

**GREENWICH TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 2015
7:30 p.m.**

Mayor Reinhart called the meeting to order stating, “Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act by notifying the South Jersey Times on January 6, 2015.”

Those present were Mayor Reinhart, Deputy Mayor Port and Committeeman Orr. Also present were: Kim Fleetwood, Treasurer; John Carr, Township Solicitor and Lisa Garrison, Township Clerk.

Flag Salute - Mayor Reinhart

Treasurer’s Report/Payment of Bills – After review and discussion of the Treasurer’s report and bill list, on motion of Deputy Mayor Port, seconded by Committeeman Orr to approve the Treasurer’s report and the bills for payment in the amount of \$321,891.88, unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes - March 24, 2015 and April 21, 2015. On motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Deputy Mayor Port to approve and adopt said minutes, unanimously carried.

Public Hearings:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2015

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE
AND IMPLEMENTING AND ADOPTING A CONTINUED CERTIFICATE OF
OCCUPANCY REGULATION AND APPLICABLE FEES**

This is an Ordinance of the Township of Greenwich adopting the International Property Maintenance Code, regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; providing standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures in the Township of Greenwich; and providing for a requirement to apply for a continued Certificate of Occupancy and providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; repealing all other Ordinances and parts of Ordinances of the Township Greenwich in conflict therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. A certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the Township of Greenwich being marked and designated as the International Property Maintenance Code, 2006 edition, as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code for the Township Greenwich in the County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures;

by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Property Maintenance Code being on file with the Township Clerk of the Township of Greenwich being hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof, as if more fully set forth herein, together with the additions, insertions and changes, if any, prescribed within this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Certificates of Continued Occupancy

A. No person shall sell or transfer any structure within the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey unless a Certificate of Continued Occupancy certifying that the structure is in compliance with all provisions of the current version of the International Property Maintenance Code, 2006 edition, and all other applicable Ordinances of the Township of Greenwich is issued.

B. No Certificate of Continued Occupancy shall be issued by the Township of Greenwich until the Zoning Officer determines that all structures were built in conformance with the applicable Ordinances of the Township and the property owner submits to the Zoning and Construction Office an Application for Occupancy Permit Form, which form has been approved by the Construction Office together with the requisite fee.

SECTION 3. Fees for Continued Certificate of Occupancy

Application forms for Certificates of Continued Occupancy may be obtained at the Offices of the Code Enforcement Officer. The following fees shall be charged for Certificates of Continued Occupancy:

A. \$50.00

SECTION 4. Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation that shall violate any provision of this Code shall, upon conviction therefore, be subject to penalties and fines of not less than \$50.00 and no more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for a term of not to exceed 180 days, or both, at the discretion of the Court. Each day a violation continues after due notice has been served, shall be deemed a separate offense for purposes of calculation of fines. Notices shall be sent to the owner at the address of record in the Township tax record.

Section One. Repealer. All former Ordinances of the Township of Greenwich which are in conflict with the provisions contained in this Ordinance are hereby repealed upon the adoption of this Ordinance.

Section Two. Severability. If any part or parts of this Ordinance are held to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Nothing in this Ordinance or in the Property Maintenance Code adopted hereby shall be construed to affect any ongoing suit or proceeding impending in any Court or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any causes of action acquired or existing under any act or Ordinance hereby repealed nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section Three. This Ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage and adoption of this Ordinance and publication as required by law.

On motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Deputy Mayor Port to open the public hearing, unanimously carried. Mr. Carluzzo questioned if rental units would need an occupancy permit. Mr. Carr indicated it was for sales only. Mr. Newton questioned the purpose of the ordinance. Mr. Carr indicated Greenwich is in the process of adopting the International Property Maintenance Code and it is designed to allow the Enforcement Officer to have a mechanism to enforce rather than it be subjective. Mr. Newton questioned if Main Street is different than other roads. Mr. Carr indicated it is a historic district but in order to sell it would be the same. Mr. Hannigan questioned if it is only for transfer of property and was advised that was correct. In other communities this is in effect but also applied to rental properties to ensure no lead paint or bad wells and questioned why it was not being included. Mr. Carr indicated it was a recommendation of the Planning/Board. Mr. Hannigan indicated the old BOCA code applied to rental. Mr. Valentino questioned if there is a fine if a property is vacant or abandoned. Mr. Carr indicated the Committee adopted an Abandoned/Vacant Property Ordinance. Mr. Valentino questioned if it applied to private property and was advised it could. He indicated he had purchased a property and questioned if he was remodeling would that affect him and was advised that was not the intent. Mr. Street questioned the purpose of the International Property Maintenance Code and was advised it was a standard for the Code Enforcement Officer and there is no fee attached. Mr. Newton questioned if something was built 200 years ago and sold today does it mean it has to be brought up to today's standards. Mr. Carr indicated it is a basic standard as to what is safe but it has to be safe to live in. On motion of Deputy Mayor Port, seconded by Committeeman Orr to close the public hearing, unanimously carried. On motion of Mayor Reinhart, seconded by Committeeman Orr to approve and adopt the foregoing ordinance, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Orr, Port, Reinhart Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

On motion of Deputy Mayor Port, seconded by Committeeman Orr to open the public hearing, unanimously carried. Mr. Newton questioned if all salaries increased or decreased and was advised no. On motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to close the public hearing, unanimously carried. On motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Deputy Mayor Port to approve and adopt the following ordinance, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Orr, Port, Reinhart Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH SETTING FORTH THE 2015 SALARIES

BE IT ORDAINED the Township Committee of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and the State of New Jersey, that the salaries of the Township Officials for the year 2015 be as follows:

TITLE, MUNICIPAL OFFICER	AMOUNT OF SALARY
Township Committee Member	\$ 2,180
Township Committee Chairman	\$ 2,540
Township Clerk	\$ 8,032
Chief Financial Officer	\$ 4,725
Treasurer	\$ 5,775
Tax Assessor	\$ 4,811
Tax Collector	\$ 7,030
Housing/Zoning	\$ 3,478
Emergency Management Coordinator	\$ 2,788
Dog Registrar/Collector	\$ 1,597
Planning Board Secretary	\$ 2,625

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 5-31-2015

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AND TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH REGARDING THE ALLIANCE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich is a participating municipality member of consortium participating in the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Program consisting of the Township of Deerfield, Fairfield, Hopewell, Shiloh, Stow Creek and Upper Deerfield, which will be approved to receive a Municipal Alliance grant for the July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 grant term; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Greenwich is aware and accepting that the Township of Upper Deerfield acts as the financial administrator and has entered into an agreement by letter concerning the administration of funds on behalf of itself and the six other participating municipalities in the operation of Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cumberland has offered grand funds from the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to Upper Deerfield Township as the host of the participating consortium of municipalities for their use in connection with the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) in the amount of \$34,996 for the July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 grant term; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cumberland and the consortium of participating municipalities have been requested to enter into a letter agreement concerning the administration of funds on behalf of the consortium; and

WHEREAS, an agreement between County of Cumberland and the Township of Upper Deerfield is exempt from the public bidding requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich that a letter of Agreement between the County of Cumberland and the Township of Upper Deerfield be entered into on behalf of the participating consortium of municipalities for the administration of grant funds in the amount of \$34,996.00 for the term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; may be entered into between the Township of Upper Deerfield and the County of Cumberland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich as a member of the consortium does hereby authorize the submission of the grant extension for the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention in the amount of:

DEDR -	\$34,996.00
Cash Match -	\$ 8,749.00
In-Kind -	\$26,247.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, is aware and acknowledges the terms and conditions of the Letter of Agreement with regard to the Municipal Alliance Grant that Upper Deerfield Township is to execute with the County of Cumberland, a copy of which shall remain on file for public inspection in the Clerk's Office of the Township of Greenwich.

Deputy Mayor Port questioned the funds set forth in the resolution and was advised the Township had never paid any funds. On motion of Deputy Mayor Port, seconded by Committeeman Orr to approve and adopt the foregoing resolution, unanimously carried.

