

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held November 14, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

Mayor Frank J. Druetzler called the meeting to order and read the following notice:

"I HEREBY ANNOUNCE AND STATE THAT ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROVIDED BY PREPARING A NOTICE DATED OCTOBER 23RD 2013; SPECIFYING THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF THE MEETING POSTING SUCH NOTICE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING; FORWARDING THE NOTICE TO MORRIS COUNTY'S DAILY RECORD AND THE MORRIS NEWS BEE; AND FORWARDING, BY MAIL, THE SAID NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS ON THE REQUEST LIST; AND I HEREBY HAND A COPY OF SUCH NOTICE TO THE CLERK OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS FOR INCLUSION IN THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING, ALL OF THE ABOVE ACTIONS BEING IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, ET SEQ."

"NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, TO BE HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH 2013, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BOROUGH HALL, 531 SPEEDWELL AVENUE, MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY, HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM 7:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M."

Present on Roll Call:

Mayor Frank J. Druetzler
Council President Laurie Fu
Councilmembers: Joseph Cecala
George Coogan
Jason Karr
Frank Mangravite
Suzanne McCluskey

Present: Gail H. Fraser, Esq., Borough Attorney

PRESENTATION BY THE MADISON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mayor Druetzler stated this meeting is being held earlier than normal to allow for a presentation by Lou Riccio, Director of the Madison Housing Authority.

Mr. Riccio advised the presentation relates to a proposition in connection with the development of affordable housing. The area under discussion is located on Tabor Road. He explained the history of the organization, advising that due to a variety of reasons, the organization eventually formed a non-profit arm titled the Madison Affordable Housing Corporation. The staff is the same for both entities. He provided information about two senior developments built in Madison. He commented on Cook's Pond, stating he will show pictures of this later in this presentation. This evening they are talking about providing age-restricted housing (55 years and older) that would have one and two bedroom apartments in a three-story structure. He anticipates there will be a community room, possibly an arts and crafts room, large lobby, a community kitchen and a number of other amenities. What was done in Denville is the model for this proposal. Several issues must be decided before a team of professionals is established. The team will develop the proposed units; total number currently is undecided, but they anticipate between 34 and 48 apartments. The site is large and much can be done with it.

Continuing, Mr. Riccio advised a 99-year ground lease agreement will need to be entered into. He explained why this is the preferred plan; they do not need to own the land, they can lease it. He spoke about 30-year deed restrictions and the various issues that go along with this in terms of extensions, affordability controls and related matters. There is a desire to meet the COAH requirements as well. Rents will be established based on COAH guidelines, and rents will range from \$500 per month to \$1,000/\$1,100 per month. He commented on project-based

housing vouchers. These vouchers are a federal subsidy that the Madison Housing Authority currently administers. The vouchers allow for a higher rent, but the individuals will still pay the COAH rent rate; however, the entity created will receive the higher rent. He explained how these vouchers work, stating that with the vouchers it makes the property much more financially feasible. Without the vouchers it costs more money to operate each year and the cash flow will be affected. There would be a PILOT agreement whereby the building will pay taxes, but not full property taxes; typically this range is anywhere from 2 percent to 10 percent of net shelter rents. Net shelter rents equals total rents minus utilities. He advised there will be a mortgage no matter how the project is financed.

Mr. Riccio described the site as mostly flat, but with some hilly parts. He provided detailed information as to what they plan on doing. The expectation is that the land where the school and the church were originally located is the land that will be developed. They will avoid the high tension wires. He advised that what he is displaying he considers to be a very rough proposed site plan. Parking will remain on the left where it originally was. In fact, at this point, everything must be considered to be rough. It will be an interactive process. The plan is that the parking lot will hold over 70 cars. They intend to plan for parking rather than less because it is easier to create the parking at the outset than to create more once everything is up and running.

Continuing, Mr. Riccio described entering the building; there will be an elevator in the lobby area. They tried to "break" the building to give the appearance of a somewhat smaller building than a one-dimensional picture would show. There would be a large seating area outside with a retaining wall around it. The wall itself would have the name of the complex on it.

The next subject Mr. Riccio spoke about was financial information they have been given. This information allowed him to develop several options which he proceeded to provide details about. He stated that the various approvals that may be needed or desired often take more than one attempt before they are approved unless the project is located in an urban area; this could take two or three years. What he spoke about included tax credits, municipal bonds, utilities being paid by tenants and individual utility systems, cost of construction, payment of bond over 30 years, replacement reserves, maintenance and general upkeep costs, and future value of building. He stated the numbers could change, up or down, but more likely up.

