

Township of Vernon

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 28, 2015

The Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 28, 2015 in the Vernon Municipal Center, 21 Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey with Council President Patrick Rizzuto presiding.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the public and the press on January 4, 2015, and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-7.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present were Council Members Dan Kadish, Brian Lynch, Jean Murphy, Dick Wetzel and Council President Patrick Rizzuto. Also present were Administrator Bill Zuckerman, CFO Elke Yetter, Engineer Cory Stoner and Township Attorney John Ursin.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Council President Rizzuto led the assemblage in the salute to the flag.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Council President Rizzuto requested that Council Member Kadish read the following proclamation:

**Older Americans Month
May 2015**

WHEREAS, Vernon Township is committed to valuing all individuals and recognizing their ongoing life achievements; and

WHEREAS, Older adults in Vernon Township play an important role by continuing to contribute experience, knowledge, wisdom and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Older adults are active community members involved in volunteering, mentorship, arts and culture, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Our community can provide opportunities to allow older citizens to continue to flourish by emphasizing the importance of elders and their leadership; by presenting opportunities for older Americans to share their wisdom, experience and skills; and recognizing older adults as a valuable asset in strengthening American communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Council President Patrick J. Rizzuto, Mayor Marotta and the Vernon Township Council do hereby proclaim **May 2015 to be Older Americans Month** in Vernon Township. We urge every citizen to take the time this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital citizens who greatly contribute to the community.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the Township of Vernon, on this 20th day of May, two thousand fifteen, and to which I have caused the Seal of the Township of Vernon to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to open the meeting for Public Comments.

MOTION: Brian Lynch

SECOND: Dan Kadish

All members were in favor.

Gary Martinsen, Vernon, stated that a letter was submitted to the press by a Council Member. Mr. Martinsen stated that it had been alleged that it was done as a diversionary matter. Mr. Martinsen stated that even if this was a diversion it does not matter, as the heart of the issue is

whether a Mayor can appoint an administrative clerk as acting Mayor. Mr. Martinsen stated only a Department Head can be appointed as Acting Mayor, and that in appointing Ms. Mills acting Mayor it was a slap in the face to the department heads. Mr. Martinsen stated that the Ms. Mills would continue in the position for 60 days if something happened to the Mayor. Mr. Martinsen also stated it appears that the Mayor feels that his administrative assistant can do the job of both the Mayor and Administrator when they are gone.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seeing no more members of the public wishing to speak, Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting.

MOTION: Brian Lynch

SECOND: Dick Wetzel

All Members were in favor.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Marotta was not present. Administrator Zuckerman advised the Township that the Township was meeting with the Sussex County Board of Health. Administrator Zuckerman noted that the Township will be discussing with the Sussex County Board of Health what would be needed to move the health department back to the Township.
- Administrator Zuckerman stated the Auditor had completed the audit and would be presenting it at the June meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded as noted below to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2015

MOVED: Dan Kadish

SECONDED: Brian Lynch

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Brian Lynch, Dick Wetzel, Patrick Rizzuto

NAYES: Jean Murphy

ABSTAIN: None

Council Member Murphy stated she had requested from the Clerk that the executive session minutes be more elaborate and she was advised that the Council may have to go into executive session for that. Attorney Ursin stated that if Council Member Murphy wanted to state something substantively about executive session minutes a motion would have to be made to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the executive session minutes.

Council Member Murphy made a motion to go into executive session to discuss what she would like added to the executive session minutes.

MOVED: Jean Murphy

SECONDED: Dan Kadish

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Jean Murphy

NAYES: Brian Lynch, Dick Wetzel, Patrick Rizzuto

ABSTAIN: None

Motion did not carry.

