

**Township of Vernon**

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 12, 2017**

The Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 6:30 p.m. on Monday June 12, 2017 in the Vernon Municipal Center, 21 Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey with Council President Jean Murphy presiding.

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press on January 5, 2017 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, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel and Council President Jean Murphy. Also present was, Township Attorney Joshua Zielinski. Council Member Ooms was not present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Zielinski read the Resolution to enter Executive Session.

**RESOLUTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 permits the exclusion of the public in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed are:
  - a. Pending Litigation –Mt. Creek Bankruptcy; Paladini v. Township of Vernon (N.J.S.A.10:4-12 (b) 7) Anticipated Time of Disclosure November 2017.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Council President Murphy asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

MOVED: Dan Kadish

SECOND: Dick Wetzel

A roll call vote was taken:

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Sandra Ooms

Motion Carried to enter Executive Session at 6:34 pm.

Council President Murphy asked for a motion to Close Executive Session at 7:02 pm.

At 7:02 PM Council President Murphy asked for a motion to end Executive Session and return to open session at 7:30 pm:

MOTION: Patrick Rizzuto

SECOND: Dan Kadish

All Members present were in favor.

The Council returned to open session at 7:30 p.m.

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**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Present were Council Members Dan Kadish, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzal and Council President Jean Murphy. Also present were CFO Elke Yetter, Administrator Charles Voelker, Township Attorney Joshua Zielinski.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Council Member Murphy led the assemblage in the salute of the flag.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Council President Murphy asked of Ms. Healey and members of the Highland Lakes Senior Club could come forward. Council Member Kadish read the Proclamation for the Wall of Honor.

**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, for generations, brave Americans have stepped forward and answered our country's call to serve in our Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, with honor and distinction, our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen fight to defend the principles upon which our Republic was founded so that we might live in a freer and more prosperous world; and

**WHEREAS**, our military would not be the greatest in the world without the strength of these service members who fight to secure the values we cherish and defend our homeland, and

**WHEREAS**, our Nation has a solemn obligation to honor the members of our military -- from their first day of training until they conclude their service and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highland Lakes Senior Club in so honoring our service men and woman has created a Wall of Honor as a permanent memorial to those who have served or currently are serving our country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wall of Honor contains at least 50 photos of service personnel past and present who were not only members of the Highland Lakes Community but members of our military.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Council President Jean Murphy, Mayor Shortway and the Vernon Township Council do hereby honor our service men and women, from every branch of the service, and the members of the Highland Lakes Senior Club of the Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association for bringing this Wall of Honor to the Township of Vernon.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the Township of Vernon, State of New Jersey on this 12th day of June two thousand seventeen, and to which I have caused the Seal of the Township of Vernon to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ken Clark, McAfee Fire Department Chief and OEM Director, noted members of fire service are present to urge the Council to move forward with the capital bond ordinance which include the replacement Fire Ladder Truck and SCBA Air packs. He commented the Council can't allow issues to become political when it comes to life safety needs for residents and visitors of Vernon. Chief Clark explained the ladder truck, used for commercial buildings and Great Gorge Condos is 29 years old, has been out of service for months at a time as parts are very hard to find. The engine brake has not worked for a year putting township at risk of catastrophic failure or jeopardizing firefighters or civilians. He added it takes up to 14 months for the replacement truck to ready for service and again urges Council to move forward now. Chief Clark states the current SCBA Air Packs used by firefighters will expire in February 2018 and urges Council if the bond is not approved, firefighters will no longer be able to do any interior fire attacks or rescues. A mandatory requirement of PEOSHA and NFPA, the air packs are needed tools for the firefighters to perform their jobs and continue to serve Vernon in the most efficient manner possible. Chief Clark thanked the Council and Mayor for the appointments of the two Deputy OEM coordinators who are well-trained and professional in serving during emergency responses.

Council Member Rizzuto explained the reason why the bond ordinance was tabled was not because of the fire equipment but because of other items. He added he, with Council Members Wetzal and Ooms would vote for the fire truck and Air Packs but explained they can't run a town unless looking at all the expenses in bond.

Council President Murphy indicated that she understood the issues facing the fire department and was supportive.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Shortway was absent from the meeting. Mr. Voelker explained the Mayor has been providing weekly reports to the Council.