Mr. Riccio explained the process of identifying and selecting a company to construct the building, including issues concerning costs. Significant money can be saved when you have three contractors competing against one another. He commented on the costs for an architect, an engineer, a planner and other necessary and appropriate professionals and what the anticipated costs will be for various work such as site preparation, partial basement for the utilities, apartment equipment, and related work steps. He spoke about other financial-related matters, including tax credits

Continuing, Mr. Riccio next spoke about the project schedule: (1) project financing, (2) PILOT agreement, (3) submit application for funding to the Homes program at the county level, (4) designing the complex, (5) meetings with the community, particularly senior citizen groups, to explain what they are planning and why and for acquiring helpful input, (7) application to the federal home loan bank, which is successfully secured will provide up to \$20,000 per apartment, (8) acquire municipal approvals through a review process, and (9) construction documents signed off on so that construction can begin. He commented on how the team will be available to provide guidance/assistance in connection with certain problems. Meetings are held with the team every several weeks. He hopes that in the fall of 2015, construction would be able to begin. It could take anywhere from 12 to 18 months to construct the building depending on the contractor, the weather and other factors. Completion should be by the end of 2016 or sometime in early 2017.

Next, Mr. Riccio explained how the application process will occur for the apartments. This will not be an assisted living facility nor will there be any social service providers on site. He stated he does not believe there is a significantly large population of 62 and older persons in Morris County who need the kind of housing

this structure will be, but he does believe there will be a larger interest in this project with the 55 years and older criterion. He believes the easiest and least expensive way to acquire the necessary funding is a municipal bond issuance; he also explained why he believes this is true, stating a primary reason is that this provides for more control every step of the way. Trust fund monies could be used to reduce whatever might have to be borrowed. Foundations and banks will be contacted to determine possible contribution ways they could help with funding. He commented on the matter of the Borough's debt ceiling.

Mr. Riccio displayed an exhibit showing Cook's Pond and provided commentary on the cost, history, construction, and final product of this project. He showed what a typical apartment at Cook's Pond looks like. He also showed what other parts of the building look like and commented on "community alcoves." He concluded his presentation and asked if there are any questions.

Mayor Druetzler asked how much the total cost would be for the municipal bond.

Mr. Riccio responded it would be approximately \$7 million for 48 apartments.

Mayor Druetzler stated that he believes the Council's preference is to have all seniors at this building, but thinks that due to COAH it may have to be split.

Mr. Riccio replied that two separate buildings with separate entrances could be made if needed. This is a possibility.

Mayor Druetzler advised that there was a basement in the prior building at this site. He explained what was done when the building was demolished, including that very good stone was used to fill up the opening left. He believes the Borough Engineer will be able to show exactly where this area is. He raised the subject of whether a 99-year lease can be done or does it have to be a 50- or 25-year one.

The Borough Attorney provided details on this matter as to the authority for such leases. She believes the law allows a 50-year lease with two 25-year extensions.

Mr. Riccio will check further and will also check the details for the Denville building and will provide to the Borough Attorney.

Mayor Druetzler asked if the \$7 million includes getting a private mortgage through a bank or this is strictly the Borough making a trust contribution and borrowing the rest. When would the Borough need to go out for bonding.

Mr. Riccio stated "It is strictly that way." The timeframe to go out for bonding would be late next year. The funds in the trust fund would be used first to pay professionals, this total amount probably not being more than roughly \$200,000. He provided some additional details about this process.

Cross discussion about some of the steps in the financing process, including when steps should be taken and so on.

Councilmember McCluskey asked if there needs to be non 55 years and older in some apartments, can these apartments be restricted to only one bedroom.

Mr. Riccio responded no, under the COAH rules, most non 55 years and older apartments must be two and three bedroom apartment. If apartments are age restricted, all the apartments can be one bedroom. If in this case this turned out to be 24 apartments in the non 55 years and older section, there would most likely be five one bedrooms, 10 three-bedrooms, and the remainder would be two bedrooms. If there is a need to split the building, the cost will increase by about 5 percent, several hundred thousand dollars more. He stated that the fire suppression systems would need to be separate. He provided commentary regarding any thoughts about having four stories. Two things would happen if the building was to be four stories: (1) the building may not be able to be built in all wood; there may need to be steel because of the size of the building. This will add significantly to the cost and (2) there are other code issues in terms of fire prevention that would need

to be included. This relates to fire ratings. The cost to build additional apartments outweighs the rent that would be collected.