Council Member Kadish questioned if a vote was appropriate when a member asked to go into executive session. Attorney Ursin indicated that it was, because it had to be the majority consensus that a reason exists to go into closed session. Council Member Murphy stated that in her opinion the item discussed in executive session was not executive session material. Council Member Murphy expressed concern that the other Council members would not want to hear what she had to say. Council President Rizzuto commented that Council Member Murphy had

expressed that she wanted her comments expanded but noted that minutes are not a verbatim conversation. Council Member Murphy indicated the information she had requested she still had not received. Council Member Kadish suggested discussing the issue in open session. Council Member Murphy commented that once the minutes were voted on they were public. Attorney Ursin stated that once minutes were voted on does not necessarily make them public; it is based on whether the need for confidentiality still exists.

It was moved and seconded as noted below to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2015 Executive Session

MOVED: Brian Lynch
SECONDED: Dan Kadish

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Brian Lynch, Dick Wetzel, Patrick Rizzuto
NAYES: Jean Murphy
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried to approve minutes.

Attorney Ursin stated that if someone were to request the minutes, the Clerk would give the minutes to him for review. Attorney Ursin stated he would review the minutes to see if the need for confidentiality still existed with respect to those minutes and if there is no need the minutes could be released. Council Member Murphy contended her question that was asked in executive session had to do with the subject of the executive session but it was not part of that matter. Council Member Murphy stated it was something in addition to that matter. Attorney Ursin indicated he was unaware as to what Council Member Murphy was referring. Attorney Ursin stated he would confer with the Clerk about the minutes need for confidentiality. Council Member Murphy questioned whether they were subject to OPRA. Attorney Ursin explained that they are always subject to OPRA but if an exclusion existed they would not be available. Attorney Ursin stated he would review same.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Rizzuto gave a brief explanation of Resolutions #15-95 - #15-101.
Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions #15-95 - #15-101.

MOVED: Brian Lynch
SECONDED: Dan Kadish

Council Member Lynch questioned the difference between resolution 15-101 and the one from last month regarding the HVAC. Administrator Zuckerman explained that one was for the outside chillers and the other was for maintenance of the actual vents. The Township Engineer explained that Carrier is the manufacturer of the units and Air Handlers is responsible for the maintenance and vents. The Council discussed the previous deficiencies with the system.

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Brian Lynch, Jean Murphy, Dick Wetzel, Patrick Rizzuto
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolutions #15-95 - #15-101 were adopted.

RESOLUTION #15-95

AUTHORIZING MAINTENANCE SERVICE CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPALLY OWNED OFFICE EQUIPMENT WITH SPECIALTY UNDERWRITERS, LLC.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a maintenance service contract for various municipally owned office equipment not covered under a manufacturer's warranty; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that Specialty Underwriters, LLC, the Township's current contractor providing these services, is qualified to continue providing the Township for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose in the 2015 Municipal Budget and that the value of the contract will not exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Township desires to award a maintenance contract to Specialty Underwriters, LLC. pursuant to a contract under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 and/or N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract will be from May 19, 2015 through May 18, 2016, with a total contract price not to exceed \$3,259.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, the Mayor is authorized to execute a maintenance contract with Specialty Underwriters LLC, for various municipally owned office equipment not covered under a manufacturer's warranty for an amount not to exceed \$3,259.00.

RESOLUTION #15-96

CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION AMENDING THE 2015 BUDGET AS A REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$4,000.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has been awarded a \$4,000.00 Click It or Ticket 2015 Seat Belt Mobilization Grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety; and wishes to amend its 2015 budget for this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2015 in the sum of \$4,000.00 which is now available as a revenue from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$4,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption 2015 Click It or Ticket Grant.

RESOLUTION #15-97

AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH ACTION TITLE RESEARCH FOR "INQUIRY ONLY" ACCESS TO CERTAIN TAX COLLECTORS TAX AND/OR UTILITY RECORDS VIA VITAL COMMUNICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon received a request from Action Title Research seeking electronic "look only" inquiry access to the public tax records administered by the tax collector; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Township's tax records are currently maintained in an electronic format by Vital Communications Inc. of Trenton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, upon authorization, Action Title Research, agrees to use this information for the sole purpose of providing tax search information to the title industry; and

WHEREAS, Action Title Research also agrees to protect the information obtained and to not re-sell or re-distribute this same information or make available to a third party except as needed for the purpose of providing information for tax searches to the title industry.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Vernon:

1. Vernon Township will authorize Vital Communications, Inc. to provide look up information access to Action Title Research, for Vernon Township property tax and/or utility records.
2. Action Title Research shall be subject to Vital Communications, Inc.'s policies and procedures.
3. Action Title Research waives any claim that it may have against Vernon Township in connection with Vital Communications, Inc.'s policies and procedures.
4. Action Title Research, agrees to use this information for the sole purpose of providing tax search information to the title industry, agrees to protect the information obtained and to not re-sell or re-distribute this same information or make available to a third party except as needed for the purpose of providing information for tax searches to the title industry.
5. The Township of Vernon shall not incur any charges for providing this access or means of information exchange to Action Title Research.

RESOLUTION #15-98

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STEPS BY NEW JERSEY OFFICIALS TO PROTECT AND SUPPORT FEDERAL MILITARY BASES LOCATED IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Picatinny Arsenal, Naval Weapons Station Earle, the 177th Air National Guard Wing in Atlantic City, the Cape May Coast Guard Training Center are major federal assets in the state of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Rutgers Economic Advisory Service, R/ECON™ recently conducted a study which measured and modeled the economic contribution to the state's economy of our military installations; and

WHEREAS, the Rutgers Economic Advisory Service determined that, in net, the federal government spent nearly \$4.8 billion within the state, which generates over 45,600 jobs that pay about \$2.6 billion and add about \$3.8 billion of wealth to state residents; and

WHEREAS, the \$4.8 billion in annual federal spending results in \$9.6 billion in net business revenues; and

WHEREAS, of this total, \$6.5 billion is net wealth was added in the form of Gross Domestic Product by the State; and

WHEREAS, of this GDP total, over \$4.0 billion is in the form of labor income that supports an estimated 73,234 jobs, a number greater than the combined employment of the State's communications and chemical industries; and

WHEREAS, all New Jersey military installations make significant individual and collective contributions to the capabilities of our Armed Forces and our national security; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and expanding this military core is nearly as critical for its continued economic welfare as it is to the State's homeland security missions; and

WHEREAS, in an era of Federal fiscal austerity, policy-makers in our Nation's Capital will be asked to consider proposals to reduce defense spending and the size of our uniformed services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey that the Governor and the State Senate and Assembly should take immediate steps to protect these valuable military assets, in recognition of their vital importance to our Nation's and our State's security; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Vernon joins with the New Jersey League of Municipalities in calling on our State leaders to work in concert to promote the preservation, growth and development of our New Jersey military facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the Clerk's of all Municipalities in Sussex County, the New Jersey League of Municipalities, New Jersey's United States Senators and the Sussex County Legislative Delegation.

RESOLUTION #15-99

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

WHEREAS, DUPLICATE PAYMENTS were made on the Second quarter **2015** taxes; and

WHEREAS, such payments created an **OVERPAYMENT.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that they hereby authorize the Township Treasurer to issue check for said overpayments and the Tax Collector refund said overpayments of taxes on the following accounts:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
188.01 (Re: Chang, Daniel S #29109310/10300)	4	C0006 Core Logic	\$980.42	2 nd	██████████
199.08 (Re: Jacob, John & Ellen E #75873137/11765)	34	C0233 Core Logic	\$916.59	2 nd	██████████
260.24 (Re: Linder, Deborah)	1	Hudson City	\$1103.31	2 nd	██████████

RESOLUTION #15-100

CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION AMENDING THE 2015 BUDGET AS A REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$56,165.53

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township has been awarded a \$56,165.53 Clean Communities Grant from the State of New Jersey Environmental Protection Agency; and wishes to amend its 2015 budget for this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Vernon hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2015 in the sum of \$56,165.53 which is now available as a revenue from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$56,165.53 is hereby appropriated under the caption 2015 Clean Communities Grant.