**MINUTES**

Council President Murphy noted the approval of minutes:

- Regular Meeting Minutes May 8, 2017
- Executive Session Minutes May 8, 2017

Council President Murphy asked for a motion to approve the minutes for May 8, 2017.

- MOVED: Dan Kadish
- SECOND: Jean Murphy
- A roll call vote was taken:
- AYES: Dan Kadish, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzal, Jean Murphy
- NAYES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: Sandra Ooms

Motion carried to approve minutes of May 8, 2017.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council President Murphy gave a brief explanation of Resolutions #17-125 thru #17-133.

Council President Murphy asked for a motion to approve Resolutions #17-125 thru #17-133. Council Member Rizzuto requested Resolution #17-133 to be removed from consent agenda.

Council President Murphy asked for a motion to approve Resolutions #17-125 thru #17-132.

- MOVED: Dan Kadish
- SECOND: Patrick Rizzuto
- A roll call vote was taken:
- AYES: Dan Kadish, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzal, Jean Murphy
- NAYES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: Sandra Ooms

Motion carried to approve Resolutions #17-125 thru #17-132.

**RESOLUTION #17-125**

**AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AIR GROUP LLC FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE 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** Air Group LLC was contracted last year to perform these services due to the specialized nature and scope of work to be performed, which consists of one annual visit, one seasonal start-up in the spring and one seasonal shut-down in the fall; and

**WHEREAS**, Air Group LLC currently maintains the HVAC system in the Vernon Township Municipal Building and it would be advantageous to Vernon Township to have Air Group LLC maintain the Carrier chillers as well; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent recommends that the Township award a contract for these services to Air Group LLC, One Prince Road, Whippany, NJ 07981; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract term is from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in 10577237; 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 is authorized to execute a contract with Air Group LLC, One Prince Road, Whippany, NJ 07981 to provide preventative maintenance on the four (4) Carrier air-cooled chillers located in the Vernon Township Municipal Building.

**RESOLUTION #17-126**

**AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AIR GROUP LLC FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE FOR THE HVAC SYSTEMS LOCATED IN THE VERNON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING and DPW BUILDING**

**WHEREAS**, the HVAC systems in the Vernon Township Municipal Building and DPW Building require regular preventative maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, Air Group LLC was contracted last year to perform these services for preventative maintenance work, with regard to the specialized nature and scope of work to be performed, which consists of six (6) preventative maintenance inspections per the term of the contract which is one year; and

**WHEREAS**, Air Group LLC currently maintains the HVAC systems in the Vernon Township Municipal Building and DPW Building and it would be advantageous to Vernon Township to extend the contract for an additional year in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract term is from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in 10577237; 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 is authorized to execute a contract with Air Group LLC, One Prince Road, Whippany, NJ 07981 to provide preventative maintenance on the HVAC systems located in the Vernon Township Municipal Building and DPW Building.

**RESOLUTION #17-127**

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION AMENDING THE 2017 BUDGET AS A REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$54,509.50**

**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 \$54,509.50 Clean Communities Grant from the State of New Jersey Environmental Protection Agency; and wishes to amend its 2017 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 2017 in the sum of \$54,509.50 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 \$54,509.50 is hereby appropriated under the caption 2017 Clean Communities Grant.

**RESOLUTION #17-128**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS**

**“Bullet Proof Vest Partnership/Body Armor Safety Initiative”**

**WHEREAS**, the Vernon Township Police Department wishes to apply for funding to the U.S. Department of Justice for the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership/Body Armor Safety Initiative, and

**WHEREAS**, the grant project consists of reimbursement for up to 50% of the expenses incurred to purchase new issue or replacement bullet proof vests for police officers. “BVP is a critical resource for state and local jurisdictions that saves lives. Based on data collected and recorded by the U.S. Department of Justice, in FY 2012, protective vests were directly attributable to saving the lives of at least 33 law enforcement and corrections officers, in 20 different states, an increase 13.7% over FY 2011. At least 14 of those life-saving vests had been purchased, in part, with BVP funds.” (OJP website, U.S. Department of Justice 2013) This grant is committed to officer safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Vernon Township will incur the cost of the program, not to exceed \$5,213.00 and then submit the necessary documentation to the U.S. Department of Justice for a fifty percent (50%) reimbursement.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Vernon Township declares its support for the “2016 Bullet Proof Vest Partnership/Body Armor Safety Initiative” Grant from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to outfit bullet proof vests for our newly hired police officers or replacement vests for our current police officers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor, Chief Finance Officer and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and sign any and all documents in order to effectuate the receipt of the Grant monies between the Township of Vernon and the U.S. Department of Justice for the “2017 Bullet Proof Vest Partnership/Body Armor Safety Initiative” Grant.

