

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WALL, HELD IN THE
MEETING ROOM, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomson at 7:30 P.M. Present were Mayor Edward H. Thomson presiding, Deputy Mayor Mark J. Brosnan, Committeeman Robert D. Peters, Committeewoman Mary L. Burne, Committeeman John W. Tobia, Township Administrator Joseph L. Verruni, Township Attorney Roger J. McLaughlin and Township Clerk Lorraine Kubacz.

Mayor Thomson read the sunshine statement.

Roll-call was taken by Lorraine Kubacz.

Betty Wallace conducted the semi-annual Board of Health meeting. Mrs. Wallace advised that there would be a free rabies clinic at the Glendola Firehouse.

Committeewoman Burne made a motion to approve the Vouchers for March 2005, in the amount of \$8,555,615.23. Deputy Mayor Brosnan seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Tobia	Yea
Peters	Yea
Burne	Yea
Brosnan	Yea
Thomson	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Vouchers approved.

Committeeman Peters made a motion to approve the minutes of February and March 2005. Committeeman Tobia seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

Nina Anuario from Ocean First Bank presented each of the first aid squads and firehouses a check in the amount of \$500. Ms. Anuario stated that this is the first foundation of this type in the nation and they have donated over \$500,000 to squads in Ocean and Monmouth Counties over the past nine years. Ocean First also donates to charities and will donate over \$2 million this year. Ms. Anuario stated that she was very proud to be able to recognize the efforts of the residents who serve and challenged other institutions to do the same. Members of the squads accepted the checks and

thanked Ms. Anuario and Ocean First Bank. Committeeman Tobia
thanked Ms. Anuario on behalf of the Committee.

Committeewoman Burne read a Proclamation honoring Eagle Scout Joshua L. Foxtton. Mrs. Burne presented Joshua with the Proclamation at his Eagle Scout ceremony.

Committeewoman Burne read a Proclamation honoring Arbor Day. Mrs. Burne stated that Joshua's mother is a teacher at Central School. Mrs. Foxtton's fifth grade class and Mrs. Finberg's first grade class presented a play "Earth Day is Everyday." It was viewed by the children at 2:00 P.M. and the parents at 7:00 P.M. It was very well done. Mrs. Burne congratulated the students on their efforts.

This being the advertised time for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of **ORDINANCE NO. 10-2005** - Amending Mandatory Development Fees entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AMENDING CHAPTER 140, THE "LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL", OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, SECTION 140-283 "MANDATORY DEVELOPMENT FEES", AND AMENDING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO MANDATORY DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT." Mrs. Kubacz read the ordinance by title only as required by law. Mayor Thomson declared the Public Hearing open. There being no comments or objections, Committeeman Peters moved that the public hearing be closed. Committeeman Tobia seconded the motion and all members voted yes. Committeeman Peters moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to its second reading and final passage. Committeeman Tobia seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Tobia	Yea
Peters	Yea
Burne	Yea
Brosnan	Yea
Thomson	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted. Committeeman Peters moved that the Ordinance be advertised according to law. Committeeman Tobia seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

Committeeman Tobia left the dais.

This being the advertised time for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of **ORDINANCE NO. 11-2005** - Amending Zoning Map entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FURTHER AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL." Mrs. Kubacz read the ordinance by title only as

required by law. Mayor Thomson declared the Public Hearing open. There being no comments or objections, Committeeman

Peters moved that the public hearing be closed. Deputy Mayor Brosnan seconded the motion and all members voted yes. Committeeman Peters moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to its second reading and final passage. Deputy Mayor Brosnan seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Tobia	Absent
Peters	Yea
Burne	Yea
Brosnan	Yea
Thomson	Yea

There being four yeas, no nays and one absent,, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted. Committeeman Peters moved that the Ordinance be advertised according to law. Deputy Mayor Brosnan seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

With reference to a resolution concerning Ordinance No. 11-2005 Committeeman Peters offered Resolution #05-407 and moved it be adopted. Mrs. Kubacz read the resolution entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL CONCERNING ORDINANCE NO. 11-2005 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL." Deputy Mayor Brosnan seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Tobia	Absent
Peters	Yea
Burne	Yea
Brosnan	Yea
Thomson	Yea