Mayor Reinhart indicated there is no reason not to support the following resolution while Deputy Mayor Port indicated it would not cost to participate. Discussion ensued and the Committee concurred there would be no harm to explore. On motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Deputy Mayor Port to approve and adopt the following resolution, unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-32-2015

SUPPORTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES OF GREENWICH, HOPEWELL, SHILOH AND STOW CREEK

WHEREAS, Greenwich Township continually seeks cost efficiencies while promoting the expansion of government services and access as per its municipal Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, shared services in government increase efficiencies and service quality and build equity, economic growth and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Greenwich, Hopewell, Shiloh and Stow Creek combined include less than 5 percent of Cumberland County’s population yet operate through four individual municipal buildings; and

WHEREAS, these current municipal buildings are currently challenged by deficiencies which limit their effectiveness as community centers; and

WHEREAS, the South Jersey Economic Development District’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update of February 2013 recommends the consolidation of the municipal buildings in these four municipalities; and

WHEREAS, a single consolidated Western Cumberland Municipal Complex serving the municipalities of Greenwich, Hopewell, Shiloh and Stow Creek could potentially provide better services in a more efficient manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich in the County of Cumberland that it supports the concept of a consolidated Western Cumberland Municipal Complex serving the municipalities of Greenwich, Hopewell, Shiloh and Stow Creek and recommends the pursuit of a feasibility analysis of same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the South Jersey Economic Development District with a request that the District pursue funding a feasibility analysis of a consolidated municipal complex for the municipalities of Greenwich, Hopewell, Shiloh and Stow Creek.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution does not imply commitment of the Township Committee to any consolidation of municipal services, but exclusively recommends a study for informational purposes to assist with future decisions regarding Greenwich Township’s municipal facilities.

An update of fees and the escrow fee schedule was recommended by the Planning Board. Mayor Reinhart indicated it had been discussed at length. Fees had been reviewed from other townships and the Board had prepared a list of recommendations for the Committee’s review. On motion of Deputy Mayor Port, seconded by Committeeman Orr to approve the introduction and to schedule the public hearing of proposed Ordinance No. 23-2015, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Orr, Port, Reinhart Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 23-2014

AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE OF GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey as follows:

The Township Committee of Greenwich Township does hereby adopt the following schedule of fees with respect to permits and activities required or regulated under the various Chapters of the Code of the Township of Greenwich (attached). This by way of recommendation from the Land Use Board of the Township of Greenwich and follow-up action by the Township Committee which action is taken based upon the recommendation of the Greenwich Township Land Use Board.

Section One. Repealer. All former Ordinances of the Township of Greenwich which are in conflict with the provisions contained in this Ordinance are hereby repealed upon the adoption of this Ordinance.

Section Two. Severability. If any part or parts of this Ordinance are held to be invalid for any reason such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section Three. This Ordinance shall take effect after final approval and publication as required by law.

Mr. Carr indicated the purpose of the proposed ordinance is to accept the Township of Downe into the Regional Court. It was indicated it would slightly lower the Township's overall cost. On motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Deputy Mayor Port to approve the introduction and to schedule the public hearing on Proposed Ordinance No. 24-2015, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Aye: Orr, Port, Reinhart Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2015

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GREENWICH TOWNSHIP'S PARTICIPATION IN THE JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT KNOWN AS THE CUMBERLAND-SALEM REGIONAL MUNICIPAL COURT AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF DEERFIELD, TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH, TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, TOWNSHIP OF PITTSBORO, BOROUGH OF SHILOH, TOWNSHIP OF STOW CREEK AND TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD

WHEREAS, Greenwich Township did previously adopt an Ordinance authorizing the participation in the Joint Municipal Court (hereinafter "Joint Municipal Court") by the Township of Deerfield, Township of Greenwich, Township of Hopewell, Township of