Continuing, Mr. Riccio re-stated the federal home loan that he anticipates submitting is a grant. The kinds of amenities would not need to change if the development was a mix of 55 and older and non-55 and older residents. He would suggest limited amenities in the non-55, although he did say there would be a laundry room. The apartments themselves can be identical except for differing numbers of bedrooms. He advised that over the next three to five-six months many of these plans can be more finalized.

The Borough Attorney advised she is awaiting information from the Borough Planner.

Cross discussion about the role of PILOT payment law and how this kind of a plan works, including that Mr. Riccio believes he has noticed a trend these days that one and two bedrooms apartments/condominiums often do not have children living in them. It also contained some discussion about tax abatements and contributions that are given to municipalities.

Councilmember Mangravite advised of a discussion with Rosemarie Gilmartin of the Interfaith Food Pantry who told him that they are getting applications from senior citizens who are healthy, but have nowhere to live because their houses are being foreclosed on and that there are nothing but waiting lists for the low income senior housing developments.

Mr. Riccio stated that this is interesting in that it is relatively new. He advised that banks are just not getting around to doing longstanding foreclosure issues. New Jersey has taken over two years to take action against certain households. He learned recently that in one low-income community in New Jersey, 30 percent of the households are under foreclosure. He also provided additional information on the increased efforts of the Interfaith Food Pantry. He spoke about the fact that the ability to reside in the proposed apartments cannot be limited to Borough residents who need such housing. He spoke about how allocations for such housing are done in other New Jersey counties, such as Hudson, Ocean, and Monmouth.

Mayor Druetzler thanked Mr. Riccio for attending this meeting. He also requested that a draft agenda be prepared to allow the Council to move forward. He stated his desire would be to come to a determination of how this project will be financed by the next Council meeting in December. He asked that everyone consider this between now and the next meeting.

Mr. Riccio advised that any grant would need to come before the Council for approval. He thought that perhaps such approval could be accomplished at the Council's first meeting in January 2014. He believes the application can be prepared relatively quickly; possibly in as little as five minutes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Druetzler asked if anyone had any questions relating to the Consent Calendar since it is an extensive one.

Councilmember Mangravite raised an issue concerning the resolution awarding a contract for professional auditing services.

The Borough Attorney advised Councilmember Fu that this one should be done separately.

Councilmember Karr advised about the Borough Clerk's attendance at a seminar relating to the topic of the iCloud.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2013-123 entitled, "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala. So ordered.

Councilmember Mangravite moved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

Councilmember Fu moved that the Conference Meeting be adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June Uhrin, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council held November 14, 2013 at 8:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

Mayor Frank J. Druetzler called the meeting to order and read the following notice:

I HEREBY ANNOUNCE AND STATE THAT ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROVIDED BY VIRTUE OF A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS FOR THE YEAR 2013; WHICH RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ON JANUARY 7, 2013, AND WAS PUBLISHED IN THE *MORRIS NEWSBEE* AND IN THE DAILY RECORD AND BY THE FORWARDING OF SUCH RESOLUTION TO ALL PERSONS ON THE REQUEST LIST; BY THE POSTING OF SUCH RESOLUTION ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE BOROUGH HALL; ALL OF THE ABOVE ACTIONS BEING IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, *ET SEQ.*

Present on Roll Call:

Mayor Frank J. Druetzler
Council President Laurie Fu
Councilmembers: Joseph Cecala
George Coogan
Jason Karr
Frank Mangravite
Suzanne McCluskey

Present: Gail H. Fraser, Esq., Borough Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Fu moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive, Conference and the Regular Meetings of October 17, 2013.