There being four yeas, no nays and one absent, the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

This being the advertised time for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of **ORDINANCE NO. 12-2005** - Amending Chapter 140, Pertaining to HB, OB and OP zones entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AMENDING CHAPTER 140, THE "LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL," OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, SECTION 140-138, "SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES," PERTAINING TO THE HB (HIGH BUSINESS); OB (OFFICE BUSINESS) AND OP (OFFICE PARK) ZONES." Mrs. Kubacz read the ordinance by title only as required by law. Mayor Thomson declared the Public Hearing open. There being no comments or objections, Committeewoman Burne moved that the public hearing be closed. Committeeman Peters seconded the motion and all members voted yes. Committeewoman Burne moved that the Ordinance be adopted

as to its second reading and final passage. Committeeman Peters seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Tobia	Absent
Peters	Yea
Burne	Yea
Brosnan	Yea
Thomson	Yea

There being four yeas, no nays and one absent, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted. Committeewoman Burne moved that the Ordinance be advertised according to law. Committeeman Tobia seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

Committeeman Tobia returned to the dais.

This being the advertised time for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of **ORDINANCE NO. 13-2005** - Fee for Insufficient Funds entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL ENTITLED, "GENERAL PROVISIONS". Mrs. Kubacz read the ordinance by title only as required by law. Mayor Thomson declared the Public Hearing open. There being no comments or objections, Deputy Mayor Brosnan moved that the public hearing be closed. Committeeman Peters seconded the motion and all members voted yes. Deputy Mayor Brosnan moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to its second reading and final passage. Committeeman Peters seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Tobia	Yea
Peters	Yea
Burne	Yea
Brosnan	Yea
Thomson	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted. Deputy Mayor Brosnan moved that the Ordinance be advertised according to law. Committeeman Peters seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

This being the advertised time for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of **ORDINANCE NO. 14-2005 - Increasing the CAP** entitled, "ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK". Mrs. Kubacz read the ordinance by title only as required by law. Mayor Thomson declared the Public Hearing open. There being no comments or objections, Committeeman Tobia moved that the public hearing be closed. Committeeman Peters seconded the

motion and all members voted yes. Committeeman Tobia moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to its second reading and

final passage. Committeeman Peters seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Tobia	Yea
Peters	Yea
Burne	Yea
Brosnan	Yea
Thomson	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted. Committeeman Tobia moved that the Ordinance be advertised according to law. Committeeman Peters seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

Scheduled Public Hearing of the 2005 Township of Wall Municipal Budget.

Deputy Mayor Mark Brosnan offered Resolution #05-408 entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL DECLARING ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN SELF EXAMINATION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET." Committeeman Peters seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Tobia	Yea
Peters	Yea
Burne	Yea
Brosnan	Yea
Thomson	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared Resolution #05-408 adopted.

Deputy Mayor Brosnan made a motion to open the public hearing on the budget. Committeeman Peters seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. The Mayor declared the public hearing open.

Bill Myrtetus, Laurel Avenue, asked why under Local Sources of Income, we are only budgeting \$65,000 this year when we realized \$77,000 as of December 31. Administrator Verruni replied that we try not to push our revenues to the maximum exposure in case we don't hit the numbers, especially with the ABC and revenues we receive from liquor establishments. We take a conservative approach on what we estimate we will get. If we don't hit that number, next year we will have to not only reserve for the number we said we were going to hit, but we also will have to deduct for the amount we missed in our revenue projection. We would rather error on the conservative side. The total items of revenue

are pretty close to where we were at the end of last year and anything we get in addition to that goes into surplus.

Mr. Myrtetus questioned this answer because the Township will be receiving more money with the new BYOB ordinance. Mr. Myrtetus asked how many establishments had filed for the BYOB. Mrs. Kubacz replied that only one establishment picked up an application, but they did not return it as yet.

