBID is putting a link on their website to showcase vacant properties in town.

Ms. Holt noted plans are to make the website more consumer friendly, which will increase communication.

Ms. Holt informed the FBID had taken out a booth at the recent Business Expo bringing businesses that could not afford a booth of their own.

Ms. Holt said the FBID is looking at the Borough sign Ordinance at the Mayors request.

Councilmen Greiner and Novick commended the FBID on their great work.

Council Vice President Swingle added he would like to work with the FBID to not duplicate information between the Borough website and theirs.

Mr. Novick suggested the FBID coordinate some events to benefit local charities, noting it's a win-win situation all around.

Mayor Edwards reminded there would be a public hearing concerning the 2014 FBID budget on December 9th.

Ms. Holt asked that Council please take a look and come to the FBID with any questions.

Council President Velella suggested the possibility of meetings with smaller groups of Council to answer any questions they may have.

Attorney Goodman discouraged sub-meetings, stating the open public meeting is best.

Mr. Velella asked if questions may be submitted to the FBID prior to this meeting.

Mr. Goodman said that would be fine.

Ms. Holt gave an overview of the proposed budget, which is included in these minutes.

Ms. Holt stated the bottom line - the more the FBID can do, the more successful they can be. Ms. Holt then asked for Council's support of the budget.

Councilman Greiner, referencing the proposed branding process, stated he would be more in favor of trying out new things in the Borough and letting the brand emerge based on results, not forcing it.

Council thanked Mr. Benjamin and Ms. Holt for all their hard work.

5. RESOLUTION 2013-176: FIRST READING: APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE FLEMINGTON BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2014

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Phil Velella, Council President
SECONDER:	Phil Greiner, Councilman
AYES:	Swingle, Velella, Fine, Gorman, Novick, Greiner

6. Public Comments -- Session I (up to 3 minutes each for a maximum of approximately 30 minutes)

Robert Shore, 47 Broad Street, Resident - Advised Council to approve the 2014 FBID budget, noting, among other things, Mr. Benjamin's point concerning their work to increase business rateables, which would benefit residents in regard to taxes. Mr. Shore also asked Council to look into striping Broad Street, as cars drive down the middle. Mr. Shore also suggested painting parking lines along Main Street, noting this gives the impression that the town is being maintained.

Council President Velella informed this had already been done on some parts of Main Street, adding a schedule would be put in place to complete the rest.

Mr. Shore inquired about the progress with the Hunter Hills issue.

Mayor Edwards informed she would speak to this in her report.

Elaine Gorman, 34 New York Avenue, Liaison Tri Centennial Committee - gave an update on upcoming events.

Tricentennial Report October 26, 2013

1. Website---www.hunterdon300th.org
2. Art in the Country---November ~~16~~ 2013, 3 to 6 p.m.--- a fundraiser---\$50.00 per person
At the historic home of Dan Campanelli, he is selling his signed original artwork.
Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. I have invitations.
3. Choir School---Open every Saturday from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. For Sale:
Blankets, bowls, shirts, pins, magnets etc.
4. Commemorative Magazine---We need articles and photos. Due by Thanksgiving.
5. Brick Project---December 1, 2013 kick-off at the Main Branch of the County Library
Donor bricks to renovate the outdoor reading area \$100.00 each or 4 for \$300.00.
6. Poster Calendar---available in January. All events will be listed. Dan Campanelli is designing
it with some of his artwork.
7. Hunterdon in My Heart---pictorial of the County
Book signings---December 14, 2013---Red Mill---1:00 to 4:00p.m.
December 15, 2013---Choir School---1:00 to 4:00p.m.

**SAMUEL FLEMING HOUSE
MUSEUM & GARDEN**
PRESENTS

"Get a History Lesson from Your Home"

**Presented by Suzanne Bennett
County Clerk's Office, Hall of Records**



**November 9
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**The House Museum and Garden Open
for Tours 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**#5 BONNELL STREET FLEMINGTON
(908) 782-4607**

Tony Previte, 45 North Main Street - Noted he is excited to hear all the FBID has planned for the coming year, adding he hopes their budget will be money well spent by the Borough. Mr. Previte also noted the recent changes at the corner of Old Park Avenue and North Main Street, stating he is encouraged by the aesthetics.

Council President Velella reminded the FBID budget comes from the business community, not residents.

