

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

The Tewksbury Township Committee met on the above date at the Municipal Building, Mountainville, NJ.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM, roll call held and a quorum established. Deputy Mayor William Voyce presided.

Other officials in attendance were Township Committee members Robert Becker, Dana Desiderio and Peter Melick.

Roberta Brassard, Administrator/Clerk and Michael Selvaggi, Township Attorney were in attendance.

There were approximately fourteen members of the public in attendance.

1. Open Public Meetings Statement

Deputy Mayor Voyce opened the meeting by announcing that adequate notice of the meeting had been provided by posting a copy thereof on the Police/Administration Building bulletin board, transmitting a copy to the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat, and filing with the Municipal Clerk, all on January 4, 2018.

2. Flag Salute

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

3. Public Participation

Debra Dillon was present to discuss her concern with the water issue on her property on Vliettown Road. She stressed that she feels the problem is caused by stormwater from the village of Oldwick and wished to clear up the matter once and for all. She added that the matter is not "Dillon vs. stormwater" but includes all affected residents; many of whom enjoy the scenic beauty of the area of Oldwick, Vliettown Road and Cold Brook Road. She opined that the report produced by the Township Engineer was "pretty weak & flimsy", adding that she utilized the services of a neutral third party engineering firm, RT Environmental, for a report which was shared with the Committee.

She noted that she has knowledge of the subject, adding that she did not feel the current Township Engineer had a full understanding of the matter.

Mrs. Dillon reiterated her opinion that the problem is stormwater from the village of Oldwick and not the bridge or the culvert. She stated that the bridge is an historic, stone bridge located on a scenic road and the County will not touch the structure.

She stated that the stormwater exceeds the capacity of the culvert, adding that there is a misunderstanding regarding the area below the bridge. It was noted that this area is private property and conservation land. She added that conditions in the village have changed and sediment from the village has built up, causing erosion, too much water and the loss of trees. Mrs. Dillon showed the Committee members a short video taken of her property during a recent March storm.

In response to a question from Deputy Mayor Voyce, Mrs. Dillon did not state when the last time the County cleaned the culvert, but did state that she is often in touch with the County to advise of problems in the area.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES

In closing, Mrs. Dillon stated that the area has proper flow, but the problem is not to clean or repair the culvert, but to address the matter of stormwater from the village of Oldwick.

Harold Wrede Chairman of the Scenic Roads and Bridges Commission (SRBC) noted that the SRBC reviewed her letter, adding that the bridge is not on the listing of historic bridges. It is a modern culvert with stone facing. He stressed that the SRBC is advisory in nature and has nothing to do with road maintenance.

Mrs. Dillon disagreed with the statement that the bridge is not on the listing of historic bridges, adding that the bridge was falling through and rather than altering the bridge, the County inserted a concrete culvert so the surface of the road would not fall in.

Deputy Mayor Voyce stated that a meeting would be coordinated with the Township Engineer, Township Administrator, a member of the Township Committee, DPW staff, Mrs. Dillon and her Engineer to further discuss the matter and arrive at a final decision.

George Cassa questioned if the Committee was going to discuss his previous request to have a citizen based COAH subcommittee appointed. He noted that it is important to have additional members of the public involved in the discussions regarding affordable housing and related issues.

Wilma Frey endorsed Mr. Cassa's recommendation.

4. Actions to be Taken

- **2018 Budget Introduction**

The State mandated User Friendly Budget has been prepared by the CFO for the municipality in addition to the full Budget.

Mr. Melick noted that a copy of the 2018 Budget was given to the Committee members, adding that the finance subcommittee met several times. He noted the .021% increase which is under the State 2% cap. He added that assessed values are down from 2017 and the tax rate is .462%. He noted that the Township is struggling to maintain a surplus of \$2+ million and that the debt service from previous open space acquisition is 40-45% of the budget.

Mr. Becker wished to note the operating and capital portion of the Budget, but was advised by Mr. Selvaggi that this in depth discussion should wait until the public hearing scheduled for the May 8, 2018 meeting.

Mr. Melick made a motion to introduce the 2018 Budget, seconded by Mr. Becker. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. Ayes: Becker, Desiderio, Melick, Voyce. Nays: None. Absent: DiMare.

Deputy Mayor Voyce read the 2018 Budget Message into the minutes of the meeting.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for 05-08-18 at a meeting scheduled to commence 7:30 PM in the Mountainville Meeting Hall.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

Dr. Voyce read the 2018 Budget Statement in its entirety.

- **Ordinance Introduction**

Mr. Becker made a motion to introduce Ordinance #03-2018, seconded by Ms. Desiderio. The motion was approved. Ayes: Becker, Desiderio, Melick, Voyce. Nays: None. Absent: DiMare.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for 05/08/18 at a meeting scheduled to commence 7:30 PM in the Mountainville Meeting Hall.

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2018

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY,
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2.20.180 ENTITLED "PRIVATE
UTILIZATION OF POLICE PERSONNEL-PAYMENT" TO PROVIDE FOR A WAIVER OF
TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

###

Mr. Becker made a motion to introduce Ordinance #04-2018, seconded by Ms. Desiderio. The motion was approved. Ayes: Becker, Desiderio, Melick, Voyce. Nays: None. Absent: DiMare.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for 05/08/18 at a meeting scheduled to commence 7:30 PM in the Mountainville Meeting Hall.

**ORDINANCE NO. 04-2018
TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8.12, ENTITLED " SMOKE-SENSITIVE ALARM
AND CARBON MONOXIDE DEVICES AND FIRE EXTINGUISHERS," OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY**

- **Consent Agenda**

Resolution #76-2018, the Proclamation for Lewis Fernandes and the claims of 04-10-18 were removed from the Consent Agenda to be voted on separately.