Under Fees and Permits, Mr. Myrtetus asked if we would be getting fees and permit money from the Gateway project. Mr. Verruni replied that this would come under the Construction Code fees in another section of the budget. There was an increase in this section from last year. Last year we anticipated \$150,000 and we received \$139,000. So this year we anticipated \$125,000. We have to make guesses based on past history. If we get more money in, it goes into surplus and it can't be expended until it is appropriated the following year, so it goes into the bank account.

Under Local Taxes, Mr. Myrtetus asked what was the percentage collected. Mr. Verruni replied 97.66%.

Under Assessment of Taxes, Mr. Myrtetus asked why the salaries and wages were up 9.8%. Mr. Verruni stated that no employee received more than 3.9%. Steve Mayer added that last year we lost an employee and a salary was not paid for most of that year. We replaced that employee this year with a field inspector.

Mr. Myrtetus asked why the Municipal Prosecutor's salary has an increase of 46%. Mr. Verruni replied that Court has added an additional day and we need the prosecutor two days instead of one.

Under Engineering and Land Use Mr. Myrtetus stated that that increase was due to the Township hiring a full time in house engineer.

Mr. Myrtetus stated that there was no amount under Insurance and Over-expenditures. Mr. Mayer replied that the spreadsheet that is used is over ten years old. There are items moved in and out of the CAP. Insurance is now outside the CAP and it is reflected further down in the budget as a line item. The State changed this so group insurance and liability insurance are now separate. They used to be combined.

Mr. Verruni stated that the group insurance is the health benefits for employees. Mr. Myrtetus stated that this is much lower than what he sees in the industry. Mr. Verruni explained that the Township is self-insured. The benefits are

paid by the Township they are not purchased on the commercial market. This program has been working very well. The

Township has a Stop Loss Aggregate for prescriptions, dental and major medical.

Under Road Repairs and Maintenance Mr. Myrtetus asked if the Township would be doing less road repair because the figure is the same as last year. Mr. Verruni explained that no department received an increase in expenses for the third year in a row. In our Public Works Department, the cost has gone up, but the department head will need to do a little more with less. Mr. Myrtetus asked if the Township would do less paving.

Mr. Verruni replied that the paving comes under our Capital Improvement Bond. The Township repaves a certain number of streets annually under this bond. We are also continuing with the sewer program and that would come under another budget. All streets associated with the sewers are repaved under the other budget.

Mr. Myrtetus asked that Laurel Avenue be looked at for repaving. Committeewoman Burne stated that the potholes are corrected quite frequently. There are many streets in the township and the taxpayers can only go so far. We are improving some of the streets with the sewer projects. The township is doing the best to keep within the guidelines of spending.

Under Sanitation, Mr. Myrtetus stated that we are keeping the same thing for other expenses and asked if this was realistic with the cost of gasoline. Mr. Verruni explained that gasoline is another line item and it does reflect an increase from \$214,000 to \$280,000. This is one item that was increased in the budget.

Mr. Myrtetus asked about a 17% increase in Parks and playgrounds. Mr. Verruni replied that a position for Recreation Director is included this year. The Township is advertising to replace an employee who left the Township a few years ago and was never replaced.

Mr. Myrtetus asked about \$60,000 under Historical Society. Mr. Mayer explained that that fee was actually for removal of snow during the winter, but the title didn't print on the page.

Mr. Myrtetus asked about a \$49,678 over-expenditure. Mr. Mayer explained that the last year's auditors found that some bills that were paid in January and February of 2004 pertained to the 2003 year. They couldn't be charged to 2003 and the

2004 Budget was already in place, so they have to be shown in 2005.

Mr. Myrtetus asked about the sum under Capital Improvements. Mr. Mayer explained that this is money put in the budget to transfer to the Capital Fund that is used as down payments on capital bond ordinances. When bond ordinances are introduced, the Township is required to put a 5% down payment.

Mr. Myrtetus asked about the money for the extension of the bike path. Mr. Verruni stated that this money is already in place with a bond ordinance. The Township is going out to bid on the Route 18 bike extension, but this money was bonded under the previous bond ordinance.