Lawrence, Township of Pittsgrove, Borough of Shiloh, Township of Stow Creek and Township of Upper Deerfield (hereinafter the “Participating Municipalities”); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the establishment of the Joint Municipal Court, the Participating Municipalities entered into an Agreement for the Operation of the Joint Municipal Court dated January 9, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Municipal Court has become known as the “CS Regional Municipal Court”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the January 9, 2012 Agreement between the Participating Municipalities, the CS Regional Municipal Court Committee was established; and

WHEREAS, Downe Township has requested to become a participant in the CS Regional Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the CS Regional Municipal Court Committee has reviewed the request from Downe Township and recommended to the Participating Municipalities that Downe Township be admitted as a participant to the CS Regional Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, all Participating Municipalities have approved the inclusion of Downe Township in the CS Regional Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Greenwich Township has determined to admit Downe Township as a Participating Municipality in the CS Regional Municipal Court and to take the action necessary to amend the existing CS Regional Municipal Court Agreement dated January 9, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Greenwich Township Committee as follows:

1. Greenwich Township does hereby authorize participation by Downe Township in the Joint Municipal Court known as CS Regional Municipal Court.
2. The Participating Municipalities, following the adoption of this Amendment to Ordinance No. _____, will be Downe Township, Township of Deerfield, Township of Greenwich, Township of Hopewell, Township of Lawrence, Township of Pittsgrove, Borough of Shiloh, Township of Stow Creek and Township of Upper Deerfield.
3. The terms and conditions associated with the admission of Downe Township to the CS Regional Municipal Court are that Downe Township shall agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the January 9, 2012 Agreement and further that it shall remain a member of the CS Regional Municipal Court for a period of not less than three (3) years from July 1, 2015, (the “Effective Date”) of the Amendment to the Joint Municipal Court Agreement and shall have no right to withdraw prior to the expiration of three (3) years from the Effective Date.

4. The Greenwich Township Mayor and Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to execute an Amendment to the Joint Municipal Court Agreement to permit the participation by Downe Township and to amend that Agreement to provide that Downe Township's participation shall be for a period of not less than three (3) years from the Effective Date of July 1, 2015.
5. This Amended Ordinance shall be conditioned upon, and shall not take effect unless and until all Participating Municipalities adopt an Ordinance authorizing participation in the CS Regional Municipal Court by Downe Township and further authorizing and joining in the Amendment to the Joint Municipal Court Agreement dated January 9, 2012.

Unfinished Business:

Grant Writer RFQs – Deputy Mayor Port indicated it is important to obtain an agreement as soon as possible. Committeeman Orr indicated he is comfortable in his experience with Triad. On motion of Deputy Mayor Port, seconded by Committeeman Orr to appoint Triad as the grant writer for the balance of 2015, unanimously carried.

OEM Paint Bids - Three (3) quotes were received. Forss Painting - \$4,275.00 ; LaRocca Painting - \$4,400.00; Sprouts & Ladders - \$2,600.00. Committeeman Orr requested Sprouts & Ladders elaborate more on their quote and provide proof of insurance. Mayor Reinhart will follow up.

Two (2) quotes were received on the needed carpentry work for the OEM building. The carpentry work is required to be completed prior to the painting. Mayor Reinhart reviewed the work scope. Accu Built Structures - \$1,250.00 and Austin Outdoor Maintenance - \$800. On motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart, to award the contract to Austin Outdoor Maintenance subject that the contract can be entered into consonant with New Jersey law and the contractor is a lawfully existing contractor of the State of New Jersey who is lawfully insured, unanimously carried.

New Business

Land Sale - Mayor Reinhart indicated he had been approached with a request to sell Township property. Mr. Carr indicated the most economic path would be to list all properties and later requested properties could be sold from this list. Mr. Carr will contact the Assessor for a listing of Township properties.

Dog Registrar - The position is still vacant. Committeeman Orr suggested reaching out for a shared service. Mr. Carr will reach out to surrounding municipalities.

Solicitors Report –

Class III Land Use members – Mr. Carr indicated some townships with a three (3) members Committee have a Class III member and some do not the law is permissive.