RESOLUTION #15-101

AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE FOUR (4) CARRIER AIR-COOLED CHILLERS LOCATED IN THE VERNON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

WHEREAS, there exists a need for regularly scheduled preventative maintenance for the four (4) Carrier air-cooled chillers located in the Vernon Township Municipal Building, and;

WHEREAS, Carrier Corporation was solicited for a proposal from the Department of Public Works due to the specialized nature and scope of work to be performed on the Carrier chillers, which consists of an annual PM and seasonal winterization and start-up of each unit; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Township is to be billed quarterly, for a contract term of one (1) year, May 1, 2015 to April 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent recommends awarding the contract to Carrier Corporation, 100 Delawanna Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07014; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to NJAC 5:30-5.5(b) has certified that these funds are available; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, the Mayor, Clerk and CFO are authorized to extend a contract with Carrier Corporation, 100 Delawanna Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07014, not to exceed \$8496.00.

INTRODUCTION/1st READING OF ORDINANCES

Council President Rizzuto read Ordinance #15-14 by title:

Ordinance #15-14: An Ordinance to Authorize Acquisition of An Easement Relating To Existing Sewer Mains From The New York Susquehanna And Western Railway Corporation

Council President Rizzuto noted that this ordinance had been tabled at the previous meeting. Council President Rizzuto requested a motion to take this ordinance off the table.

MOVED: Brian Lynch
SECONDED: Dan Kadish

Council Member Kadish stated he thought that although there was no need for it now, that in the future this easement should be extended up to Vernon Crossing. Attorney Ursin noted this was not included in the negotiations.

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Brian Lynch, Jean Murphy, Dick Wetzel, Patrick Rizzuto
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried to take Ordinance #15-14 off the table.

Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #15-14 with a public hearing to be held on June 22, 2015.

MOVED: Dan Kadish
SECONDED: Brian Lynch

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Brian Lynch, Jean Murphy, Dick Wetzel, Patrick Rizzuto
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried to introduce Ordinance #15-14 with a public hearing to be held on June 22, 2015.

Council President Rizzuto read Ordinance #15-19 by title:

Ordinance #15-19: Ordinance To Provide And Determine The Salary For The Mayor Of The Township Of Vernon

Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #15-19 with a public hearing to be held on June 22, 2015.

MOVED: Brian Lynch
SECONDED: Patrick Rizzuto

Council Member Murphy objected to the wording in Ordinance 15-19, indicating that ordinance stated that the Mayor's office was a full time position since 2011. Council Member Murphy stated she was not even a member of the Council in 2011. Council Member Murphy objected to the language that the current annual salary is insufficient. Council Member Murphy stated if an ordinance was to be put forward asking for an increase, just put forward an ordinance asking for an increase. Council Member Murphy objected to the characterization of the Mayor's office as a full time position. Council Member Murphy stated that she did not recognize the position as a full time position and that she believed when the Judge made his ruling that it was a full time position that it was based on an employee manual so that is why the Mayor was awarded health benefits. Council Member Murphy stated the Judge was not just ordering it and if he was, the Council should not be affirming it. Council Member Murphy stated when referring to the executive and administrative functions of the Mayor it is important that the public not confuse them with the office of the Business Administrator; noting these are two separate functions. Council Member Murphy reiterated that the Ordinance should not say he has been full time since July 2011.

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Brian Lynch, Dick Wetzel, Patrick Rizzuto
NAYES: Dan Kadish, Jean Murphy
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried to introduce Ordinance #15-19 with a public hearing to be held on June 22, 2015.

Council Member Murphy commented that it had nothing to do with the amount of money but with the wording. Council Member Wetzel objected to this comment as picayune.

Council President Rizzuto read Ordinance #15-20 by title:

Ordinance #15-20: Ordinance Amending The Salary Ordinance For "Non-Union" Employees

Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #15-20 with a public hearing to be held on June 22, 2015.

Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to introduce ordinance 15-20 with a public hearing on June 22, 2015.