Mr. Myrtetus asked about the amount of surplus being reduced by 59%. Mr. Verruni stated that the surplus is being reduced by 50%. Mr. Mayer explained that the amount is 50%.

For Water/Sewer, Mr. Myrtetus stated that at the end of 2004 there was \$2,485,000. At the end of 2005 we are showing \$1,035,000 which would be 59% reduction in the surplus. Mr. Verruni explained that the Township has stabilized the rates. The Water/Sewer rates have not been increased in twelve years. Because of the rate stabilization, we did not have to increase the rates again this year.

Mr. Myrtetus thanked the Committee for the responses.

Frank Addonizio, Shoreline Drive, asked about the collection rate. Mr. Verruni advised that the rate is 97.66%. Mr. Addonizio asked what the amount of bonding was for 2004. Mr. Mayer stated that the debt service in the current fund is \$3.4 million. The outstanding bonds were \$28 million.

Mr. Addonizio stated that the Asbury Park Press reported that the Mayor indicated that the junkyard was worth \$3 million, less environmental clean up costs. The owners claim the cost is \$5-6 million. Mr. Addonizio asked what provisions have been made if the Superior Court rules against the Township. Attorney McLaughlin replied that the Township doesn't believe this is worth more than \$3.5 million and \$1.5 million is adequate for environmental clean up, however, it is subject to the ultimate findings.

Mr. Addonizio stated that, if the Superior Court finds it is worth more, the Township would have to come up with emergency appropriations. Mr. McLaughlin said no, the redeveloper would have paid enough to cover this, or the Committee would redo the bond to cover that cost.

Mr. Addonizio asked what the amount of State Aid was to the Township this year. Mr. Verruni replied that the Township

received \$4,452,445, which was reduced about \$300,000 from last year.

Mr. Addonizio asked if there were any developers in Wall that fall under Ordinance 48-1990 where, if they owe taxes, are they doing business with the Township. Mr. McLaughlin replied that no one gets approval or a license unless they pay the taxes due. Even the new BYOB ordinance requires taxes to be paid.

Mr. Addonizio stated, with the increase in the tax rate every year, taking 50% of the surplus, this should be remediated back to the taxpayers because it is their money. Realizing that some should be held \$1 million in surplus is sufficient. Mr. Addonizio recommended that \$3 million be put back in. The Township should also introduce Pay to Play.

On the Consent Agenda, Mr. Addonizio asked about the Resolution pertaining to the intent to fund affordable housing and asked how much money this was. Mr. McLaughlin replied that this is simply an explanation. If there are expenses for affordable housing, we have to pay them. This Resolution is just a general intent to pay.

George, Applewood Circle, stated that the budget is pretty decent because we are holding expenses flat. The Committee did an excellent job but asked about the total legal costs of \$160,000 and asked if this was the total or if there is some in other items. Mr. Verruni replied that there might be some in Land Use for Planning Board and Board of Adjustment attorneys. Legal costs are primarily for Roger McLaughlin. There is also legal cost for tax appeals. This legal cost is basically for the day to day business.

George asked about telephone costs and stated that they are very high. Mr. Verruni replied that the Township is currently working on a new phone system. Mr. Mayer stated that he expects that this new system will bring the cost down.

George asked about \$25,000 for copies. Mr. Verruni explained that this is for all the offices including Court, the Clerk's office and Land Use.

George asked what the per tax was last year. Mr. Verruni said that this is based on the total assessed value of the Township. The Township is obligated to give schools and county 100% but we don't receive 100%. The Township went up \$32 million in ratables so this is normal.

Don Herbert, asked that the Township update the website because the current budget was not shown. Mr. Herbert asked if there was a proposal to build something to help with sand

and silt. Mr. Verruni said no. Mr. Herbert asked when this is planned to be done. Mr. Verruni replied that the Township has applied for a Grant of \$150,000. If we receive it, we will build something. Mr. Herbert stated that the sand and silt runs down Tiltons Corner Road to the Brook. Mr. Verruni stated that this is not currently in the budget.