Shared Service Mowing – Mr. Carr indicated the Hopewell Township staff is willing but the Committee expressed concern as they currently have a Green Acres project which would require much of their time. Mr. Carr suggested the Township may pursue a vendor on an as needed basis and place it on the website.

Rate Payers Advocate – Mr. Carr indicated there has been an objection by this group to the approval of the settlement with Verizon regarding broadband service.

Convenience Center – Mr. Carr indicated there is a restriction on farm tags and commercial tags.

Flood Protection Project information had been provided to the Committee.

Awareness at County Level regarding flooding on Ye Greate Street. Correspondence had been received that the County engineer will review during a storm event.

Committee Comment – Deputy Mayor Port commented on issues in the Solicitor’s report in regards to the population of the Class III member of the Planning Board. He indicated it seemed advisable to take an opportunity to place another elected official on the planning board. Committeeman Orr indicated he did not have a strong opinion either way. He felt it could ease the challenges and difficulties in enforcing the issues in the historic district. He referenced an unfortunate treatment on an individual restoring a historic home. He does not want to interfere in the Zoning Officer’s duties. He felt greater cooperation between the board and this body may have been helpful. He feels there is something for complying with state law and feels the intent of the law is to have a Class III member. Mayor Reinhart indicated if the Township Committee was a five (5) board member he would not have a problem. He always thought of the Committee as a checks and balances to the Planning Board and felt there have been times they need to be reigned in. He felt there would be no checks and balances if there 2 (two) of the 3 (three) members of the Committee were on the Board. Committeeman Orr questioned if the ordinance would have to be changed. Mr. Carr indicated there are some boards that have a Class III and some that do not across the State and did not feel the ordinance would have to be updated. Mayor Reinhart indicated in the past he had attended meetings but did not feel it was valuable to have a vote. Committeeman Orr indicated this would not have prevented the happenings of the past month and agreed with Mayor Reinhart. Deputy Mayor Port questioned if the law requires it. Mr. Carr suggested the Land Use Board Solicitor be contacted. Deputy Mayor Port indicated he feels politicalization of issues is occurring. He feels a greater participation from elected officials will take away the appearance of favoritism. He feels there is a sense in the community of not being treated fairly. Mr. Carr indicated the Township Committee would serve as the appeal process but there is a potential of tainting the process with two (2) of the three (3) Committee members on the Board. Deputy Mayor Port stated his concern regarding a balance of power. Mayor Reinhart indicated the applicants have a right to appeal. Deputy Mayor Port indicated in regards to flood protection a statement had been made that the Board has statutory authority. He reviewed statute and questioned approval power if there is no capital improvement fund. Mr. Carr indicated if it pertains to land use it must emanate from the Board or the Board must have a chance to comment on it. Deputy Mayor Port indicated he did not feel there would

be a Dike Committee if the Board had taken steps to address flooding issues. Deputy Mayor Port indicated the Township is still awaiting word from the Army Corps of Engineers. He updated the status of the NJIT Sea Grant proposal. A pre-proposal had been submitted on a study of flood protection techniques in Greenwich. A full proposal invitation was extended. The basic idea is protecting people and property in such a way without negative environmental impact. Past methodologies are being reviewed and new ideas are also being used to provide positive flood protection during storm events but allowing normal tidal action the remainder of the time. If the grant is awarded, good research will be able to be accomplished. Deputy Mayor Port questioned if there was any status in regards to the Hazard Mitigation grant. Mayor Reinhart indicated he completed a required list and it was his understanding that the consultant will submit. Deputy Mayor Port indicated there will be a visit by the Department of the Interior in respect to the Delsea Cultural Heritage area it is related to geo tourism with the hopes of promoting the Delaware Bay area as a tourist area. Matt Pisarski and Rich DeMarco will meet with them and it will add strength to the Cultural Heritage region and may lead to work with National Geographic which will give international coverage. Deputy Mayor Port indicated he had spoken with SHPO and it was determined the cell tower has a detrimental effect on the historic district and there will be a requirement that Verizon mitigate. They want input from the community in what will be the appropriate way to mitigate. Verizon will spend money in mitigating but they do not want to dictate but want community input. The meeting will be held on Monday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Morris Goodwin school auditorium.