Ms. Desiderio moved adoption of the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Becker. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. Ayes: Becker, Desiderio, Melick, Voyce. Nays: None. Absent: DiMare.

**TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

RESOLUTION #59-2018

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED BEEKEEPING REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, New Jersey's state insect is the honey bee; and

WHEREAS, honey bees are of benefit to mankind, and to New Jersey in particular, by providing plant pollination, recreation for the beekeeper, honey, wax, and other beneficial hive products; and

WHEREAS, even according to the Department of Agriculture's website, "without a healthy honey bee population, successful fruit and vegetable production would be at risk since New Jersey's 20,000 bee colonies, valued at \$350 per colony, represent a \$7 million honey bee industry for the State and contribute to successful production of nearly \$200 million worth of fruits and vegetable annually"; and

WHEREAS, domestic strains of honey bees have been selectively bred for desirable traits, including gentleness, honey production, tendency not to swarm and non-aggressive behavior, which are all characteristics desirable for fostering and maintaining honey bee colonies within all populated areas; and

WHEREAS, gentle strains of honey bees can be maintained within populated areas in reasonable densities without creating a detriment to public health and safety if the bees are properly located, managed and maintained; and

WHEREAS, many New Jersey residents desire to provide sustainability and value for New Jersey's home gardeners, farms, and all homeowners with a variety of locally grown vegetables and fruits for New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, the honey bee assists the agricultural community to increase productivity and through sustained productivity maintain an environment that promotes agricultural land use as opposed to development; and

WHEREAS, these new regulations include a section on Apiary Standards which states that bee colony density will be regulated as follows: on a residential lot of less than one-quarter acre where agriculture has not otherwise been determined as permitted, new (not already in existence) hives are not permitted; on a residential lot of less than one-quarter acre where hives are in existence as of July 31, 2015, the hobbyist beekeeper may seek a waiver; on a residential lot of one-quarter acre to less than five acres, a person wishing to keep bees as a hobbyist may seek a waiver to keep two hives per lot; and

WHEREAS, these new regulations include a section on Apiary Standards which states that bee colony density will be regulated as follows: on a residential lot of less than one-quarter acre where agriculture has been determined as permitted, new (not already in existence) hives are not permitted; on a residential lot of less than one-quarter acre, where agriculture has been determined as permitted where hives are in existence as of July 31, 2015, the hobbyist beekeeper may seek a waiver; on a residential lot of one-quarter to less than five acres, where agriculture has been determined as permitted, a person wishing to keep bees as a hobbyist may keep two new hives; on a residential lot of one-quarter to less than five acres, where agriculture

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

has been determined as permitted where hives are in existence as of July 31, 2015, a person wishing to keep bees as a hobbyist may seek a waiver to keep more than two hives; and

WHEREAS, these new regulations include a section on Location of Hives, which requires that all hives must be located at least 10 feet from any property line and at least 25 feet from any roadside, sidewalk, or path and 85 feet from any public place including playgrounds, sports fields, schools or churches, unless permission is granted for educational or research purposes, as well as establishing a Flyway Barrier at least six feet in height consisting of a solid wall, fence, or dense vegetation parallel to the property line and extending 10 feet beyond the colony in each direction; and

WHEREAS, the N.J. Department of Agriculture is proposing beekeeping regulations that would severely restrict beekeeping in the State of New Jersey and consequently in the Township of Tewksbury.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury wishes to go on record with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture that the Township of Tewksbury is opposed to the proposed beekeeping regulations which would have a detrimental effect on beekeeping in the Township of Tewksbury as well as throughout New Jersey and urges the New Jersey State League of Municipalities to work towards creating legislation with straightforward regulations based on facts, science, and best management practices which will protect both beekeepers and non-beekeepers within the State of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Beekeepers Association; and all Hunterdon County municipalities, urging them to oppose the adoption of the new beekeeping regulations as proposed by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

**RESOLUTION 60-2018
A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2018**

WHEREAS, 40A:4-19 Local Budget Act provides that (where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2018 budget) temporary appropriations be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of 2018; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2018 Budget, less appropriations made for capital improvement fund and debt service are as follows:

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

General	7,387,184.00
Hunters Glen Sewer	46,200.00
Oldwick Sewer	129,100.00

WHEREAS, 26.25 percent of the total appropriations in the 2017 Budget less appropriations for capital improvement fund and debt service in the 2018 temporary budget is as follows:

General	1,939,136.00
Hunters Glen Sewer	12,127.50
Oldwick Sewer	33,888.75

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for the record.

2018 Temporary Budgets

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

Current Fund	\$7,387,184.00
<u>Revenue</u>	
Tax Collector	1,939,136.00
<u>Appropriation</u>	
A& E S&W	61,686.00
A& E OE	10,000.00
Township Committee S&W	6,200.00
Township Committee OE	3,600.00
Finance S&W	45,150.00
Finance OE	2,400.00
Tax Assessment S&W	10,500.00
Tax Assessment OE	1,100.00
Bartles S&W	4,000.00
Bartles OE	10,000.00
Tax Collector S&W	7,000.00
Tax Collector OE	1,500.00
Legal Services	25,000.00
Municipal Prosecutor	2,400.00
Engineering Expenses	20,000.00
Public Bldg & Grounds	33,000.00
Land Use S&W	30,000.00
Land Use OE	6,300.00
Land Use Special Projects	5,000.00
Group Ins. Health Plan	165,000.00
Other Insurance	150,000.00
Police S&W	330,000.00
Police OE	11,000.00
PBA Contract Benefits	6,300.00
Uniformed Fire Safety S&W	2,500.00
Uniformed Fire Safety OE	700.00
Public Works S&W	225,000.00
Public Works OE	75,000.00
Street Lighting	2,000.00
Board of Health S&W	1,000.00
Board of Health OE	1,000.00
Seniors	1,500.00
Park Maintenance	10,000.00
Audit	5,000.00
Computerized Data Processing	12,000.00
Fleet Maintenance	26,000.00
Electricity	9,000.00