MOVED: Dick Wetzel
SECONDED: Patrick Rizzuto

Council Member Murphy stated the position of municipal clerk, along with the registrar of vital statistics should be in a separate ordinance. Council Member Murphy further stated the Clerk's position, once put in a salary range ordinance, you are now giving the management control over to the Mayor of the Clerk and that is not a function, that should be happening. Council Member

Murphy suggested that control should remain with the Council. Council Member Murphy stated there should be a salary ordinance for the Clerk separately. Council Member Murphy asked the Township Attorney if the Clerk were removed from the Ordinance would that be a major change. Attorney Ursin stated the ordinance had not been introduced so any changes could be made. Council Member Murphy stated she wanted the rest of the Council to be aware of what's in there and it is just taking the Clerk's position and putting it where it belongs. Council President Rizzuto asked for a Roll Call. Council Member Murphy asked is the motion to introduce as is. Attorney Ursin noted the motion already had been made to introduce as is, unless someone were to make a motion to amend. Attorney Ursin stated a motion to amend can be made.

Council Member Kadish stated he would like to make a motion to Amend removing the Clerk's Office from the Ordinance. Council Member Murphy stated the Deputy Registrar could be left in the ordinance. Council Member Kadish questioned why the Deputy Registrar and Registrar should be paid the same amount. Council Member Murphy indicated a Registrar is a registrar. Council President Rizzuto questioned Attorney Ursin if this could be researched for the next meeting. Attorney Ursin stated that substantive changes could not be made on the second reading.

Attorney Ursin stated there is currently a motion on the table to approve/introduce the Ordinance. Attorney Ursin stated there is a motion to amend that has not been seconded. Council Member Murphy stated she would second it.

Attorney Ursin clarified the motion to change/amend is to remove the Clerk from this Ordinance.

MOVED: Dan Kadish
SECONDED: Jean Murphy

Attorney Ursin stated there can now be any amount of discussion as the Council deems fit and there needs to be a vote on the amendment and then a vote on if the ordinance was to be introduced.

Council Member Lynch stated so we are going to remove, if the vote passes, the Municipal Clerk's salary range and that has to be introduced at the next meeting. Attorney Ursin said yes. Council Member Murphy stated the one question she has of the Attorney then is, that she was originally asking for was for the Registrar of Vital Statistics too, having the Deputy Registrar who is an employee of the Mayor should that stay or should that be moved. Attorney Ursin stated the issue of moving them, you could vote to move each one. Council President Rizzuto questioned the organizational chart in relation to the salary ordinance. Attorney Ursin explained the organizational chart was not affected by this ordinance. Council President Rizzuto questioned why the title was being moved then. Council President Rizzuto questioned why the Clerk is being moved or that the way the ordinance is written affects the Clerk. Council Member Murphy stated having the ordinance the way it was written put the authority in the Mayor's hand to set the salary for the Clerk, where it does not belong. Council President Rizzuto stated while the Clerk does work for and is hired by the Council she does most of her work under the aegis of Administration working with the Mayor. Council Member Murphy stated she was just asking for a separate ordinance breaking out the Clerk. Council Member Murphy stated if this was a straight salary ordinance it would be a different issue but because it was a range it gives the Mayor the right to determine what that is and that the Township should have a salary Ordinance for the Clerk separate. Council Member Murphy stated that is all she is asking for and that is what the motion was for, the office of the Clerk and have a separate ordinance.

Attorney Ursin clarified so what is being voted on is to amend the current Ordinance to take the Clerk out and put it in as a separate Ordinance to be introduced at the next meeting. Council Member Kadish stated he would amend his motion to reflect that, to a date certain.

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Brian Lynch, Jean Murphy, Dick Wetzel, Patrick Rizzuto
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Clerk Kirkman stated motion carried to remove the title of Municipal Clerk from the Ordinance 15-20 for a separate Ordinance.

Council Member Lynch stated do we have to make new motion to adopt the Ordinance. Attorney Ursin stated no the motion is already on the table to introduce the ordinance as amended.

Council Member Murphy asked what Fire Police was. Council Member Lynch stated it is a new organization that will in an emergency situation direct traffic and they can be called out during public events as well. Council Member Murphy questioned if they were resource officers that we have now. Council Member Lynch stated they are usually firefighters but the township does not have them now in their organization. Council Member Lynch stated he was abstaining as he was a member of fire police.

