

Township of Vernon

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

July 28, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 2014 in the Vernon Municipal Center, 21 Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey with Council President Brian Lynch presiding.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the public and the press on January 8, 2014, 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, Jean Murphy, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzel, and Council President Brian Lynch. Also present were Mayor Victor Marotta, Township Business Administrator William Zuckerman and Special Township Attorney John Ursin.

There was no Executive Session.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Council President Lynch asked for a motion to open the meeting for Public Comments.

MOTION: Dick Wetzel

SECOND: Dan Kadish

All members were in favor.

Gary Martinsen, Vernon stated that he was happy to see the Narcan resolution was on the agenda. Mr. Martinsen stated that he had heard that there may or may not be a petition to prohibit the purchase of Camp Sussex. Mr. Martinsen stated that someone had said there were no wells on that property; however, an engineering report of the property revealed that there was a well near the lake which may be a pump station. Mr. Martinsen observed that the buildings were for a summer camp so they may not have heat. Mr. Martinsen also commented that there is an easement on the property and there may or may not be a dam on the property. Mr. Martinsen stated the streams on the property are included in the trout fishing.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

MOTION: Patrick Rizzuto

SECOND: Dick Wetzel

All Members were in favor.

SWEARING IN NEW POLICE OFFICER: Miranda Meador

Council President Brian Lynch requested that Officer Meador, Chief Mills and Mayor Marotta come forward.

Mayor Marotta administered to Officer Meador with the following oath:

WHEREAS, the State Division of Alcoholic Beverages has issued said special ruling for the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 license terms; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-1 et. seq., the Vernon Township Police Department has made the necessary inspections and reported same to the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the licensee have complied with all of the regulations as set forth by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission of the State of New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the following licenses shall be reissued for the 2014-2015 licensing period effective as of July 1, 2014.

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION
Mountain Creek Beverages Corp..

1922-33-007-013

RESOLUTION #14-111

CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on June 12, 2013, awarded Siems, Joseph a 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel the taxes for 2014 in the amount of \$2,781.27, Re: Block 269.03, Lot 70, Location: [REDACTED]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-112

CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on January 28, 2014, awarded Heslin, Edward T. a 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel the taxes for 2014 in the amount of \$4,099.41, Re: Block 83, Lot 3.07, Location: [REDACTED]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-113

CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on July 8, 2013, awarded Duffy, Kevin J. a 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel the taxes for 2014 in the amount of \$1,991.32, Re: Block 124.07, Lot 12, Location: [REDACTED]

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-114

CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on July 31, 2013, awarded Domilski, Joseph a 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel the taxes for 2014 in the amount of \$5,941.34, Re: Block 41, Lot 4.08, Location: [REDACTED]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-115

CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on August 29, 2011, awarded Govier, Gareth D a 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel 50% of the taxes for 2014 in the amount of \$3,750.60, Re: Block 31.02, Lot 9, Location: [REDACTED] as Govier, Gareth D is a co-owner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-116

CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on September 1, 2009, awarded Smith, Todd R. a 100% permanent and total disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, as of said date the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel the taxes for 2014 in the amount of \$2,907.26, Re: Block 199.07, Lot 8 QL C0003, Location: [REDACTED]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-117

REFUND FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on June 12, 2013 awarded Siems, Joseph a 100% permanent and total disabled Veteran; and

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to refund the payment made in the amount of

\$360.87 to Siems, Joseph Re: Block 269.03, Lot 70, Location: [REDACTED]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-118

REFUND FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on January 28, 2014, awarded Heslin, Edward T. a 100% permanent and total disabled Veteran; and

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to refund the payment made in the amount of \$1,489.28 to Heslin, Edward T. Re: Block 83, Lot 3.07, Location: [REDACTED]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-119

REFUND FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on July 8, 2013, awarded Duffy, Kevin J. a 100% permanent and total disabled Veteran; and