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

Garbage & Trash Pick Up	5,000.00
Natural Gas	11,000.00
Heating Fuel	14,000.00
Telecommunications	12,000.00
Gasoline & Diesel	31,000.00
Telephone	10,300.00
Municipal Court S&W	10,000.00
Municipal Court OE	3,000.00
Water & Hydrants	6,000.00
Code Enforcement S&W	52,000.00
Code Enforcement OE	3,500.00
Lease of Equipment	15,000.00
ER Share of Deferred Comp	13,500.00
ER SS & Medicare	95,000.00
ER PERS/PFRS	340,000.00
	1,939,136.00
Hunters Glen Sewer Utility	\$ 46,200.00
<u>Revenue</u>	
User Fees Collector	\$ 12,127.50
<u>Appropriation</u>	
Hunters Glen S&W	\$ 1,812.50
Other Expenses	\$ 10,165.00
ER SS & Medicare	\$ 150.00
	\$ 12,127.50
Oldwick Sewer Utility	\$129,100.00
<u>Revenue</u>	
User Fees Collector	\$ 33,888.75
<u>Appropriation</u>	
Oldwick S&W	\$ 3,439.75
Other Expenses	\$ 28,744.00
ER SS & Medicare	\$ 1,705.00
	\$ 33,888.75

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

RESOLUTION #61-2018

ARBOR DAY 2018

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, 2018 marks the 146th Anniversary of Arbor Day, which is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource providing paper, wood for homes, fuel for fires and countless other products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our township increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of our business area and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, wherever they are planted, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury and the Tewksbury Township Parks Committee will hold a public celebration and tree planting at the Tewksbury Elementary School at 10:00 AM on April 27, 2018, to mark this occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby proclaims Friday, April 27, 2018, as the 146th Anniversary Celebration of Arbor Day, in the Township of Tewksbury, and urge all Township residents to celebrate Arbor Day and support the efforts to protect the trees and woodlands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all citizens are urged to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

**RESOLUTION #62-2018
REFUND OF TAX DUPLICATE PAYMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, the tax collector is authorized to refund a 2018 Tax Duplicate Payment.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

Block	Lot	Name	Year	Amount
37	3.24	CoreLogic Tax Collection PO Box 9205 Coppell, TX 75019-9214 For Frank Hayn – 51 Hunters Circle	2018	\$2,194.62
32	29.03	Wells Fargo & Co 1 Home Campus Des Moines, IA 50328 For Kenneth & Johanna Wolski	2018	\$8,042.45
45.01	29	Quicken Loans 1050 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48226 For James F. Dionne	2018	\$3,199.74

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

**TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #63-2018

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COLLECTIVE
NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY AND
TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #469 (BLUE COLLAR BARGAINING UNIT) FOR THE
PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020**

WHEREAS, the current Collective Negotiations Agreement between the Township of Tewksbury and Teamster Local Union #469 (Blue Collar Bargaining Unit) expired on December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Township and Teamsters Local Union #469 entered into good faith negotiations resulting in a tentative agreement on the terms and conditions of a successor agreement for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the membership of Teamsters Local Union #469 voted to ratify the successor agreement on March 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee have reviewed the tentative agreement with Teamsters Local Union #469 and believe it to be in the best interest of the

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

Township to approve said agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury that it hereby approves the Collective Negotiations Agreement between the Township of Tewksbury and Teamsters Local Union #469, attached to and made part of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the appropriate representative of Teamsters Local Union #469, the Township Chief Financial Officer and to the New Jersey Public Employee Relations Commission (PERC).

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

**RESOLUTION #64-2018
REFUND OF TAX OVER PAYMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, the tax collector is authorized to refund a 2018 Homestead Benefit Credit to an Exempt Property.

Block	Lot	Name	Year	Amount
6.02	24.06	Robert Konopada 73 Fairmount Road West Califon, NJ 07830	2018	\$374.65

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

**RESOLUTION #65-2018
TO RECOGNIZE POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL SCOTTI**

WHEREAS, Officer Michael Scotti has served the Police Department of the Township of Tewksbury since June of the year two thousand; and

WHEREAS, Officer Michael Scotti formerly served as an EMT, and a DARE officer and currently serves as the Department's Alarm Officer; and

WHEREAS, Officer Michael Scotti has worked countless hours to protect and serve the

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

citizens of the Township of Tewksbury thus making the Township a safe community in which to reside.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes Officer Michael Scotti for his service to the Township.

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

RESOLUTION #66-2018

TO RECOGNIZE POLICE DETECTIVE TIMOTHY HANFT

WHEREAS, Detective Timothy Hanft has served the Police Department of the Township of Tewksbury since July of the year two thousand and three; and

WHEREAS, Detective Timothy Hanft is very active in the Township schools, Township seniors and with OEM; and

WHEREAS, Detective Timothy Hanft has worked countless hours to protect and serve the citizens of the Township of Tewksbury thus making the Township a safe community in which to reside.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes Detective Timothy Hanft for his service to the Township.

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

RESOLUTION #67-2018

TO RECOGNIZE ANN MARIE OBIEDZINSKI

WHEREAS, Ann Marie Obiedzinski started her service to the Township of Tewksbury in the Finance Department as the Tax Assessor in December of the year two thousand and seven; and

WHEREAS, through an Interlocal Agreement, Ann Marie Obiedzinski previously served as the Tax Assessor in the Town of Clinton; and

WHEREAS, Ann Marie Obiedzinski has worked countless hours to serve the citizens of the Township of Tewksbury.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes Ann Marie Obiedzinski for her service to the Township.