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Jean Murphy, Dick Wetzel, Patrick Rizzuto

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Brian Lynch

Motion carried to introduce Ordinance #15-20 as amended with a public hearing to be held on June 22, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING/2nd READING OF ORDINANCES

Council President Rizzuto read Ordinance #15-15 by title only.

Ordinance #15-15: An Ordinance Of The Township Of Vernon, County Of Sussex, State Of New Jersey Authorizing The Sale Of Property Owned By The Township And Not Required For Public Purposes And More Commonly Known As Block 103.01, Lot 22.

Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #15-15.

MOVED: Dan Kadish

SECONDED: Dick Wetzel

All Members were in favor.

There was no comment from the public.

Council President Rizzuto asked for a Motion to close the public hearing.

MOVED: Brian Lynch

SECONDED: Dick Wetzel

All Members were in favor.

Council Member Kadish stated he would like a copy of the map provided when these types of ordinances come forward in the future. Council Member Kadish stated the maps online were difficult to read.

Council President Rizzuto asked for a Motion to adopt ordinance #15-15.

MOVED: Dan Kadish

SECONDED: Dick Wetzel

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Jean Murphy, Dick Wetzel, Patrick Rizzuto

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Brian Lynch

Motion carried to pass Ordinance 15-15.

Council President Rizzuto read Ordinance #15-16 by title only.

Ordinance #15-16: Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$1,534,557, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,266,625 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township, For Various Improvements Or

Purposes Authorized To Be Undertaken By The Township Of Vernon, In The County Of Sussex,
New Jersey

Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #15-12.

MOVED: Dan Kadish
SECONDED: Dick Wetzel
All Members were in favor.

Gary Martinsen stated that this ordinance should not be passed as it seems like a credit card. Mr. Martinsen stated that Wallkill Road needed to be repaired but maybe it can be done in stages. Mr. Martinsen stated he was happy to hear that an Assemblyman was able to help in getting a grant. Mr. Martinsen questioned why this wasn't done sooner. Mr. Martinsen stated that anything of this magnitude should be on the November ballot.

Council President Rizzuto asked for a Motion to close the public hearing.

MOVED: Brian Lynch
SECONDED: Dick Wetzel
All Members were in favor.

Council President Rizzuto asked for a Motion to adopt ordinance #15-16.

MOVED: Dan Kadish
SECONDED: Brian Lynch

Council Member Kadish stated that the letter from Mr. Stoner received today regarding Lake Wallkill road should be made public and requested that Mr. Stoner speak on the issue. Cory Stoner, Township Engineer, stated the Township had applied previously for funding last year but was denied. Mr. Stoner explained that each year we apply for a project; last year the Township received funds for Breakneck Road. Mr. Stoner stated the Township reapplied this year and we just received the funds. Mr. Stoner stated we also applied for Sammis Road. Mr. Stoner indicated that Lake Wallkill Road is in poor shape and the municipality owns several miles of the road, but that the other portion is owned by the county. Mr. Stoner stated he had made the recommendation for funds for Eastern federal lands and has obtained information that these funds were available because they provide access to federal lands. Mr. Stoner explained the difficulty in obtaining Federal Funds. Mr. Stoner and the Council discussed the plan for rebuilding the road and the layers of road surface to be utilized. Mr. Stoner discussed putting weight limits on the road but noted that because the road provides access into NY state it was not an easy fix. Mr. Stoner and the Council discussed the standards needed with the utilization of the federal funds. Council Member Kadish discussed the possibility of doing phase 3 first. Mr. Stoner stated this would not be possible. Mr. Stoner discussed the various right of ways and road standards. Council Member Murphy stated she understood that Senator Oroho had assisted in getting the grants. Council Member Murphy noted that the DOT had come up with some extra money and several municipalities had benefited. Mr. Stoner discussed making multiple applications each year in the hopes of receiving at least one grant. Council Member Kadish stated he would like Mr. Stoner's letter to be readily available to the public, rather than going through OPRA. Administrator Zuckerman stated if it is the wish of the Council, they will do it. Council President Rizzuto asked that Attorney Ursin review same prior to it being released.