Noelle O'Donnell, 20 Bonnell Street - Voiced concerns for landlords who have vacant units, saying they still have to pay the sewer base rate of \$500 even though no one is living there.

Mr. Velella informed the flat figure is \$405 per unit, with usage billed additionally. Mr. Velella said this fee is charged to maintain the infrastructure and support the sewer department expenses. Mr. Velella added that this new fee structure is much fairer than the prior one, had bipartisan support, and is in place with a reevaluation to be performed after one year.

Councilman Novick stated that, in theory, the owner is still paying for usage in an empty unit, but did note that in years past a single person was paying the same amount as a family of four.

Karen Giffen, 9 Highland Avenue - Asked if Broad Street would be closed on Halloween, noting an announcement on the Borough Facebook page did not list it.

Council Vice President Swingle said Broad Street would be closed.

Chris Englehart, 180 Main Street - spoke of the dumpsters between Bloomfield Avenue and Teaberry's, noting they are an eyesore. Ms. Englehart said they are very visible from the street and are rusted and overflowing. Ms. Englehart suggested they be screened, not only for aesthetics, but also for health and safety.

Mr. Velella said he would look into the matter.

Richard Higgins, 21 Bloomfield Avenue - Spoke about a recent Hunterdon County Democrat article concerning the outsourcing of aides in the school system. Mr. Higgins said the Borough should reach out to Courage to Connect, an organization that deals with school matters such as consolidation, for insight.

7. Mayor's Report (up to approximately 3 minutes)

Mayor Edwards informed that Borough Officials met with representatives of Hunter Hills Apartments regarding concerns about issues such as criminal activity and housing & fire code violations within the complex.

The Borough made it clear that these issues must be addressed immediately.

Mayor Edwards informed Hunter Hills Apartments constitutes only 16% of the 1,000 plus rental units in the Borough, but is the source of 54% of the 2C (State criminal code) violations that occur at rental properties throughout the Borough.

Ms. Edwards said she is in the process of scheduling meetings with representatives from each of the large apartment complexes, with a goal to meet all by the end of November. Ms. Edwards stated she also plans to meet with the complex residents to get their input on these issues, and to let them know the Borough is stepping up oversight.

Ms. Edwards added that the large apartment complexes are the first area of focus, but that the plan is to step up oversight and enforcement throughout the Borough to address criminal behavior and housing and fire code violations, in order to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the community at large.

Ms. Edwards informed she would be reporting on this matter at every Council meeting as these problems are confronted and resolved.

Ms. Edwards added that the owner of Hunter Hills said he doesn't like it when Borough officials' comments about Hunter Hills make the newspaper.

Ms. Edwards informed paving has been completed at William Martin Village, adding she is pleased for the residents, now that this long overdue work is being done.

Ms. Edwards informed that she, Mr. Swingle and Ms. Fine are continuing work on the noise Ordinance, with plans to have a draft ready by the end of the week that will then be circulated to Councilmembers for their review. Ms. Edwards added that they are asking the Police Department and Environmental Commission to review the draft as well.

Regarding trash and recycling issues, Ms. Edwards asked that Council forward to her any complaints they have received about our hauler, noting she is in the process of compiling information and working toward the next step in resolving the matter. Ms. Edwards stated she is hoping to have a new hauler in place by the end of the year.

Concerning the intersection of Park Avenue and North Main Street, Ms. Edwards said the Public Works Committee, Police Chief and Borough traffic and consulting engineers had met. Ms. Edwards noted the intersection has been deemed safe as there have been no reported accidents there since the start of the new traffic pattern. Ms. Edwards said she will be meeting with area residents and the owners of Steve's Store to get their input on the matter.

Ms. Edwards said she is hoping to meet this week with JCP&L concerning the lack of adequate lighting at the corner of Main and Mine Streets.

Regarding striping Borough roads, Ms. Edwards said that Main Street has already been done, and it is currently being decided what others to do before winter sets in.

Ms. Edwards informed there are only two more Council meetings scheduled for this year, November 18th and December 9th. Mayor Edwards added that just prior to the December 9th meeting the Borough will host an Open House with refreshments at 6:00 pm at Borough Hall, to say "thank you" to the community for a great year.