**RESOLUTION # 17-129**

**REFUND OVERPAYMENT FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER PROPERTY TAX (Tiberi)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, Vernon, New Jersey, that a warrant be drawn to Stephen M. & Ashia Tiberi in the amount of \$1,242.42 representing refund for overpayment of 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. 2017 property taxes for Block 73.12 Lot 7, also known as XXXXXXXXXX

**RESOLUTION #17-130**

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION AMENDING THE 2017 BUDGET AS A REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$4,503.79**

**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 \$4,503.79 Municipal Court Alcohol Education Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund from the New Jersey Courts; and wishes to amend its 2017 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 2017 in the sum of \$4,503.79 which is now available as a revenue from the New Jersey Courts and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$4,503.79 is hereby appropriated under the caption Alcohol Ed Rehab Fund Grant.

**RESOLUTION #17-131**

**SURRENDERING LIQUOR LICENSE #1922-36-014-003 APPALACHIAN HOTEL**

**WHEREAS**, the Appalachian Hotel (license number 1922-36-014-003) advised that it no longer meets the requirements to operate a Hotel Liquor License; and

**WHEREAS**, the Deputy Attorney General in February 2017 reviewed this matter and indicated the license cannot not be renewed for the 2016-2017 licensing term and shall therefore, be surrendered; and

**WHERAS**, the above recommendation from the Deputy Attorney General was accepted by the licensee and the premises that were sited by license 1922-36-014-003 have been transferred to license 1922-33-007-015, as permitted, by the Deputy Attorney General, and pursuant to a place to place transfer which was approved by Resolution 17-62 on February 16, 2017.

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

- 1) Liquor License 1922-36-014-003 is denied renewal for the 2016-2017 because it does not comply with the requirements for a hotel liquor license;
- 2) The Township accepts the surrender and termination of liquor license 1922-36-014-003 as it no longer complies with the requirements for a hotel liquor license.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Liquor License 1922-36-014-003 shall be and hereby is terminated and ceases to exist.

**RESOLUTION #17-132**

**AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT  
WITH LIFELOCK, INC. FOR RENEWAL OF IDENTITY  
THEFT PROTECTION FOR ELIGIBLE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need of a Professional Service Contract for the Township of Vernon for the renewal of Identity Theft Protection for previously registered Municipal Employees; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 specifically exempts professional services from provisions of public bidding as provided in the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has determined that LifeLock, Inc. 60 E. Rio Salado Parkway, Suite 400, Tempe, Arizona 85281, the Township's current contractor providing these services, is qualified to continue providing the Township with such services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose in Account#10570196 in the 2017 Municipal Budget; and that the value of the contract will exceed \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the contract is from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, with a contract price not to exceed \$19,350.00; and

**WHEREAS**, LifeLock, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification in compliance with applicable law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Township of Vernon authorizes the award of contract to Lifelock, Inc., pursuant to a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. to provide Identity Theft Protection in accordance with the attached contract for Professional Services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the award of contract shall be contingent upon the completion and receipt of the following:

- (a) A fully-executed professional services contract detailing the scope of services, established fees for said professional services, mandatory Equal Opportunity Language and Affirmative Action Certificate; and
- (b) Receipt of all statutorily mandated "pay to play" political contribution forms pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and
- (c) New Jersey Business Registration Certificate; and
- (d) Upon the aforementioned professional being a member in good standing in his respective profession.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute, seal and deliver the attached Contracts for Professional Services on behalf of and in the name of the Township of Vernon and that the Municipal Clerk shall publish the award of contract as required by law with ten (10) days of passage of this Resolution.

Council President Murphy asked for a motion to approve Resolution #17-133.