There being no further comments, Deputy Mayor Brosnan moved to close the public hearing. Committeeman Peters seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Deputy Mayor Brosnan moved that the 2005 Budget be adopted. Committeeman Peters seconded the motion and on roll-call members voted as follows:

Tobia	Yea
Peters	Yea
Burne	Yea
Brosnan	Yea
Thomson	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the 2005 Municipal Budget adopted.

With reference to the Introduction of **ORDINANCE NO. 15-2005** - Authorizing Vacation of Cherry Street entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE FO THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF ALL OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL IN A PORTION OF CHERRY STREET," Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only, as required by law. Deputy Mayor Brosnan moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to first reading. Committeewoman Burne seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Tobia	Yea
Peters	Yea
Burne	Yea
Brosnan	Yea
Thomson	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted as to its first reading. Deputy Mayor Brosnan moved that the Clerk advertise the Ordinance according to law, the second reading and public hearing to be held May 11, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. Committeewoman Burne seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

With reference to the Introduction of **ORDINANCE NO. 16-2005** - Vacation of Virginia Avenue entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, IN THE COUNTY
OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF

ALL OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL IN A PORTION OF VIRGINIA AVENUE," Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only, as required by law. Committeeman Peters moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to first reading. Deputy Mayor Brosnan seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Tobia	Yea
Peters	Yea
Burne	Yea
Brosnan	Yea
Thomson	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted as to its first reading. Committeeman Peters moved that the Clerk advertise the Ordinance according to law, the second reading and public hearing to be held May 11, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. Deputy Mayor Brosnan seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

With reference to the Introduction of **ORDINANCE NO. 17-2005** - Amending and Supplementing Title 215 "Traffic", entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 215 "TRAFFIC" OF "THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL," AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED, SECTION 215-48 "SPEED LIMITS." Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only, as required by law. Committeeman Tobia moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to first reading. Committeewoman Burne seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Tobia	Yea
Peters	Yea
Burne	Yea
Brosnan	Yea
Thomson	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted as to its first reading. Committeeman Tobia moved that the Clerk advertise the Ordinance according to law, the second reading and public hearing to be held May 11, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. Committeewoman Burne seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

Consent Agenda

With reference to Items 18 A - AA was announced that all matters will be adopted or approved collectively by a single

motion and roll-call vote by a majority of the Township
Committee. All items on the consent agenda have been made

available in advance of the meeting for public inspection and are also available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired on any item, it will be considered separately. Mayor Thomson asked if any member of the Township Committee wished to consider any item separately. Committeeman Tobia recused himself from item 18AA Renewal of Mobile Park Licenses. Deputy Mayor Brosnan recused himself from item W Personnel Resolution. There being no further comments, a motion was made by Committeeman Peters and seconded by Committeewoman Burne to adopt the following Resolutions, and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Tobia	Yea (except 18AA)
Peters	Yea
Burne	Yea
Brosnan	Yea (except 18W)
Thomson	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the following Resolutions adopted:

#05-401 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TO RE-RECORD THE DEED PERTAINING TO LOT 25, BLOCK 277 (THE FORMER SEA GIRT INN PROPERTY) (RATIFY)

#05-402 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS WITH THE MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE SERVICES (RATIFY)

#05-403 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROUTE 18 BIKE PATH

#05-404 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF REGIONAL BIKE PATH PHASE 2B CONNECTION TO ALLAIRE STATE PARK VILLAGE

#05-409 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL APPOINTING AN ACTING MAYOR

#05-410 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR BLOCK 817, LOT 2

#05-411 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A CERTAIN
MAINTENANCE BOND POSTED FOR BLOCK 771, LOTS 7 & 14

#05-412 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A CASH PERFORMANCE BOND POSTED FOR BLOCK 804, LOTS 26 & 28

#05-413 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A 2006 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NJDOT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MONMOUTH BOULEVARD - PHASE 2

#05-414 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A 2006 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NJDOT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EDGAR FELIX BIKE PATH

#05-415 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED TO LYNN C. BURKHARDT

#05-416 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OF CERTAIN LITIGATION

#05-417 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OF CERTAIN LITIGATION

#05-418 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OF CERTAIN LITIGATION