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

**RESOLUTION #68-2018
TO RECOGNIZE GARY CONNER**

WHEREAS, Gary Conner has worked with the Department of Public Works of the Township of Tewksbury since April of the year nineteen hundred and ninety four; and

WHEREAS, Gary Conner has worked countless hours to serve the citizens of the Township of Tewksbury by keeping the community infrastructure maintained and safe; and

WHEREAS, Gary Conner assists with all roadwork projects, asphalt repair work, catch basin repair and is competent running equipment also; and

WHEREAS, Gary Conner aids in emergency response to effectively serve the citizens of both the Township of Tewksbury and the Borough of Califon.

WHEREAS, Gary Conner currently holds the position of Public Works employee and has been involved in all areas of the Department of Public Works which include the maintenance and repair of roads, drainage, sanitary sewers, park, buildings and grounds, snow and ice removal, storm damage and needed emergency response to effectively serve the citizens of the Township of Tewksbury and the Borough of Califon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes Gary Conner for his service to the Township.

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

**RESOLUTION #69-2018
TO RECOGNIZE FLOYD DIPPLE**

WHEREAS, Floyd Dipple has worked with the Department of Public Works of the Township of Tewksbury since September of the year nineteen hundred and ninety seven; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Dipple has worked countless hours to serve the citizens of the Township of Tewksbury by keeping the community infrastructure maintained and safe; and

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

WHEREAS, Floyd Dipple currently holds the position of Public Works employee and has been involved in all areas of the Department of Public Works which includes but is not limited to athletic field maintenance, Township parks work, road work, road side mowing, asphalt work and catch basin repairs; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Dipple serves as the Department's senior utility man by working diligently with sewer utility maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Dipple aids in emergency response to effectively serve the citizens of both the Township of Tewksbury and the Borough of Califon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes Floyd Dipple for his service to the Township.

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

**RESOLUTION #70-2018
TO RECOGNIZE ROLAND TIGER**

WHEREAS, Roland Tiger has worked with the Department of Public Works of the Township of Tewksbury since November of the year nineteen hundred and ninety nine; and

WHEREAS, Roland Tiger has worked countless hours to serve the citizens of the Township of Tewksbury by keeping the community infrastructure maintained and safe; and

WHEREAS, Roland Tiger currently holds the position of Public Works employee and has been involved in all areas of the Department of Public Works which includes but is not limited to roadwork, specializing in equipment operation on construction jobs, asphalt work and catch basin repairs; and

WHEREAS, Roland Tiger also assists with Township sewer work; and

WHEREAS, Roland Tiger aids in emergency response to effectively serve the citizens of both the Township of Tewksbury and the Borough of Califon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes Roland Tiger for his service to the Township.

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

RESOLUTION #71-2018

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP,
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ADMINISTRATION OF AFFORDABLE UNITS
OPERATING MANUAL**

WHEREAS, the Administration of Affordable Units Operating Manual (“Manual”) ensures compliance with the New Jersey’s Affordable Housing Controls (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Manual details the tasks for day-to-day administration of Affordable Housing units under the direct control and oversight of municipalities; and

WHEREAS, municipalities complying with Affordable Housing regulations are required to adopt the Manual to ensure administration of the affordable housing is carried out by municipalities throughout the State in a similar manner; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Tewksbury wishes to adopt the Manual to ensure compliance with municipal affordable housing administration and obligations.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the Administration of Affordable Units Operating Manual is hereby adopted and to be implemented by the Township’s Affordable Housing professionals.

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

RESOLUTION NO.72-2018

**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP,
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ACCESSORY APARTMENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

WHEREAS, the Accessory Apartment Program Guidelines (“Guidelines”) supplement the Administration of Affordable Units Operating Manual; and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines comply with Section 5:97-6.8 of the Substantive Rules of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines focus on the aspects of creating an accessory apartment unit; and

WHEREAS, municipalities complying with affordable housing regulations are

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

required to adopt the Guidelines to ensure the accessory apartment program is carried out in a uniform manner;

WHEREAS, the Township of Tewksbury wishes to adopt the Guidelines to ensure compliance with municipal New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing rules and obligations.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the Accessory Apartment Program Guidelines are hereby adopted and to be implemented.

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

**TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #73-2018

WHEREAS, the Township of Tewksbury is holding a meeting on April 10, 2018 for the purpose of introducing the 2018 Municipal Budget and conducting other matters; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, that the Township of Tewksbury hereby petitions the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2018 Local Municipal Budget be introduced and approved on April 10, 2018.

2018 TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Surplus anticipated general revenues	\$ 2,100,000.00
Total Miscellaneous revenue	1,830,571.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	250,000.00
Local Property Taxes	<u>5,591,867.00</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>\$9,772,438.00</u>
Salaries and Wages	\$2,786,200.00
Other Expenses	2,726,703.00
Capital Improvements	400,000.00
Debt Service	2,017,769.00
Statutory Expenditures	670,347.00
Deferred Charges	10,000.00
Reserve for Delinquent Taxes	<u>1,161,419.00</u>
Total 2016 Municipal Budget	<u>\$9,772,438.00</u>

2018 TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL SEWER UTILITY BUDGET

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

Surplus anticipated general revenues	\$ 4,000.00
Total Miscellaneous revenue	<u>184,300.00</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>\$188,300.00</u>
Total Operations	\$152,500.00
Statutory Expenditures	2,150.00
Capital Improvement	13,000.00
Debt Service	<u>20,650.00</u>
Total 2018 Municipal Budget	<u>\$188,300.00</u>