MOVED: Dan Kadish  
SECOND: Patrick Rizzuto

Council Member Rizzuto questions the number of vehicles on the list to be auctioned and asked if any are suitable to be used as a pool car. Mr. Voelker explained per the recommendation of the Township mechanics, the vehicles on the list to be auctioned are not able to be repaired and noted the current pool car has been removed from list. Council Member Rizzuto asked what mileage of each car is and is there a maintenance schedule. Council President Murphy explained the pool car is used by employees who must travel to training sometimes as far as Rutgers or Trenton and the current pool car is not able to handle the highways. Council Member Rizzuto

felt the mileage is low and vehicles should be able to last longer and better maintenance needs to be done. Council Member Kadish commented that the Council did receive a memo with the mileage of each car to be auctioned and its condition. Mr. Voelker added the Township will not be purchasing any more vehicles using diesel as there is an industry wide problem. Council Member Wetzel noted that mileage alone cannot determine condition and feels better maintenance will reduce breakdowns. Mr. Voelker explained the township is proposing to purchase one new vehicle for the building department.

Motion amended to approve #17-133 with removal of pool car from list to be auctioned.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Sandra Ooms

Motion carried to approve Resolution #17-133 with removal of pool car from list to be auctioned.

### RESOLUTION #17-133

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Vernon has determined that the surplus property described on Schedule “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein is no longer needed for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Vernon through this Resolution gives notice by the intention to the public, pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9 that the sale will be by the means of an online auction at the following approved provider from Friday, June 23, 2017 and ending on Monday, June 26, 2017;

[www.usgovbid.com](http://www.usgovbid.com)

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, that authorization is hereby given to sell the surplus property as indicated on Schedule “A” on an online auction; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 that formal public notification will be provided by the publication of a Legal Notice in the official newspaper, the New Jersey Herald, not less than seven (7) or more than fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled auction.

This Resolution will take effect immediately according to law.

#### 17-133 SCHEDULE “A” 2017 Vehicle and Equipment Auction

LOT # 1	2000 International 4700	VIN1HTSCABM7YH291781
LOT #2	1999 International 2552	VIN1HTGBADROXH663655
LOT #3	2002 Chevy Blazer 4x4	VIN1GNDT13WX2K220680
LOT #4	2011 Ford Crown Victoria	VIN2FABP7BV7BX156133
LOT #5	2007 Chevy Impala	VIN2G1WB58K279320081
LOT #6	<del>2005 DODGE Stratus</del>	<del>VIN 1B3EL46T25N591028</del> —Removed
from Auction 6-12-17		
LOT #7	2002 GMC Sonoma 4x4	VIN 1GTDT19W028230731
LOT #8	2005 DODGE Durango 4x4	VIN 1D4HB38N35F593889
LOT #9	1992 CHEVY S-10 2WD	VIN 1GCCS19Z2N2139900
LOT #10	2002 GMC Savana	VIN1GTFG15W921148783
LOT #11	2005 Jeep Liberty	VIN1JFGL58K85W683962
LOT #12	2010 Ford Crown Victoria	VIN2FABP7BVXAX111329
LOT #13	2002 CHEVY Blazer 4x4	VIN 1GNDT13W32K235084
LOT #14	1999 International 2554	VIN1HTGBADR9XH662654
LOT #15	1999 FORD F-350 S.D. AMBULANCE 4X4	VIN 1FDWF37F4XED32679
LOT #16	1999 TORO Sand Pro 5000 infield groomer	8881
LOT #17	1998 SCAG SW48-14KAE	Serial #24770089
LOT #18	Wacker RD880V Roller	Serial #673601654
LOT #19	Sandblaster	
LOT #20	Airco Dip Cor 300 mig welder	Serial # DH510189



LOT #21	Tenco 12' snowplow	
LOT #51	Curtis sander TS25A	Serial #521058
LOT #53	Curtis sander TS25A	Serial #52106
LOT #54	Smith sander SSVMD9G	Serial #5883
LOT # 57	Curtis sander TS25A	Serial #521054
LOT #58	Curtis sander TS-17	Serial #524911

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Commercial Electricity Contract

Mr. Voelker asked Nathan Burroughs to come forward to explain the proposal of Commercial Electricity Contract to save costs.

Nathan Burroughs, Director of Public Projects for Transparent Energy based in NJ, explained the service is NJDCA approved for procurement of gas and electricity services to capture market opportunities. Mr. Burroughs explained he met with Mr. Voelker in February and reviewed samples of Vernon monthly invoices to see if Vernon could benefit from his services. He found favorable results but could not yet move forward until the Council gave approval for Mayor to sign the contract. Council President Murphy asked about the terms of the contract Mr. Burroughs detailed 12 month, 16 month or 24 month terms. Council Member Wetzel asked who does repairs when the power is down. Mr. Burroughs stated the current service provider, JCPL, is responsible to do repairs and his service is only the supply side. He adds supply is purchased from online auctions and reviews market frequently to get the best possible rates for our customers. Council Member Rizzuto confirmed that they will provide power as a commodity and you need a specific trigger when you can authorize change in supplier.