8. Council Members' Reports (up to approximately 3 minutes each)

Council Vice President Swingle

Council Vice President Swingle spoke of the Borough meeting with representatives of Hunter Hills, noting it was productive, yet contentious. Mr. Swingle stated there is an obvious disconnect between the Borough and the owners concerning what is going on there.

Mr. Swingle said he has been compiling data in regard to emergency calls from rental units to the police over the past 16 months as part of the GNO. Mr. Swingle restated the large majority of calls coming from Hunter Hills, 54% for all rental units in the Borough, informing these figures represent 2-c violations, such as assault, weapons, narcotics, etc. Mr. Swingle noted that Hunter Hills accounts for 13 times the 2-c summonses of the next closest complex, adding that this number is staggering.

Councilman Novick asked if these numbers represent convictions.

Mr. Swingle stated that they are summonses regarding 2-c violations.

Mayor Edwards informed the intent is to target all criminal activity throughout the Borough with immediate focus on the concentration at this apartment complex.

Moving on, Mr. Swingle said he has been working on the Borough website and Facebook page.

Mr. Swingle said he is also working to secure a meeting with Superintendent of Schools Nolan, adding he will raise the concerns Mr. Higgins had voiced earlier.

Concerning the Fire Department, Mr. Swingle said building repairs have been completed, and that recruiting is in full swing.

Mr. Swingle said the interview process has begun regarding appointments in the Police Department, and the generator installation is still pending.

Council President Velella

Council President Velella said it was good to be back, apologized for his absence at the last two Council meetings, but informed that he had been working with his assigned commissions during this time. Mr. Velella thanked the Mayor for reading his report at the last Council meeting.

Mr. Velella said requests are still coming in to the Shade Tree Commission for the free tree program, noting the ground will soon be getting hard, making it difficult to dig.

Concerning the DPW, Mr. Velella asked residents who are putting leaves in the street for pick-up to please not block the storm drains and also, try to keep branches out of the piles. Mr. Velella informed a "no turn on red" sign had been installed in error at the corner of Broad and Church Streets, stating it has been removed.

Mr. Velella informed he met with JT Gabriel, of K-9 Soldiers, who will be using 90-100 Main Street as a training site. Mr. Velella said he is pleased to be putting the building to good use.

Mr. Velella and Mayor Edwards met with Ginny Brennan, of the Downtown Performing Arts Center, at her request. Ms. Brennan wished to inform Council that her group is still interested in coming to Flemington, adding they're efforts to get financial support are continuing.

Mr. Velella said he had met with the FBID to discuss their budget for 2014.

Councilwoman Fine

Councilwoman Fine informed there had been no Environmental Commission meeting in October, adding the November date will soon be posted.

Ms. Fine apologized for the confusion over street closings for Halloween, stating she had posted to Facebook only the information she had received from the Police Chief, which included street closings for the parade, not knowing there were plans to close off

other streets for trick or as well. Ms. Fine added that residents may send her any information they would like posted to the Borough Facebook page.

Ms. Fine informed there will be an art show and sale on November 7th, at Grape Finale, to benefit the County Tri Centennial fund.

Councilman Gorman

Councilman Gorman informed that the State had requested information from Flemington DPW concerning water and sewer lines in the area around the Route 31/202 circle. Mr. Gorman said this is usually done before starting a road project, but noted no additional information was given by the State.

Mr. Gorman said a meeting will be held to discuss the traffic pattern at Old Park Avenue and North Main Street.

Mr. Gorman informed he is in contact with the State concerning truck signs in the Borough.

Concerning William Martin Village, Mr. Gorman informed that sewer and drainage work, and paving and striping had all been completed.

Mr. Gorman informed clean-up has begun at Well 7.

Mr. Gorman said he attended the recent FBID Street Fair, noting it was very busy.

Concerning the Halloween Parade, Mr. Gorman informed families should meet at the corner of Maple and Main Streets at 5:30pm, with the parade commencing at 6:00pm.

Councilman Novick

Councilman Novick informed he was in Florida on family business during the last Council meeting, but noted he was watching on his computer and also listening on his phone. Mr. Novick said he had asked Attorney Goodman if he could vote. Mr. Novick informed the internet feed was two minutes behind the actual conversation he was hearing on his phone. Mr. Novick thanked the Mayor for accommodating him that evening by letting him call in to her cell phone.