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

**TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION #74-2018
2018 BUDGET- SPECIAL ITEMS OF GENERAL REVENUE
OTHER SPECIAL ITEMS**

WHEREAS, the 2018 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 10th day of April, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, during fiscal year 2018, the Township of Tewksbury will receive revenue for various other special items in the amount of \$756,800.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2018 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Other Special Items:**

Capital Fund-Reserve for Debt Service	\$ 51,800.00
Reserve for Open Space-Debt Service	675,000.00
Lease of Municipal Facilities	20,000.00
Fire Safety Fees	<u>10,000.00</u>
	<u>\$756,800.00</u>

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

**TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #75-2018

**2018 BUDGET- SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE REVENUES OFFSET WITH APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, the 2018 Local Municipal Budget was introduced on the 10th day of April, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2018 the Township of Tewksbury has been allocated a state grant for various programs in the amount of \$5,060.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that petition be made herewith to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services that the 2018 Local Municipal Budget include a special item of revenue under the heading of "**Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services-Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:**"

Recycling Tonnage Grant	\$3,757.00
Body Armor Grant-2014	<u>1,303.00</u>
	<u>\$5,060.00</u>

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

**A PROCLAMATION FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S
RELAY FOR LIFE OF HUNTERDON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Cancer is a group of diseases characterized by uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells which, if not controlled, can result in premature death; and

WHEREAS, Cancer is predicted to strike one out of every three Americans sometime in our lifetime with an estimated 52,000 new cases of cancer diagnosed in New Jersey for 2018; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 16,000 citizens are expected to lose their battle with cancer this year; and

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society is the nation's largest and most respected voluntary health organization and has funded research which has contributed to every known method for detecting cancer and techniques for treating cancer: reducing the number of cancer deaths by 2.1 million since 1991; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society is a voluntary community-based coalition of local citizens dedicated to attacking cancer from every angle through financial support and education awareness; and

WHEREAS, the color purple is the signature color of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life events signifying the passion that cancer survivors and their families and loved ones feel for the eradication of this disease, and

WHEREAS, the **RELAY FOR LIFE OF HUNTERDON COUNTY** event financially benefits the American Cancer Society's research and patient support programs, and educationally benefits our local citizens; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Hunterdon County is a community event that allows an opportunity to network with businesses, associates, family and friends, with the same goal of making a difference in the battle against cancer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury does HEREBY PROCLAIM **May 11, 2018 as CARNIVAL FOR A CURE DAY**; and May 11th and 12th of 2018 as **RELAY FOR LIFE OF HUNTERDON COUNTY** Days throughout our community. We further will encourage citizens to help fight cancer from every angle by participating in the Relay For Life event at the Roger K. Everitt Fairgrounds, 1207 Rt 179, Lambertville, NJ on May 11, 2018 starting at 6pm.

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

MISCELLANEOUS

- Claims as submitted by the CFO 3/27/18
- Correspondence List
- Regular and E/S minutes of 3-13-18

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Selvaggi discussed proposed Resolution #76-2018 as presented. The title of the proposed Resolution is **AUTHORIZING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE CALIFON FIRE COMPANY TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRE TRUCK EFFECTIVE FOR TEN YEARS (2018-2027)**.

He noted that the Local Budget Law does not allow a municipality to commit to a contribution for longer than one year as an annual Budget needs to be in place.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

He explained that a ten year commitment to the Califon Fire Company (CFC) is commendable, but a current governing body could not make a commitment for a future governing body. He stated that if the Committee chose to proceed and adopt the Resolution it would not be illegal, but it would be unenforceable. He added that the adoption would be more symbolic than enforceable.

Mr. Selvaggi stated that a similar Resolution was adopted in 2009 pertaining to the Pottersville Fire Company.

Mr. Becker stated that he would be happy to pull the proposed Resolution and to bring it back to discuss at a subsequent meeting after the Budget adoption. He added that he met with several of the emergency services groups and has information he would like to share with the full Committee.

Mr. Becker made a motion to table proposed Resolution #76-2018 and to discuss at a future meeting, seconded by Ms. Desiderio. The motion was approved. Ayes: Becker, Desiderio, Voyce. Nays: none. Absent: DiMare. Abstain: Melick.

RESOLUTION # 76-2018

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE CALIFON FIRE COMPANY TOWARDS THE
PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRE TRUCK
EFFECTIVE FOR TEN YEARS (2018-2027)**

Mr. Melick made a motion to adopt the following Proclamation, which was read into the minutes in its entirety, seconded by Ms. Desiderio. The motion was approved. Ayes: Becker, Desiderio, Melick, Voyce. Nays: none. Absent: DiMare.

**PROCLAMATION
TO RECOGNIZE LEWIS FERNANDES
NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CHAMPION
WRESTLER OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, Township Resident, Lewis Fernandes, a Junior at Voorhees High School won the NJSIAA wrestling championship at 285lbs over Kody Wood of Pennsville with a 2nd period pin. Lewis became just the 5th wrestler in Voorhees wrestling history to achieve this honor, the first since Tewkesbury resident John Brienza in 1998.

WHEREAS, Lewis Fernandes has attained 106 wins during his three years in high school and is the first Voorhees student to attain 100 wins prior to his senior year. Lewis is the 3rd member of his family to join the VHS Wrestling 100-win club, joining his brothers Michael and Scott.

WHEREAS, Lewis Fernandes attained a record of 43 wins and 0 losses during the current season. Lewis won 4 additional tournament titles throughout the season including District 16, Region 4, Lenape Valley Holiday, and the Hunterdon Warren Sussex.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

WHEREAS, Lewis Fernandes has been named Wrestler of the Year by the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Trentonian, the Courier News and the Skyland Conference. Lewis also recently placed 3rd at the NHSCA National wrestling championships in Virginia Beach, VA to earn All-American status for the 6th time in his impressive career.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby extends to Lewis Fernandes individually, collectively and with great pride, sincere congratulations for attaining this award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee wishes Lewis Fernandes much success in all his future endeavors.