Seconded by Councilmember Coogan So ordered.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Fu moved:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Morris Plains, that the attached reports be accepted and that said reports be kept on file in the Clerk's Office:

REPORTS

Borough Clerk, October 2013
Animal Licensing, October 2013
Municipal Court, October 2013
Fire Prevention, October 2013
Police Department, October 2013
Sanitarian, October 2013
Tax Collector, October 2013
Treasurer, October 2013

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT the Resolution No. 2013-124 entitled, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF CHRISTMAS TREES AND RELATED ITEMS AT THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, POST #3401," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2013-125 entitled, "REDEMPTION RESOLUTION, BLOCK NO. 72.03, LOT NO. 4, REDEMPTION OF TAX LIEN #10-4," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2013-126 entitled, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2013-127 entitled, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL SERVICES," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2013-129 entitled, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING BOARD COUNSEL SERVICES," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution 2013-130 entitled, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOND COUNSEL SERVICES," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2013-131 entitled, "APPROVING SETTLEMENT OF APPEAL FROM ASSESSMENT, BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS adv. BURNAC, INC. d/b/a JIFFY LUBE #782, BLOCK 118, LOT 1 – 1717 STATE ROUTE 10; DOCKET NO: 006548-2012; 004911-2013," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2013-132 entitled, "APPROVING SETTLEMENT OF APPEAL FROM ASSESSMENT CHASE BANK (WAMU) adv. MORRIS PLAINS BOROUGH, BLOCK 65, LOT 1 – 573 SPEEDWELL AVENUE; DOCKET NO: 005645-2010; 007854-2011; 008938-2012; 002143-2013, MORRIS PLAINS BOROUGH adv. CHASE BANK #3141, BLOCK 66, LOT 18 – 636 SPEEDWELL AVENUE; DOCKET NO: 005656-2010; 007841-2011; 08935-2012; 002141-2013," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2013 -133 entitled, "FORM OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87; MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2013-134 entitled, "GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT EXTENSION JANUARY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2014 BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2013-135 entitled, "BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS MUNICIPAL ALLIANCES APPLICATION FOR FUNDING EXTENSION," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Resolution No. 2013-136 entitled, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS FOR RADIO DISPATCHING SERVICES," be adopted as attached.

THAT the Borough Council approve the Mayor's Proclamation declaring the month of November as "PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" in the Borough of Morris Plains.

THAT Anne Downtain, be hired as a part-time violations Clerk, for Municipal Court at an hourly rate of \$16.83, effective October 22nd 2013.

THAT Sheryl McNichol, be hired as a part-time violations Clerk, for Municipal Court at an hourly rate of \$16.83, effective October 22nd 2013.

THAT the Borough Council authorize a reduction in the amount of the Performance Bond for Waterview at Hanover, LLC, to the amount of \$72,480.00 per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated October 21st 2013.

THAT the Borough Council authorize a reduction in the amount of the Performance Guarantee for JMF Acquisitions, LLC, Block 11, Lot 8, The American Road, to the amount of \$4,020.00 per the Borough Engineer's correspondence dated October 22nd 2013.

THAT the Borough Council approve the membership application fo Gavin Angulo, 1 Oregon Trail, Morris Plains, as a member of the Morris Plains Junior Fire Auxiliary.

THAT the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to execute the 2013/2014 Extension to the Supplemental Letter of Agreement for Municipal Alliance funding.

THAT having polled the Council on November 1st 2013, that Jessica McGinn was granted permission to use Simons Park for a sports clinic held Thursday, November 7th 2013, from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

THAT the Borough Council approve the Donated Leave of 120 sick hours by Sgt. Michael Rolph to Ptl. Steve Rush.

THAT the Borough Council approve the Donated Leave of 120 sick hours by Sgt. Michael Koroski to Ptl. Steve Rush.

THAT the Borough Council approve the Donated Leave of 120 sick hours by Thomas Beer to Ptl. Thomas Keane.

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with Stephen E. Trimboli, Esq., Trimboli & Prusinowski, LLC for 2014 Special Labor Counsel services.

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with Thomas Olson, Esq., McKirdy and Riskin for 2014 Special Tax Counsel services.

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with Elizabeth VanNess for 2014 Youth Counseling services.

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with Joe North, Norton Conservation Company, Inc. for 2014 Environmental services..

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with Kenneth Werner, DVM, for the annual Animal Rabies Clinic to be held Saturday, January 11th 2014.

THAT having received quotes for the purchase and installation of fencing at the Community Garden:

Essex Fence	No Quote
GM Fence	\$3,526.00
All Quality Fence Company	\$4,851.00

THAT a purchase order be issued to GM Fence, East Hanover, NJ, in the amount of \$3,526.00

THAT having received bids for the acquisition of Bulk Salt for years 2014 and 2015, that a two-year contract be awarded to International Salt, and that the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute the contract. Award is subject to the availability and appropriation annually of sufficient funds as may be required to meet the obligation in succeeding years.