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to refund the payment made in the amount of \$123.11 to Duffy, Kevin, J. Re: 124.07, Lot 12 Location: [REDACTED]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-120

REFUND FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on July 31, 2013 awarded Domilski, Joseph a 100% permanent and total disabled Veteran; and

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to refund the payment made in the amount of \$1,615.99 to Domilski, Joseph, Re: Block 41, Lot 4.08, Location: [REDACTED]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION #14-121

REFUND FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS on September 1, 2009, awarded Smith, Todd R. a 100% permanent and total disabled Veteran; and

WHEREAS, the law exempts said property from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Tax Collector is authorized to refund the payment made in the amount of \$628.92 to Smith, Todd R. Re: Block 199.07, Lot 8 C0003, Location: [REDACTED]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION # 14-122

TAX EXEMPTION FOR TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.54:4.3.3 allows property acquired by Municipal Government to become tax exempt; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has acquired Block 200.10, Lot 26, [REDACTED] on March 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon is claiming effective for the second, third and fourth quarter taxes, tax exempt.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the 2014 taxes in the amount of \$732.63 as deemed necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Township Auditor.

RESOLUTION #14-123

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR VERNON DPW BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, there is a need for repair/replacement of the Roof of the DPW Building within the Vernon Township Municipal Complex; and

WHEREAS, the Township has issued specifications and contract documents soliciting formal bids for the necessary work; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon opened one bid for the proposed roof replacement on May 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2014, an extension of time was granted by the Contractor to award the contract above and beyond the original (60) sixty day time period listed in the original contract specifications; and

WHEREAS, the one responsive bid was received and reviewed by the Township Engineer Cory Stoner for the specified bid requirements; and

WHEREAS, after review, the lowest bidder did fully meet the bid requirements and it is recommended to award the contract to Zitone Construction and Supply Co., Inc., P.O. Box 1829, 261 Clove Road, Montague, New Jersey, 07827 in the amount of \$260,000.00

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified funds available for this purpose in Accounts: 3095302, Ord. #13-17, \$147,247.50 and 3095717, Ord. #14-12, \$112,752.50.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Vernon Township Council, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey to award the bid to Zitone Construction and Supply Co., Inc. for Replacement of the Roof of the DPW Building within the Vernon Township Municipal Complex, Vernon Township, New Jersey.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately according to law.

RESOLUTION #14-124

**SUPPORTING AN INITIATIVE TO ALLOW POLICE OFFICERS
AND EMTs TO CARRY AND ADMINISTER THE LIFE SAVING
HEROIN ANTIDOTE NARCAN (NALOXALONE HYDROCHLORIDE)**

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Police Department has seen an increase in calls due to the rise of the use of heroin; and

WHEREAS, in April 2014, Governor Chris Christie announced the formation of a pilot program in Ocean and Monmouth Counties that will train and equip police officers to administer the antidote Narcan to persons suffering from an overdose of heroin or prescription narcotics; and

WHEREAS, Governor Christie describes the Narcan program as a vital, life-saving element of the State's approach to our drug problem, which also includes vigorous awareness, enforcement and anti-addiction efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services have conducted reviews and made revisions to the model pilot program; and

WHEREAS, the Narcan pilot program includes the following elements:

- a. Each local law enforcement agency must utilize a Standard Operating Procedure for the use of Narcan;
- b. Each agency must designate a Narcan Program Coordinator who will be responsible for training all police personnel at their agency and ensuring Narcan kits are properly deployed;
- c. A County Coordinator is designated in each participating county to oversee the training and distribution of Narcan kits to the municipal Program Coordinators after all personnel are trained;
- d. Training is accomplished through a "Train the Trainers" model whereby a designated officer participates in training sessions, then takes that training back to his or her home policing agency and trains follow officers; and
- e. Each municipal officer's name and training certification is supplied to the County Coordinator prior to issuance of the Narcan kits. Narcan kits are prescribed for each officer, once that officer has been certified after training.