Mayor Reinhart – Mr. Street is present and would like to speak about the Carter property on 822 Sheppards Mill Road during public comment. The property is in horrible condition and detrimental to the surrounding properties. A request has been received to close a road for a wedding and requested Mr. Carr to review the procedure. Mayor Reinhart questioned the ABC License renewal procedure. Ms. Garrison indicated there is an issue with the license as it requires a special ruling. Mr. Carr explained a special ruling and the renewal process. Ms. Garrison indicated the instructions for filing for a special ruling was forwarded to the licensee. Ms. Garrison indicated the renewal process has now been changed to an online procedure. The applicant must still pay their fee by the end of June and the application deadline has been extended to September 30, 2015. Mr. Carr indicated there could be a possibility of a buyer who would expend the funds to renew or nothing happens and the State takes back the license. Greenwich would still be entitled to one (1) license. Mayor Reinhart indicated the Right to Know Report is due but he has no document to file. Discussion ensued and Ms. Garrison indicated a Right to Know Coordinator is needed. She indicated no documents had been received. He indicated work will be done on Greenwich Road which will be repairs to the culvert. Fire Calls for April were five (5), EMS were three (3) for a total of forty-two (42) year to date. The Senior Center weekly activities were reviewed and attendance encouraged. Ms. Watson indicated a \$30,000 Wastewater Feasibility Study grant has been received to study the best approach to deal with wastewater. Matt Pisarski has three (3) firms that have a special interest in that area. An RFP needs to be developed and published as a consultant is needed with cutting edge technology information. Ms. Watson indicated he was unsure of next step.

Public Comment – On motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Deputy Mayor Port to open the public meeting. Mr. Street is here, on behalf of his family, he indicated that they have been dealing with the property issue for many years. Letters have been submitted to the Township.

There are numerous liens on the property. Procedures were reviewed to address the property. Mr. Hannigan questioned the duties of the Dog Registrar and will consider the position with no pay. Mr. Van Pelt indicated in regards to the farm use or commercial vehicles not being able to be utilized at the dump the issue it is not being understood and it is making things more tough on the residents. Mr. Carr indicated it is the NJAC that requires no farm or no commercial vehicles and it is being felt across the County. Mayor Reinhart indicated he had contacted the Business Administrator at Hopewell and was advised it was Trenton that was responsible. Mr. Carr indicated it opens the operators of the convenience centers to fines if they fail to abide. It would expose the Township if there is failure to comply. Mr. Hannigan questioned there are people who only have farm tag vehicles and was advised it is farm use tags not farm tag vehicles. It is farm use or commercial. Mr. Van Pelt commented that he got from Deputy Mayor's speech that he was not happy with the Board. He indicated there are many people who take time out of their lives with no pay. He feels the window thing is blown out of proportion. The Board reviews and works out historic district issues with applicants. He feels they do work with the residents. Residents had been asked to come in and things were worked out. He has no problem with Deputy Mayor Port being a member. Deputy Mayor Port stated he was not indicating the Board and understood the volunteering of time and is grateful. His comments were not intended to criticize. He feels it would be helpful to have more turnover on the Board and broader participation from the community. He thanked Mr. Van Pelt for his effort. He did not want to be ungrateful for the effort being put in but would like to see where improvements could be made as there are perceptions that could be changed. Mr. Henry indicated one perception that needs to be changed is if there is criticism of the Board you should come to the meeting and meet with the Board and understand the decisions made. The second perception is the Planning Board does not make the rules as the Township Committee passes the ordinances in conjunction with Municipal Land Use Law and when it comes to zoning variances the Board works with advice of the attorney, case law and Municipal Land Use Law. The Historic District is a consequence of the Township ordinance. If it is not liked, the Township Committee could do away with it. There was a move to abolish it in 1970. If you do not like the Historic District or the application of the rules of the Historic District then do away with it and take the burden off the Planning Board. It was said the Board was too powerful but the authority comes from the Township Committee. There are nine (9) members representing a balance of the community. There are members that are farmers, design professionals and an attorney. Training is required that many people do not want to take which is one reason it is difficult to populate the Board. The big perception is that the Planning Board is powerful and making the rules. The Board does not make the rules but is sworn to adhere to them and State Law. An attorney guides and it is not deviated from. Another item is that the Board does not enforce but comes from the Zoning Officer. He is different than the building official who applies building requirements which are State requirements. In the case of Mr. Tyson's application there was a gap that has been tried to be plugged. The Township is working on it. It is a procedural matter not a failure of the Planning Board in a gap that needed to be closed. Mr. Newton questioned of Mr. Henry that a map was dropped off in his mail box in regards to the reconfiguring of the dikes in front of his house. Mr. Henry indicated this had nothing to do with the situation. He questioned if the Township is responsible for the reconfiguration of the dikes. Mr. Henry indicated he did not reconfigure the dikes. Deputy Mayor Port indicated the map does not represent a plan it is a conceptual scheme that is designed to assist the Army Corps of Engineers to make the case that there is a federal interest. Mr. Newton questioned why Mr. Henry's name is on the map that he is a representative of the