Mr. Novick said he had been asked by FBID Director Holt to organize a family friendly comedy show. Mr. Novick informed the show will be held on November 21st at the Courthouse, and admission is free.

Mr. Novick said he had attended the FBID Street Fair and noted that he would have loved to see more Flemington businesses open. Mr. Novick said he spoke with the fair

planner, who informed him that the fee for a local business to participate is \$50.00. Mr. Novick suggested asking the FBID to work on waiving this fee or possibly providing financial aid to businesses that can't afford to pay.

Councilman Greiner

Councilman Greiner gave an update on the burned out house at the corner of Church and Brown Streets:

1. On July 1st Council authorized Borough Construction Official Klein to facilitate taking down the house if the owner was unable to hire a company.
2. The owner hired a company, and a permit was issued by the Borough.
3. The company stated the work would be done during the week of October 21st, so the Borough sent flyers to all adjacent residents notifying them of the demolition.
4. As of last Friday, October 25th, only a backhoe was on site, which was used to take down trees and poles on the property.

Mr. Greiner said that Mr. Klein informed him that a permit is valid for several months, so the demolition company could not be forced to complete the project within a specific time frame. Mr. Greiner said impending weather conditions are a concern and he would like Council to consider taking control of the process, if necessary.

Mayor Edwards added that she has concern that the burned house might still be standing as the holidays approach, which will be an arguably unsafe and certainly unattractive backdrop to residents' holiday gatherings at their homes with family and friends and to the beginning of the holiday shopping season at Liberty Village. Ms. Edwards said this is not how she wants the Borough represented.

Mr. Greiner announced that the County was hosting a document shredding day on Saturday, October 26th, from 9:00 to 1:00, behind the Courthouse on Main Street. This event is open to all residents and will be announced on the borough web site.

Concerning the recent HPC meeting, Mr. Greiner said one application was approved for a roof replacement. Mr. Greiner added representatives from the Flemington Cut Glass project attended the meeting to inform they are ready to get going and will soon be seeking final site plan approval.

Mr. Greiner informed the Planning Board met on October 22nd and had an internal discussion concerning zoning for houses of worship, noting nothing extreme is planned. Mr. Greiner said he would have a follow up at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Greiner said he had also participated in the meeting with representatives from the Hunter Hills apartment complex.

Mr. Greiner informed that Leigh Smith's current tenure as assistant to Property Maintenance Official Pete Tirpok was coming to an end. Mr. Greiner said he is very pleased with all that Mr. Smith had accomplished, and is recommending he be reinstated at the same time next year, unless Council sees differently. Mr. Greiner noted that Mr. Smith is still working with the Zoning Department concerning signs in the Borough.

Mr. Greiner said he had attended a recent municipal court session concerning property maintenance summonses.

Mr. Greiner closed by saying he was looking forward to trick-or-treating with his grandchildren in the borough on Halloween.

Mayor Edwards said she would support reinstating Leigh Smith sooner, rather than later, as her perception is that he was a great help to the Property Maintenance Department.

Council President Velella said he would support the reinstatement only if the work is there.

Mayor Edwards replied that her understanding is that there certainly is work that needs to be done that Mr. Smith could perform.

9. Approval of Minutes

Motion To: Approve Minutes: October 15, 2013 Regular Council Meeting

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Minutes approved with amendment submitted by Councilman Gorman - change venue from Tuccamirgan Park to Samuel Fleming House, and add that this event is crafted for both adults and children.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Brian Swingle, Council Vice President
SECONDER:	Phil Greiner, Councilman
AYES:	Brian Swingle, Dorothy Fine, John Gorman, Phil Greiner
ABSTAIN:	Phil Velella, Joey Novick

10. RESOLUTION 2013-177: APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO THE NJ STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR JOSEPH HORVATH

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Brian Swingle, Council Vice President
SECONDER: Phil Velella, Council President
AYES: Swingle, Velella, Fine, Gorman, Novick, Greiner

11. RESOLUTION 2013-178: REQUESTING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES APPROVE THE INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2013 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,540.54 FROM THE HUNTERDON COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANT PROGRAM

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Joey Novick, Councilman
SECONDER: John Gorman, Councilman
AYES: Swingle, Velella, Fine, Gorman, Novick, Greiner