THAT the Department of Public Works also be authorized to purchase Bulk Salt through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council for year 2014/2015 winter season.

THAT having received bids for Cleaning & Maintenance of the Borough's Municipal Buildings for the years 2014 and 2015, that a two-year contract be awarded to Bright Maintenance Facility, and that the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute the contract. Award is subject to the availability and appropriation annually of sufficient funds as may be required to meet the obligation in succeeding years.

THAT the Borough Council hereby authorizes the award of the e-Ticketing contract to CSI Technology Group for equipment and services, under State Contract, NJ Vendor #77560, and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary contract in the form approved by the Borough Attorney; which contract was awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

THAT the cancellation of acceptance of bids for Contract No. 2013.23, Emergency Generator Replacement for the Municipal Building is hereby ratified.

Seconded by Councilmember Karr.

Mayor Druetzler provided information to Gavin Angulo about the various people at this meeting; that is, the Borough Professionals, the Police Chief, the Clerk. He asked Mr. Angulo why he decided to enlist in the Morris Plains Junior Fire Auxiliary.

Mr. Angulo provided responses to the Mayor's questions.

The Mayor also thanked Mrs. Angulo for her efforts in connection with the Borough's Christmas Crèche. He also congratulated Mr. Angulo on his appointment to the Junior Fire Auxiliary.

Yeas: Councilmembers Fu, Cecala, Coogan, Karr, Mangravite, McCluskey
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

GREETINGS OF PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Druetzler opened this portion of the meeting to comments from the public. Seeing no one, he closed the public portion of this meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance

Councilmember Karr advised about the Library's recent shredding event stating it was very successful. There were 123 cars and 24 "tips" into the truck. The Library will host another shredding event in April 2014. The Library will be holding a poetry workshop on December 5th 2013. He also commented about a fund raising effort being coordinated by a Borough resident to raise funds for children living in rural Jamaica. The Library also continues to collect food for the food pantry.

Continuing, councilmember Karr advised the Finance Committee will be meeting with Bank of America to discuss a purchasing card (P-Card). He believes this card

will help the Finance Department have somewhat more control over departmental spending.

Public Safety

Councilmember McCluskey advised that Roberts Garden has changed in the past week due to the five (5) new trees planted there. The funding for these trees is from the No-Net-Loss tree grant. Signage posts were recently installed; this is a Rotary project. She believes a dedication will be held in 2014. She thanked the Police Chief and the Police Department for the extra security provided when the Governor visited.

Chief Thompson presented his report, including participating in the Take Back the Drugs event at Stop & Shop on Saturday, October 26th 2013. A total of 229 pounds of unused/unwanted medicines was collected, about 60 pounds less than in the past. There is a Toys for Tots collection box that will be in the lobby until December 6th 2013. He has arranged to have residents notified electronically about this collection box.

Public Works

Councilmember Cecala commented on Superintendent Signorelli's report. The second round of leaf pick-up has been completed. The deer cull now numbers 18. The numbers are higher due to the weather becoming colder.

Mr. Hall reported on various subjects, including the Speedwell Avenue project and the need for the contractor to provide his bond to the Borough Attorney. He advised on the Coty building on American Road and that they should receive their COs before Thanksgiving. Revisions have been done to the DOT parcel map(s) and descriptions for the property the Borough bought from the State in order for the DOT right-of-way individual to petition the State to allow these parcels to be used for affordable housing.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Councilmember Fu presented her report, including that trees currently are being planted around the Borough. The Forester who will be preparing the Community Forestry Management Plan is in the process, together with Lloyd Williams, of driving around the Borough to assess the shade trees throughout the Borough. She reported the Recreation Commission had a very successful bonfire again this year. She thanked the DPW and the Fire Department for their assistance at this event. Boy Scout Troop #39 and Girl Scout Troop #4400 helped by providing food. She also thanked the Fire Department for their efforts in hosting the Halloween Parade and Party and also extended thanks to the Council members who assisted. Kids Helping Kids held their recognition ceremony on October 28th 2013. She thanked Karleen Leahey and Ann Bonno who helped with this event. A total of 99 mentors were recognized for the 981 hours volunteered to this program between July 2012 and June 2013.