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

Mr. Melick noted that a storm fund was set up after Hurricane Sandy with funds to be utilized for storm related emergencies. He questioned an item on the bill list related to the utilization of this fund and mentioned the need to have a mechanism in place to approve the paying of bills from the storm fund. He added that he did not disagree that the recent March storms warranted use of the storm fund for related items, but was concerned that there was not proper oversight. In response to a question from Mr. Melick, Mr. Selvaggi stated that a Resolution authorizing the use of funds was not necessary, but if the Committee wished to exercise tighter control, it would have to be a policy decision.

Mr. Melick and Mr. Becker will discuss this at an upcoming finance subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Melick made a motion to approve the bill list dated 4/10/18, seconded by Ms. Desiderio. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. Ayes: Becker, Desiderio, Melick, Voyce. Nays: none. Absent: DiMare.

- Claims as submitted by the CFO 4/10/18

5. Presentation

- **Tewksbury BOE**

Joanne Black, Business Administrator, Board Secretary presented hi-lites on the 2018-2019 School Budget, a copy of which is attached. She noted that the Budget is being reviewed by the County and will be formally presented on 4/26/2018. Comments were made regarding the increase which is less than 2% and thus requires no referendum. Additional comments were made regarding contractual obligations, salary, the 3% increase in the teacher's contract and the 15% increase for health benefits. It was noted that there are fewer students enrolled and there is a 1.69% increase.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES

Dr. Roseann Humphrey, Interim Superintendent noted various innovative programs, including the Next Generation of Science Standards, the STEM program, Aspire and ASAP and emotional programs. She noted that these programs are very hands on and offer a different philosophy.

Additional comments were made regarding teacher professional development, security for the two school buildings and various upgrades needed on the two buildings. She added that the school is constantly writing and researching grants. Dr. Humphrey noted additional items including the refunding of bonds, State Aid, charging for pre-school tuition, capital outlay, and transportation costs. Roof and HVAC work will be commencing.

Discussion followed regarding the proposal to move 5th grade from OTS to TES for social and emotional reasons. It was noted that this would not involve any substantial cost savings, adding that a full time counselor would work at TES (as opposed to the current part time status).

Dr. Humphrey noted that there is a bill being discussed that would mandate recess for K-5 students and this would not be possible if the 5th graders were to remain at OTS.

Additional discussion followed regarding current enrollment (558) and class sizes.

Discussion followed regarding Mr. Becker's question related to the current number of School Choice students (26) and the monies received from the State per student (\$13,000.00).

Dr. Humphrey noted the expanded preschool program and the preschool handicapped program. She added that the monthly cost for full day preschool is \$700.00 per student.

Further discussion followed regarding the possibility of a K-12 regionalization.

Mr. Becker noted that the per student annual cost is \$26,000.00.

In response to a question from Mr. Becker, Ms. Black noted that the schools are utilizing IT personnel from Readington Township as part of a shared service agreement.

Additional discussion followed regarding the concept of having just one school in the Township as the number of students has decreased from 789 in 2009 to 558 in 2018. Dr. Humphrey stated that she did not see this as a possibility at any time soon unless regionalization were to occur.

Further discussion followed regarding Mr. Becker's question as to whether either school could serve as a warming center or a shelter.

Chief Barlow noted that warming center is merely a place to warm up and/or charge an electronic device. A shelter would require showers, a kitchen and power. He added that a shelter would also require staffing by police or the County CERT.

Although there are generators at both TES (2) and OTS (1), neither could serve as a shelter. Dr. Humphrey stated that they are in touch with the DOE to discuss re-commissioning the showers at OTS for the purpose of being a shelter during an emergency.

Further discussion followed regarding Mr. Becker's concern that monies are being lost on School Choice students.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES

Dr. Humphrey noted that additional security will be needed at the schools and this may be an item to discuss for shared services.

In response to a question from Hope Kaufman, Ms. Black stated that they are always looking into alternative energy sources for the schools. She added that the school has had a recent energy audit of both buildings and are working with NJ Sustainable.

Cheryl Allen-Munley stated that she was at the meeting as she thought the NHVHS would be in attendance to discuss their Budget. She noted that the discussion regarding the reduction of the student body had caused discussion to convert Voorhees to a junior high. She noted that this is a good point for discussion, but needs additional research and could be a good sequeway to consolidation.

Mr. Becker stated that Ms. Allen-Munley is welcome to come to the 5-8-18 meeting.

Mr. Becker cautioned that if the school is looking at solar projects, they should not do a lease back because of the 3% bonding rate. Ms. Black confirmed that she was aware of this and will do diligent research on the matter.

- **Harold Wrede Scenic Roads & Bridges**

Harold Wrede, Chairman of the Scenic Roads and Bridges Commission (SRBC) was present to discuss the problem with ash trees in the Township and gave a short description of the ash yellow and emerald ash borer, both of which are negatively affecting ash trees in the County.

He questioned is the Township wishes to put a tree management plan in place and if there is local, State or County funding to address the issue of removing dead and dying ash trees. Discussion followed regarding the issue of who is responsible for tree maintenance/removal in Township right of ways (ROW).

Mr. Wrede stated that the SRBC would like to see a management plan in place and would also like to see trees in utility easements removed to the ground level.

He surmised that if there is no Township funding for removing trees in the ROW and if the property owner is not sure of whose responsible it is, they (the property owner) will not do anything. He added that information needs to be published if the Township Committee believes that it is the resident's responsibility to remove trees in the ROW.