#05-419 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (FINAL) PAVING OF VARIOUS ROADS - EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY

#05-420 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL EXPRESSING ITS INTENT TO FUND FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATION

#05-421 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF BITUMINOUS CONCRETE

#05-422 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR FURNISHING, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TO THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL

#05-423 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF A
DISABLED VETERAN

#05-424 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES

#05-425 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING CERTAIN TAX REFUNDS

#05-426 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING CERTAIN WATER/SEWER REFUNDS

#05-427 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS

RAFFLE - ALLAIRE VILLAGE, INC. - DECEMBER 18, 2005 - QUILT

RAFFLE - ALLENWOOD SCHOOL PTG - MAY 2, 2005 - ASSORTED PRIZES

ONE DAY LIQUOR PERMIT - THE FORMER NJ STATE TROOPERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. - 7/15/05 - SOUTH WALL FIREHOUSE 6-10 P.M.

RENEWALS OF MOBILE PARK LICENSES: BEARMORE, SEA BREEZE, MANICH, GARDEN STATE AND SHORE MOBILE ACRES

End of Consent Agenda

Comments from Township Committee

Committeeman Tobia congratulated Lou Hochman, reporter from the Coast Star. Mr. Hochman is leaving to become Editor of another newspaper. Committeeman Tobia said that it was a pleasure working with Mr. Hochman this year. The Township Committee agreed.

Audience Participation

Mary Beth Stoddart, Walling Avenue, spoke on behalf of her neighbors and herself. Ms. Stoddart presented a letter and petition to the Township Committee in opposition of the scattered site home being proposed on Walling Avenue. Ms. Stoddart stated that the safety and future of their children is the number one issue. The residents were upset for not being notified that the lot in question was available even though it is a non-conforming lot. The residents found out about this scattered site home by reading the Coast Star newspaper.

The residents feel that a rental home would devalue their homes. These are very old homes and they are looking into having the neighborhood declared a historical landmark. This

is a very small street and had been told by previous owners of the homes that this lot was un-developable and that there was

an easement. The residents would like the right to purchase this land.

Ms. Stoddart also spoke about tacking and stated that they would be able to pursue this because they could prove this lot has always been taken care of by the residents.

Mr. Verruni replied that the Township Committee has been very cognizant of Mount Laurel. The Township is obligated by law to complete the second cycle with the required rental units. The Township is four rental units short of the Court ordered number and it is attempting to fulfill this requirement.

The scattered site homes in other neighborhoods have been very successful, but they are not rentals. The Committee builds homes that are nicer than required by law. The Committee directed Mr. Verruni to fill the gap on the four rental units. The Township Planner identified properties that could be developed that are of the same size in the neighborhood. This lot size is consistent with the lots in the neighborhood.

Mr. Verruni continued that this is not an easy decision and it is difficult to come up with four sites to build upon. The neighborhoods are reluctant to have the Mount Laurel housing but the Committee does its best and they monitor the program. There are 118 rental units in one neighborhood which were built a few years ago and this affected one school in particular. Now the Committee is trying to place scattered sites throughout the Township. But this is not a done deal.

The Township attorney, at the direction of the Mayor and Committee, has been looking at other ways to fulfill the requirement. Another area was suggested, but the Court would not allow the township to use that area because it was too close to a highway. The Committee is continuing to find another way to fill the gap, but it is under Court Order to do so. The Committee has two weeks to present the plan to the Court. They are running out of options. If the home does go on Walling, the Committee will make it the best project it can.

Trish Quinn, Highway 71, stated that she has lived here for nine years and has three small children. Mrs. Quinn asked how far along the project is. Mr. Verruni replied that the Township had to identify properties that a Judge would consider developable. This property was presented and determined to be acceptable. But the Township is no further

along than that. The Committee will continue to look for other ways. Residents are notified when the Township is at a point to proceed.

Mrs. Quinn asked if there were lots on Route 71 that would not impede on the homeowners. Mr. Verruni replied that he was unaware of any on Route 71 that would be developable. The land across from Rash Field is wetlands and undevelopable. Ms. Quinn asked about the home that was moved. Mr. Verruni stated that that was a Township property.