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Brian Lynch, Jean Murphy, Dick Wetzel, Patrick Rizzuto
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried to adopt Ordinance #15-16

Council President Rizzuto read Ordinance #15-17 by title only.

Ordinance #15-17: Ordinance Providing For The Improvement Of Various Roads In And By The Township Of Vernon, In The County Of Sussex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$169,000 Therefor, Constituting Proceeds Of Obligations Of The Township Heretofore Issued

Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #15-17.

MOVED: Brian Lynch
SECONDED: Dan Kadish
All Members were in favor.

There were no comments from the public.

Council President Rizzuto asked for a Motion to close the public hearing.

MOVED: Brian Lynch
SECONDED: Dick Wetzel
All Members were in favor.

Council President Rizzuto asked for a Motion to adopt ordinance #15-17.

MOVED: Brian Lynch
SECONDED: Dick Wetzel

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Brian Lynch, Jean Murphy, Dick Wetzel, Patrick Rizzuto

NAYS: None

Motion carried to pass Ordinance 15-17.

Council President Rizzuto read Ordinance #15-18 by title only.

Ordinance #15-18: An Ordinance Of The Township Of Vernon In The County Of Sussex, New Jersey Authorizing The Purchase Of Various Equipment And Repairs In, By And For The Township Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40:56-1 And Appropriating Therefore The Sum Of \$154,000.00 And Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall Be Raised From The Capital Improvement Fund Account Of The Township

Council President Rizzuto asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #15-18.

MOVED: Brian Lynch
SECONDED: Dan Kadish
All Members were in favor.

There were no comments from the public.

Council President Rizzuto asked for a Motion to close the public hearing.

MOVED: Brian Lynch
SECONDED: Dick Wetzel
All Members were in favor.

Council President Rizzuto asked for a Motion to adopt ordinance #15-18.

MOVED: Brian Lynch
SECONDED: Dan Kadish

A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Dan Kadish, Brian Lynch, Jean Murphy, Dick Wetzel, Patrick Rizzuto

NAYS: None

Motion carried to pass Ordinance 15-18.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Wetzel stated that the Memorial Day Parade was outstanding, with the largest crowd ever. Council Member Wetzel reminded the residents that June 2nd was election day and it is your right to go out and cast your ballot. Council Member Wetzel also urged people to come out on June 7th for Vernon Day.

Council Member Lynch stated he saw on the news the total devastation in Texas. Council Member Lynch also noted that Seaside, NJ had received 3 inches of rain in a few hours and cars were floating on Route 37. Council Member Lynch stated that with the current state of affairs between the public and the Police that the police in Wildwood, NJ are asking parents to stop saying to their children “if you are not good the police will take you away” because they do not want children to be afraid of police officers. Council Member Lynch congratulated the Township dispatcher, who had talked a person through performing CPR and saved the person’s life.

Council Member Kadish stated at the Freeholder’s meetings that they have a section open to the public at the beginning and the end and he thought it was a very good system. Council Member Kadish stated the Memorial Day ceremony was very moving.

Council Member Murphy commented that at the Freeholder’s meetings the Freeholder comments are right before the administrator’s so it is earlier in the meeting. Council Member Murphy commented that she was showing a vacant home in Vernon and when the Police saw she was at the vacant home they slowed down to check. Council Member Murphy stated it was nice to see that they had checked. Council Member Murphy said she did call the Prosecutor’s office and the investigation into Camp Sussex is still ongoing. Council Member Murphy stated she had heard rumors that Mountain Creek had been sold and she wanted to know if anyone had heard anything concrete. Council Member Murphy commented on Ordinance 15-16 that \$450,000 in that ordinance was slated for the salt shed.

Council President Rizzuto stated he had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business to be conducted on the agenda, a motion for Adjournment was made by Council Member Lynch, seconded by Council Member Kadish with all members voting in favor.

The Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was adjourned at 8:45 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Kirkman, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Patrick Rizzuto,
Council President

Minutes approved: July 27, 2015