Township. Mr. Henry indicated he is on the Dike Committee and a part of the group that is dealing with the Army Corps of Engineers. Deputy Mayor Port stated to Mr. Henry his comments were not an attack on the Planning Board. He thinks there is room for improvement with better turnover. Mr. Henry indicated Deputy Mayor Port is part of the appointment process and could understand the difficulty in obtaining volunteers. Part of municipal land use law is the intent to have governing body participation and that is why he requested further clarification of the Township Solicitor. He feels it would be an improvement to have a Class III member. He indicated he is only trying to make improvements. Mr. Henry indicated he wanted to correct the statement of too much power. Mayor Reinhart indicated there is one (1) member of the Township Committee is on the Planning Board not on the Zoning Board. Members of the public are invited to attend, with the exception of Mr. Carluzzo, few people attend. Finding volunteers is hard. Mr. Newton requested if the fire house is still Township property and was advised that was the case. Mr. Carr indicated Mr. Newton's question to him previously had been if this body makes any decision to membership of the fire company. He questioned the membership of the fire department. Mayor Reinhart indicated there are 20 members and he could provide a list. He requested everything which involves bringing back Mr. Reinhart. Mr. Carr indicated the Township Committee has no control over the Fire Department membership. Mr. Newton will be provided the name and contact information of the Fire Department's solicitor and was advised he could file an OPRA request with the Fire Department. Mr. Newton questioned the relationship of the position of Mayor and Fire Department President. Mr. Newton requested records of the Fire Department. Mr. Carr indicated this is a request of the fire company and it could be OPRA requested it has nothing to do with the Township Committee. Mr. Newton disagreed that at the same time the building is Township property. Mayor Reinhart indicated information in regards to the Fire Department must be dealt with the Fire Department. It will be provided by the Fire Department. Mr. Carr stated the Committee has no jurisdiction over membership. Mr. Hannigan requested if the Township is in possession of correspondence from the Cumberland County Regional School Board of the school taxes. Ms. Garrison indicated she just received the A4F which represents the certification of the levy and does not tell you the increase. Mr. Hannigan indicated there was a formula and referenced the failure to have a revaluation. Mayor Reinhart indicated there was a tremendous cost to do a revaluation. Mr. Valentino stated everyone is fortunate to live here. Everyone discusses preservation and care of the homes and tourists. The bottom line is money. He was fortunate enough to live in Virginia and they utilize a tax on everyone outside of Williamsburg that does business is levied a tax, this Township has farmland and suggested a tax on rental farmland. He indicated he would pull some ideas out of Williamsburg. Mr. Van Pelt apologized for his previous actions. On motion of Committeeman Orr, seconded by Mayor Reinhart, to close the public hearing, unanimously carried.

Adjournment –

On motion of Deputy Mayor Port, seconded by Mayor Reinhart to adjourn, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Garrison
Township Clerk