Continuing, Councilmember Fu reported that at the last Recreation Commission meeting representatives from various sports organizations attended to provide information to the Commission about their programs and participants. The organizations were very appreciative of the support received from the Borough. These organizations all seem to be growing and increasing in popularity. She also commented on issues relating to field and court use. The back-up generator is installed at the Borough Annex. Heat issues at the Community Center have been resolved.

Mayor Druetzler explained the benefits of the No-Net-Loss (of Trees) Grant that the Borough received, and that a total of more than 400 trees will be able to be planted at no cost to the Borough. He also thanked councilmember Fu and the Shade Tree Commission.

Public Welfare, Sanitation & Sewers

Councilmember Mangravite reported on the Board of Health's Wellness Day and that 120 flu shots were given, 57 people had blood work done, 18 male and female residents had cancer screenings and there were 17 exhibitors. The Board of Health is hosting a new exercise program – A Matter of Balance – and will be held on

January 22nd 2014. The Teen Center will be hold a “black-out” dance at the Community Center tomorrow night. They also collected 550 pounds for the Interfaith Food Pantry. The Municipal Alliance has completed the drug-free schools week. This organization is evaluating the various programs/events held during the year to determine what programs should be increased or given more focus.

Ordinance & Public Utilities

Councilmember Coogan reported they are working with JCP&L to arrange for lights to be installed along the path from the new Coty headquarters building to the train station. The gardening season is over at the Community Garden and all participants are being requested to clean up their plots. This year the Garden donated approximately 350 pounds of vegetables to the Interfaith Food Pantry, a new record. He commented on a new space heater recently installed at the DPW’s Building #2. The new equipment is much smaller than the old equipment that was removed; a big improvement. This should result in a savings of roughly \$1,500 of gas cost per year.

Mayor Druetzler thanked Councilmember Coogan for all his efforts to reduce energy costs. He also commented on fencing that runs along the railroad tracks, about half the length of track area, near Watnong Park is. His plan is to have New Jersey Transit upgrade this fencing to the total length along the tracks since people are cutting though from Route 53 over the tracks. The work on the fencing is being done today.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATION, PETITIONS, ETC.

Mayor Druetzler opened the meeting to the public. Seeing none, Mayor Druetzler closed the public hearing.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilmember Coogan introduced the following ordinance and read the same by title and moved that it be passed on First Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2013

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PARTIAL AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENTATION AND REPEAL OF CERTAIN FEES SET FORTH IN THE FEE SCHEDULES OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-46 IN THE REVISED ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY, 1972.

Councilmember McCluskey seconded the motion.

Mayor Druetzler explained that this review occurs to be sure the fees listed on the fee schedules are in need of any adjustment for the upcoming year.

Yeas: Councilmembers Fu, Cecala, Coogan, Karr, Mangravite, McCluskey
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Thereupon, Councilmember Coogan offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this meeting on November 14th 2013 and passed on First Reading.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED at a meeting to be held on December 5th 2013 at 8:30 PM prevailing time in the Municipal Building in the said Borough, this Council will further consider for Second Reading and final passage of said ordinance.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Borough be and she is hereby directed to publish and mail the proper notice thereof, including the ordinance, post the ordinance on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building and make copies available to members of the general public.

Councilmember McCluskey seconded the resolution. All in favor.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Thereupon, Councilmember Cecala offered the following resolution:

THAT Resolution No. 2013-137 entitled, "BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, SPEDELL AVENUE PROJECT ACADEMY ROAD TO DAYTON ROAD," be adopted as attached.

Seconded by Councilmember Coogan. So ordered

Yeas: Councilmembers Cecala, Coogan, Fu, Karr, Mangravite, McCluskey
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

RESOLUTIONS, Cont'd.

Thereupon, Councilmember Karr offered the following resolution:

THAT Resolution No. 2013-128 entitled, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES," be adopted as attached.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala. So ordered

Yeas: Councilmembers Cecala, Coogan, Fu, Karr, McCluskey
Nays: None
Absent: Councilmember Mangravite
Abstain: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

VOUCHERS

Councilmember Karr moved that the vouchers for November 14th 2013 in the amount of \$2,714,574.97 be approved.

Councilmember Coogan seconded the approval of the vouchers.

Yeas: Councilmembers Fu, Cecala, Coogan, Karr, Mangravite, McCluskey
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

Mayor Druetzler thanked Mr. Angulo for volunteering and being a member of the community who volunteers.

Councilmember Karr moved to adjourn at 9:10 P.M.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June R. Uhrin, Borough Clerk