Mr. Becker questioned how best to educate the public on what a diseased tree looks like.

Mr. Wrede explained that ash trees live on the edge of roads and in hedgerows and not so much in the forest, adding that a diseased tree will start to fail at the top, fewer leaves will be produced and then in 2-3 years the tree will die. He added that over 100 million trees have been killed since coming west.

Additional discussion followed regarding the planting of new trees in utility easements.

Mr. Wrede noted cherry trees that were planted on Salters Farm Road that had to be removed because they were making travel difficult on the road.

Hope Kaufman noted that there has been damage in Township parks due to dead and dying ash trees and she supported the work of Mr. Wrede and the SRBC.

Mr. Wrede noted two large ash trees on Cold Spring Road that have caused damage to the road pavement.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES

Debra Dillon questioned if there were plans to replace the trees that were cut on Vliettown Road by the Christian Education Building. She surmised that the trees were cut in error and JCP&L was not involved.

In response to a question from Mr. Becker, Mr. Selvaggi noted that the Township's Ordinance regarding tree clearing and removal does provide some exemptions, adding that trees in the ROW are the responsibility of the home owner. He added that the Township has the authority to remove a tree (from the ROW) upon written notice, if the homeowner refuses. He added that the ROW is not owned by the Township, but the Township has the right to go in and take action is they deem there is a public safety problem.

Mr. Wrede noted that he was unclear as to whose responsibility it is, explaining the different approaches over the years with different Township staff and personnel.

Discussion followed regarding Mr. Wrede's question as to whether the Township could put a lien on a homeowner if they refused to remove a tree from a ROW.

Mr. Selvaggi assured the Committee that similar conversations are occurring in many portions of north-west New Jersey in light of the recent storms and ash tree issues.

Mr Becker stated that the Tewksbury Land Trust (TLT) has received a matching trail grant for \$100,000 and the SRBC and Parks Committee may benefit by working with the TLT to focus on a plan and to coordinate and research tree issues in Township parks. He stated that a plan should be put in place to prioritize how best to utilize DPW resources.

Mr. Cassa stated that the existing Township Ordinance regarding road obstructions needs to be clarified by adding language pertaining to trees in the ROW.

Further comments were made regarding the tree work done by the utility companies.

Ms. Desiderio noted that many homeowners "go crazy" when their trees are marked to be cut down as many want to save everything.

Mr. Melick opined that there are too many live trees and cutting needs to become more aggressive. He noted that every road is bad and is a "disaster waiting to happen", adding that the health and public safety of residents has to come first. He added that when he first was on the Committee, many people came to meetings complaining about tree cutting trees and in his opinion, "those days are over".

Mr. Wrede stated that the SRBC would like to see the distributed antenna systems being installed minimized on scenic roads, adding that all utilities should be underground.

Mr. Melick noted that each case is dealt with individually and requests for placement of the systems have all been for County roads.

- **JCP&L**

Stan Prater, JCP&L Area Manager was present to give a summary on the recent storms and the issues related to ash trees. He stated that if a tree is in the utility's ROW , it will be removed: if it

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES

is in imminent danger of falling. If a tree is in a Township owned ROW, JCP&L will work with the home owner to remove the tree, but if they decline, there is nothing else that can be done. He explained that it is hard to detect a diseased ash tree because the borer is inside and the tree may look healthy from the outside. JCP&L workers have been told not to climb a tree in question as it could fall over. Mr. Prater stated that he is working with Mr. Pyatt from the DPW specifically on trees on Fox Hill and Hollow Brook Roads and they should be removed next week or so once the property owner has signed off.

Discussion followed regarding Mr. Melick's question related to giving utilities some leeway with regard to tree cutting. JCP&L's four year tree cutting cycle was noted and Mr. Prater stated that he will follow up with Mr. Melick with additional information.

Mr. Prater added that there needs to be a 15 foot radius around wires, adding that there are differing zones for trimming that are more aggressive than others.

A lengthy discussion followed related to the March storms: the number of outages, restoration efforts, removed poles, cleared trees and opened roads. Mr. Prater noted the 60+ mph winds caused a delay in work being completed as men are not allowed to work in bucket trucks in winds in excess of 40 mph.

He noted that there have been meetings with the BPU in Byram and Parsippany and there will be a meeting in May in Hunterdon County to discuss the storms, give testimony and discuss how to address problems moving forward.

In response to a statement by Mr. Prater, Mr. Melick countered that local officials were well aware of reporting procedures to the County OEM and the biggest problem was that County roads were not open in a timely and safe fashion.

Chief Barlow agreed, adding that he sat with OEM coordinator Brayden Fahey directly and the problem was that County roads, school, emergency services and the Police Administration Building were not given priority. He added that the Township PD had to hijack a crew and physically cut wires to be able to move downed trees.

Further discussion followed regarding the feeling from the members of the Committee that JCP&L did not properly plan for the storms and adequate resources were not available. Additional discussion followed regarding the out-of-state crews that were brought in for the storms and how they were not given clear direction as to their duties.

Mr. Wrede stated that he believes the parent company of JCP&L, First Energy, decides how to staff JCP&L with out-of-state crews. He agreed that the crews were given bad direction and often were waiting to be told what to do.

Ms. Desiderio agreed that many of the crews had no idea where they were going and often three crews showed up at one site: she stressed that there was no clear direction.

Mr. Prater agreed that it is difficult for external crews, but the JCP&L trucks did have mobile data terminals.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES

Chief Barlow reiterated that more than one crew would show up on one site, adding that better communication was needed. He stressed that the road crews did a good job, but the dispatching was horrible.

Mr. Prater stated that he had heard this, noting the existence of some inefficiency, and added that during the debriefings and meetings, they are working to make it better.