Council President Murphy asked what the downsides are and Mr. Burroughs explains the market always fluctuates and errors in meter reads or billing issues have occurred but comments his company will assist to correct issues. Mr. Voelker explained there is no cost to the Township for these services. Mr. Burroughs added they have contracts with Sussex Borough, Passaic and Bergen County and can consider Green Options should Council choose. The consensus of the Council was to add Resolution for the Commercial Electricity Contract on the next agenda. Council Member Wetzel explained he must abstain from voting as he currently sits on the Board of Directors for Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative.

**INTRODUCTION/1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

Council President Murphy explains the Council can introduce only one of the ordinances on the agenda #17-08 or #17-09. She noted Ordinance 17-08 had been tabled at the las meeting and she added that Ordinance #17-09 is similar to #17-08 but does not include the field groomer, pool car and the traffic messaging trailer.

Council President Murphy read ordinance 17-08 by title only:

**Ordinance #17-08:** Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$3,775,500, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$3,009,000 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 Murphy read ordinance 17-09 by title only:

**Ordinance #17-09:** Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$3,636,500, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,948,000 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 Murphy made a motion to Introduce Ordinance #17-09 with a public hearing on June 26, 2017.

MOVED: Jean Murphy  
 SECOND: Dick Wetzel

Council Member Rizzuto questions the discrepancy of amounts for vehicle overhaul in the two ordinances. Mr. Voelker explains to prolong the life of the vehicles, the Township will begin this year with reconditioning process from outside contractor which includes sandblasting and repainting as well as replacement of brake lines. Ms. Yetter added DPW also revised its request

of vehicles needed to two single axle trucks. Mr. Rizzuto questioned why sprinkler system was in the 2015 and 2016 capital ordinance and now it is again in the 2017. Ms. Yetter explained the money could still be in those ordinances and Township wants to be prepared for any issues arising when the water is finally hooked up and tested and restates the money will only be used for that purpose. If any balance is left, the Council must approve a Re-appropriation Ordinance to use funds for a new purpose.

Council President Murphy states there is a motion on floor and asks for a roll call.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Sandra Ooms

Motion carried to Introduce Ordinance #17-09 with a Public hearing to be held on June 26, 2017

Council President Murphy noted that Ordinance #17-08 will expire per the Township Attorney as it was not introduced.

## **PUBLIC HEARING/2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCES**

None

## **MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

Council President Murphy announced the two Deputy OEM Coordinators appointed by Mayor Shortway: Captain Dan Young and Ken Kiefer.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Wetzel apologized to Council President Murphy for questioning her mechanical ability and hopes she accepts his apology.

Council Member Rizzuto questioned why the contract discussed at last executive session has not been done. Mr. Zielinski stated his understanding is that the contract was going to be revised and there is information pending from Mayor and Business Administrator. Mr. Voelker explained we plan to go forward but was waiting for commissioners to do an RFP for services. Council Member Rizzuto requested this item be added to Executive Session at the next Council meeting.

Council Member Kadish expressed regret that messaging trailer was removed as it was a needed item.

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS**

Council President Murphy commented the Beautification Committee planted flowers in various locations. She added yesterday many volunteers were present clearing a trail off of Sandhill Road and the Girl Scout Troop placed birdhouses and signs along the trail which was a great learning experience for them.

Council President Murphy explained there have been lawsuits served upon the Town by residents and she opined they are frivolous and costing the Township and all the residents a lot of money.

Council President Murphy states there are 977 properties in Tall Timbers and currently there are 150 Township Tax Liens which end up costing the Township money on legal fees, county and school taxes and foreclosure costs.

Mr. Zielinski explained to Council that in the Proposed Electricity Contract, it stated the Township will realize at least 7% savings and questions if Council would like to raise that figure. Council discussed and decides that 12% of savings should be required in contract.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items of business to be conducted on the agenda, a motion for Adjournment was made by Council Member Rizzuto, 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 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lauren Kirkman, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk

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Jean Murphy,  
Council President

Minutes approved: July 10, 2017