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon fully supports the initiatives and goals of this pilot program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Vernon that the Council supports the implementation of a pilot program similar to that in Ocean and Monmouth County which has already begun to be implemented in Sussex County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Vernon support the action taken by the Sussex County Prosecutor Francis A. Koch and his office as well as the Vernon Township Police Department in extending this pilot program to Sussex County and Vernon Township.

RESOLUTION #14-125

**AUTHORIZING THE USE OF MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT #15C TO
PURCHASE ONE (1) 2015 FORD F-150 4x4 EXTENDED CAB X1E FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has a need to purchase one (1) 2015 Ford F-150 4x4 Extended Cab X1E truck to be used by the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Township desires to use the Morris County Cooperative Council which has publicly received bids for said equipment through Contract #15C Item #6D; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works recommends the Township Council award the contract for one (1) 2015 Ford F-150 4x4 Extended Cab X1E truck using the vendor Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Ave., Morristown, NJ 07962; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the purchase one (1) 2015 Ford F-150 4x4 Extended Cab X1E truck will be \$22,825.00 and the Chief Financial Officer, of the Township of Vernon, has certified these funds are available per Ordinance #14-12.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, that the vendor, Beyer Ford, be utilized to purchase one (1) 2015 Ford F-150 4x4 Extended Cab X1E truck through the Morris County Co-Op; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex and the State of New Jersey, the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract with Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Ave., Morristown, NJ 07962

RESOLUTION #14-126

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR GPS SYSTEM FOR TOWNSHIP VEHICLES

WHEREAS, there exists a need for GPS monitoring and tracking of Township vehicles, and

WHEREAS, formal quotes were solicited and received by the Vernon Township Business Administrator's office; and

WHEREAS, after the review of quotes and clearly defining the needs for the Township, the Business Administrator's office hereby recommends that the contract be awarded to Verizon Telematics, 6363 Greenwich Drive, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92122 under New Networkfleet's Federal Supply Schedule No. GS-07F-5559R; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to NJAC 5:30-5.5(b), has certified these funds are available per Ordinance #14-07.

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 contract with Verizon Telematics, 6363 Greenwich Drive, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92122, not to exceed \$15,000.00

RESOLUTION #14-127

APPOINTMENT OF A QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT

WHEREAS, A Qualified Purchasing Agent will allow the Township's bid threshold to be \$36,000 and the quote threshold to be \$5,400 and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A:40A:11-9, appointees must possess a valid Qualified Purchasing Agent Certification (QPA) issued by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Ruess holds the mandated certification needed by the state law to perform the duties of Qualified Purchasing Agent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Jennifer Ruess is there by appointed as the QPA for the Township of Vernon, New Jersey commencing July 1, 2014 at a stipend of \$400 per month.
2. The Mayor is authorized to establish an agreement outlining the duties and working arrangements with the QPA.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

RESOLUTION #14-129

OPPOSING EXPANSION OF FEDERAL CONTROL UNDER CLEAN WATER ACT

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps.) have released a 371 page draft regulation for Definition of Waters of the U.S. under the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, both agencies are seeking a rule change to give the federal government more authority by expanding the definition of "navigable waters" in the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the rule change proposed by the EPA and the Corps would subject almost all physical areas with a connection to downstream navigable waters, including features such as ditches, natural or man-made ponds, and flood plains, to the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule change, if adopted, will cause significant harm to local farmers, stall the development of businesses, take control of land use for sustainable food production out of our local providers' hands, and negatively impact County-owned and maintained infrastructure such as roadside ditches and flood control channels; and

WHEREAS, the cost to our farms, municipalities and taxpayers will pose yet another undue economic burden; and

WHEREAS, it is impractical for the federal government to regulate every ditch, pond and rain puddle that may have some tenuous connection, miles away, to a body of water currently defined as "navigable",