Ms. Desiderio stated that nothing has changed since Hurricane Sandy and that people are justifiably irate. She stated that she “doesn’t care about anyone else” (but Tewksbury residents) and the matter of not having County roads open is very serious. She agreed that the ground crews often did not know where to go, and she questioned who was in charge.

Mr. Melick stated that he would like to see the listing of roads that are scheduled for maintenance in the current cycle.

Discussion followed regarding Mr. Becker’s comments related to the issue of the removal of ash trees in ROWs and how to educate homeowners on the matter.

Mr. Prater stated that he will work with Mr. Pyatt and the DPW to identify trees that should be removed. He added that a JCP&L forester may be involved in the process. Additional comments were made regarding how to effectively work with homeowners. He added that if a tree is identified as dead or dying and/or a hazard it will be cut or trimmed if it is in the cycle. If the property owner refuses to allow the work to be done, the Township may become involved to work with the resident.

Mr. Cassa thanked Mr. Prater for attending the meeting and advising the Committee on steps being taken regarding how to report trees. He questioned if he understood correctly that JCP&L will remove all affected ash trees.

Mr. Prater explained that if a tree is cut/trimmed in a wooded area, the entire tree will not be removed; it will be if it is located in a maintained area. He added that if a resident has a tree that they would like JCP&L to look at, they should call 1-800-662-3115

George Melick opined that the bigger problem is that there are too many trees on the wires, trees grow 14”- 30” annually and the situation is getting worse. He warned “tree huggers beware” adding that cutting cannot be done in a piecemeal fashion. He stated that the BPU dictates how trees are cut and policies need to be changed to allow for more aggressive cutting. He advised that residents should go to BPU meetings and warned that when the trees are fully leaved and the branches are heavier, more trees will fall.

Discussion followed regarding Kelly McKinney-Brakewood’s question as to why there is not a bigger push in certain areas to have utility lines located underground. Mr. Prater explained that JCP&L is a distribution company and the rate is based on overhead infrastructure. A rate change would have to be authorized by the BPU to change to underground lines and this would also involve considerable coordination with the property owners. He added that it is more difficult to detect an outage underground than on overhead poles.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES

Ms. McKinney-Brakewood noted that her development has underground utilities, adding that the new pattern for storms seems to be producing more violent storms in a shorter time span.

Mr. Melick noted that if the "Dinnerpot" area of the Township were to have the wires moved underground, all trees would have to be removed and stay removed forever.

In response to a question from Mr. Becker, Mr. Prater stated that JCP&L does not have funding available to create a warming center. He noted that a warming center only has to be a location with available electricity to service residents on a short term basis.

- **Township Committee Comments**

Chief Barlow noted the upcoming Fishing Derby scheduled for 04-28-18 at Pascale Pond. He added that there will also be a DEA National Drug Take Back Day.

Deputy Mayor Voyce noted an accident occurred off of Farmersville Road on 04/02/18 to which many emergency services responded.

- **Township Attorney**

Mr. Selvaggi stated that if the Committee wishes to authorize the Amendatory Grant between the Township and Diamond Communications, the representative should be contacted to advise accordingly.

Discussion followed regarding the terms of the Grant and if there should be a monetary amount involved for the Township.

Chief Barlow stated that he is working with the Chief's Association to find a way to enhance communication in this part of the County and he would like to get additional information regarding siting on the tower located on Fox Hill Road. He stated that if Diamond is interested, the Chief's Association would like to further the discussion.

In response to a question from Mr. Becker, Chief Barlow stated that the site on Laurel Mountain Road as was recently discussed by the Tewksbury Rescue Squad (TRS) would not be an appropriate site due to the elevation. The TRS was interested in that site for a repeater.

It was the consensus of the Committee to contact the representative from Diamond Communication to advise that the Committee is interested and willing to discuss terms as noted above.

- **Township Administrator**

Ms. Brassard requested that the Committee make a decision regarding the previously presented Resolution pertaining to a refund of tax prepayment.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility that refunding the prepaid taxes may involve additional work for the Finance Department.

Mr. Becker stated that a process should be put in place to address the requests of residents, noting a Local Finance Notice was issued stating that a request must be presented in writing.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2018 MINUTES**

It was the consensus of the Committee to utilize the Resolution related to refund of tax prepayment as initially presented.

Discussion followed regarding a request from Mr. Clucas to have the Mayor sign a letter allowing hunting on the Christie Hoffman Farm for deer management reasons. It was noted that the farming contract for the property expired at the end of 2017 and the lease that was sent in January has not been returned.

Mr. Becker reiterated his concern that the contract should be reviewed as he feels the farmer (Clucas) may be able to assist the Township with tree maintenance at the Farm.

He added that he was not in favor of hunting on the Farm as it relates to farming as it takes away from the hunters who have received permission from the Police Department for recreational hunting.

No action was taken with regard to the request.

Deputy Mayor Voyce noted that the Mayor needs to appoint members to the ad-hoc COAH/Affordable Housing Committee at the upcoming meeting.

7. Executive Session

At 10:10 PM Mr. Melick moved adoption of the following Resolution, seconded by Ms. Desiderio. The motion was approved. Ayes: Becker, Desiderio, DiMare, Melick, Voyce. Nays: None. Absent: DiMare.

**RESOLUTION #76-2018
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE TEWKSBURY
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 and 10:4-12 that the Tewksbury Township Committee hold a closed session to discuss Personnel matters.

It is expected that the discussion undertaken in closed session can be made public at the time official action is taken.

William Voyce
Deputy Mayor

8. Reconvened

The meeting reconvened at 10:55 PM.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 PM.

Roberta A. Brassard
Administrator/Clerk