12. RESOLUTION 2013-179: AUTHORIZING THE AWARDING OF A CONTRACT FOR THE LINING REPAIR OF THE CHURCH STREET SEWER MAIN TO SEWER & WATER EVALUATION & REHABILITATION PROCEDURES ("SWERP") IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,740.00

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: John Gorman, Councilman
SECONDER: Joey Novick, Councilman
AYES: Swingle, Velella, Fine, Gorman, Novick, Greiner

13. RESOLUTION 2013-180: RETAINING DIANE ALEXANDER, ESQ. OF MARAZITI, FALCON & HEALEY TO REPRESENT THE BOROUGH IN CONNECTION WITH NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR A RENEWAL OF THE WET WEATHER FACILITY PERMIT

Council President Velella noted the rate would be \$220.00 per hour.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Phil Velella, Council President
SECONDER: Phil Greiner, Councilman
AYES: Swingle, Velella, Fine, Gorman, Novick, Greiner

14. ORDINANCE 2013-18: FIRST READING: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2-4.2 ENTITLED "COMPOSITION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT"

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 11/18/2013 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Brian Swingle, Council Vice President	
SECONDER:	John Gorman, Councilman	
AYES:	Swingle, Velella, Fine, Gorman, Novick, Greiner	

15. ORDINANCE 2013-19: FIRST READING: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER III POLICE REGULATIONS, SECTION 3-16.3 ENTITLED "APPLICATION FOR PERMIT"

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 11/18/2013 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Brian Swingle, Council Vice President	
SECONDER:	Phil Velella, Council President	
AYES:	Swingle, Velella, Fine, Gorman, Novick, Greiner	

16. Public Comments -- Session II (up to 3 minutes each for a maximum of approximately 30 minutes)

Michelle Oberst, 68 Broad Street - Asked Council President Velella why the fees for the attorney hired to aid with the wet weather facility permit renewal could not be negotiated lower.

Council President Velella informed that Attorney Alexander specializes in work involving utilities, adding her fees are lower than those of the RTMUA attorney.

Ms. Oberst asked if the DPW could do leaf collection on the morning of Halloween, especially on Broad Street.

Councilman Gorman said this is a good idea.

Ms. Oberst also asked that the Borough not stripe Broad Street, as it is residential and quaint.

Tony Previte, 45 North Main Street - Thanked Council Vice President Swingle for his statistical work concerning Hunter Hills, noting the complex is ground zero for crime in the Borough. Mr. Previte said the major problem is the population of low lives, dirt bags and criminals that have come to know this is the place for them.

Council Vice President Swingle said Council had provided Hunter Hills' owners with over 20 news articles concerning crime in their complex.

Mr. Previte suggested Council take an aggressive stance and tell the owner that, based on the statistical horror story, the Borough would be making inspections six times a year.

Councilman Greiner informed there is a long list of fire violations which will give the Borough the ability to go in and do frequent inspections until they are all corrected.

Mr. Previte said he is glad the pin cones at the end of Old Park Avenue are gone, adding he would be more than happy to give Council and its traffic engineer some pragmatic, common sense suggestions concerning this corner.

Mayor Edwards said that he is more than welcome, noting Council wants to meet with residents and get their input.

Elaine Gorman, 34 New York Avenue - said she appreciates the work Borough Property Maintenance does, and encourages Council to reinstate Mr. Smith, adding there are other issues that still need to be dealt with.

17. Attorney's Report

There was no Attorney report this evening.

18. Payment of the Bills

Motion To: Pay The Bills

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Gorman, Councilman
SECONDER:	Phil Velella, Council President
AYES:	Swingle, Velella, Fine, Gorman, Novick, Greiner

Executive Session For Any Other Applicable Matter Identified During the Regular Meeting (Action May Be Taken)

There were no items for Executive Session this evening.

19. Statement - Councilman Novick

Councilman Novick informed that he had attended the first Borough marriage held under the state Marriage Equality Act. County Clerk Mary Melfi officiated, and Mr. Novick said it was very exciting.

Adjournment**Motion To: Adjourn the Meeting at 10:00 PM**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Phil Velella, Council President
SECONDER:	Brian Swingle, Council Vice President
AYES:	Swingle, Velella, Fine, Gorman, Novick, Greiner

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November 18, 2013

Robin Hughes
Acting Deputy Clerk
Borough of Flemington