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Vernon hereby strongly opposes the EPA and Corps expansion of the Clean Water Act, as proposed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that three (3) copies of this Resolution be forwarded to "Water Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20460, Attention: Docket ID NO EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0880; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Chris Christie - Governor of the State of New Jersey; the Honorable Robert Menendez - U.S. Senator; the Honorable Corey Booker - U.S. Senator; the Honorable E. Scott Garrett U.S. Representative, 5th Congressional District; the Honorable Steven Oroho, State Senator, 24th Legislative District; the Honorable Alison McHose Assembly Representative, 24th Legislative District; the Honorable Parker Space - Assembly Representative, 24th Legislative District; the New Jersey League of Municipalities and the 24 municipalities of Sussex County.

RESOLUTION #14-130

RESOLUTION REQUESTING FEDERAL AND/OR STATE GRANT FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE SINGLE LANE UNDERPASS ROADWAY ON CANISTEAR ROAD

WHEREAS, the residents of the Township of Vernon and neighboring municipalities often travel on Canistear Road which is located in West Milford Township; and

WHEREAS, the road becomes a single lane underpass under a train trestle which is owned by the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Township of Vernon and neighboring municipalities express concerns and complaints regarding the potential safety concerns as to this one-lane road underpass; and

WHEREAS, inasmuch as this effects residents in Vernon and neighboring communities who traverse this roadway on a daily basis, the Township Council believe that the Federal Government should review this matter in that it involves a train trestle owned by the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that the governing body hereby urges its legislators and representatives to evaluate the present condition of the Canistear Road train trestle owned by the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway for safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Vernon requests that its legislators seek the appropriate grant funding as well as Federal and/or State funding to consider and address the single lane underpass roadway for expansion and safety upgrades.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this request is made in the interest of the residents of Vernon Township and surrounding communities in Sussex, Passaic and Morris Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Chris Christie - Governor of the State of New Jersey; the Honorable Robert Menendez - U.S Senator; the Honorable Corey Booker - U.S. Senator; the Honorable E. Scott Garrett U.S. Representative, 5th Congressional District; the Honorable Steven Oroho, State Senator, 24th Legislative District; the Honorable Alison McHose Assembly Representative, 24th Legislative District; the Honorable Parker Space - Assembly Representative, 24th Legislative District as well as to the representatives of Hardyston, West Milford and Jefferson Township for their support and endorsement.

RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION

Special Counsel John Ursin noted that attached to Resolution 128 was a draft of the contract for the purchase of the building. Special Counsel Ursin stated that resolution 14-128 should be amended to reflect that the contract is contingent upon ordinance 14-15 being adopted.

Council President Lynch requested a motion to amend Resolution 14-128 to include a clause that stated that the contract is contingent upon the successful adoption of Ordinance 14-15 for the purchase of the property prior to the closing.

MOVED: Jean Murphy
SECONDED: Patrick Rizzuto

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried to adopt Resolution 14-128 as amended.

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON AND THE VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 141, LOT 12.01 AND 13

WHEREAS, the Township of Vernon has a need for a additional building space; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has a desire to sell the property commonly known as 293 Route 94 (former Special Services Building) in the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, shown on the municipal tax map as lot 12.01 and 13, block 141; and

WHEREAS, after the review of the Contract, The Township Attorney hereby recommends that the contract be executed; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to NJAC 5:30-5.5(b), shall certify amounts chargeable to this contract at the time when such services are ordered or otherwise called for; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price of the contract shall not exceed \$1.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey that the contract for sale be amended to reflect that the contract is contingent upon the passage of Ordinance 14-15, authorizing the purchase of lot 12.01 and 13, block 141 from the Board of Education.

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 execute a contract with the Vernon Township Board of Education, with the above contingency, for the purchase of 293 Route 94 (former Special Services Building) in the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex shown on the municipal tax map as lot 12.01 and 13, block 141 for an amount not to exceed \$1.00.

INTRODUCTION/1st READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance #14-15

Council President Lynch read Ordinance #14-15 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED AT 293 ROUTE 94 (BLOCK 141, LOTS 12.01 & 13)

Council President Lynch asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #14-15 with a public hearing to held on August 11, 2014.

MOVED: Patrick Rizzuto
SECONDED: Dick Wetzel

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried to introduce Ordinance 14-15 with a public hearing on August 11, 2014.

PUBLIC HEARING/2nd READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance #14-14

Council President Lynch read Ordinance #14-14 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE 14-05.

Council President Lynch asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #14-14.

MOVED: Patrick Rizzuto
SECONDED: Dick Wetzel
All members were in favor.

Seeing no members of the public come forward regarding Ordinance #14-14, Council President Lynch asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

MOVED: Dan Kadish
SECONDED: Patrick Rizzuto
All members were in favor.

Council President Lynch asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #14-14.

MOVED: Dan Kadish
SECONDED: Dick Wetzel

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried to adopt Ordinance 14-14.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE 14-05

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2014 the Township Council adopted Ordinance 14-05 entitled “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 \$112,000.00 And Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall Be Raised From The Capital Fund Account Of The Township”; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Section 1, Equipment Repairs, Line Item 3 of said Ordinance which states “PickUp Truck-Bldg. Dept.” shall be amended to read “SUV-4 Wheel Type Automobile-Bldg. Dept.”; and

WHEREAS, all other provisions of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that Ordinance 14-05 be and hereby is amended as noted above.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Special Counsel Ursin noted that there had been a question regarding who had the authority to make appointments to the MUA as the Code and State Statute appeared to be in conflict. Mr. Ursin noted the State Statute prevails and that vests the authority in the Council to make said appointments.

Municipal Utility Appointments:

Council President Lynch requested a motion to appoint Roy Tanfield who was Alternate I to the MUA to the vacant regular seat on the MUA with a term expiring on February 1, 2019.

MOVED: Dan Kadish
SECONDED: Patrick Rizzuto

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried to appoint Roy Tanfield as Regular Member.

Council President Lynch requested a motion to appoint Phyllis Pfeifer who was Alternate II to the MUA to the vacant Alternate I seat which will expire on February 1, 2016.

MOVED: Patrick Rizzuto
SECONDED: Dick Wetzel

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion carried to appoint Phyllis Pfeifer as Alternate I.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council President Lynch stated that New Jersey Conservation had asked the Township to support two bills, A3058 and S1050. Council President Lynch noted that the Township had drafted, earlier this year, a resolution in support of the legislature taking the action noticed this year. Council President Lynch requested a motion to direct Mayor Marotta to draft letter to the Governor, Senator and Chairman Rilee reinstating that the Township supported these bills.

MOVED: Patrick Rizzuto
SECONDED: Brian Lynch

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Council President Lynch thanked everyone for the cards and flowers he had received upon the passing of his father in law.

Council Member Murphy asked if the asset list from United Water had ever been provided. Mayor Marotta stated it had not but he would inquire again.

Council Member Kadish thanked everyone for the support on Narcan. Council Member Kadish clarified that in the future persons wishing to apply for the MUA should send their applications to the Clerk's office. Mayor Marotta indicated that currently everyone sends their applications to the Clerk's office and they are then distributed out.

Council President Lynch stated he also would like to thank everyone for their support on Narcan noting that the police department had been working on the issue for over a year and that 2 officers were to be trained on its administration in August.

Council Member Rizzuto stated he had no comments.

Council Member Wetzel commended the CFO and Administration for obtaining such a wonderful rate on the BAN's. Council Member Wetzel stated he would like to see the use of Narcan expanded to include the EMT's.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business to be conducted on the Regular Meeting 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 8:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Kirkman, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Brian Lynch,
Council President

Minutes approved: August 11, 2014