Attorney McLaughlin stated that the Planning Board amended its Fair Share Plan and is obligated to do this. The Planner gave four properties that he felt were appropriate, if that was the route that was taken. At this point, there has to be a decision made as to how to fill the four rental unit gap. The Committee is working on other options because they prefer not to do scattered sites. There is a meeting tomorrow to talk about another option.

Mr. McLaughlin explained that when scattered sites were done in the past, it was never done without going to the residents and explaining to them what was going there. The residents will be notified if the Committee gets to this point. Ms. Quinn stated that this might be too late and asked if anything had to do with the school system. Mr. Verruni replied that the Committee tried to spread it around the Township. Ms. Quinn stated that legally the residents need to be notified, but this does not belong in this neighborhood.

Paul Heutter, Walling Avenue, stated that the property in question has been maintained by the neighbors since he lived in his home from 1992. The previous homeowners advised that they weren't able to buy this property. Mr. Heutter stated that he has rented his home and has very bad experiences with renters and they were indigent or Section 8. Mr. Heutter stated that he is not opposed to building a home there and putting it up for sale. Mr. Heutter said that four units could be put on an acre of land where the Township could build a townhouse. There is a lot of open space and a townhouse would be a lot better.

Jamie Sanders, Walling Avenue, stated that she recently moved from Los Angeles and loves this neighborhood. Ms. Sanders stated that at her closing she was told that there is an easement on the property and the City owns it. Ms. Sanders stated that she has been in escrow for six months and wants to know who was looking out for her rights. Mayor Thomson replied that the Township does still own this property. Ms. Sanders stated that she will have to go to her attorney with this. Mayor Thomson replied that this is still not a done deal.

Tom Stoddart, Walling Avenue, stated that David Browning spoke with the residents and alluded to the fact that projects like this move very quickly and that is why the residents are

concerned. There is a fear of the unknown. The owner of lots 10 & 11 has repeatedly tried to subdivide her lots and has been rejected. Mr. Stoddart asked, why then, is this lot good enough for development? Also, the residents of the neighborhood are willing to purchase this lot and maintain it as a neighborhood park. Mayor Thomson stated that the residents will be notified of any action beforehand.

Eric Brophy, Cortland Drive, also President of the Allaire Country Club Association, stated that he appeared before the Committee in December 2003 regarding various violations issued to the builder of Allaire complex. The violations were rescinded based upon Court decisions. Mr. Brophy asked that the violations be reissued because the problems are ongoing. Mayor Thomson replied that special counsel has been hired to deal with this. Attorney McLaughlin stated that the Township is moving ahead with this. The special counsel and the construction official are putting together notices of violations that will be issued.

Mr. Brophy asked when this would be done. Mr. McLaughlin replied that they could have been issued already. Mr. McLaughlin explained that the decision came down in February and he met with the Allaire Board and their attorney who gave a list of violations the Association believed existed. Since that time the Committee has discussed this, agreed to pursue, hired an attorney and the Construction Official Paul Rabenda is inspecting the subjects that were discussed.

Mr. Rabenda has been in touch with the Association attorney and notices will be issued soon. There is a lot of work before this can be done. Mr. Brophy questioned why this is taking over two years because the Township has a responsibility to the residents. Mr. McLaughlin stated that the Township did issue violations but they were thrown out in court. The Superior Court said that the Township could go back and issue the violations again. Since that time the Township Committee has told the staff to move ahead and do everything it can prepare to do this.

Sean, 18th Avenue, asked if the Township is waiting to hear back from the County about the blacktop sidewalks proposed along 18th Avenue between the high school and the municipal field. Mr. Verruni replied that the Township has contacted the County to change this from blacktop to concrete, put in curbs and eliminate the drainage problem. Mayor Thomson added that the County is responsible for this and the Township has requested a figure for using concrete rather than blacktop, but has not received a response. Mr. Verruni stated

that the engineer knows that the Township does not want anything done until a final decision is made. This resident

asked how the Committee feels on this issue. Mr. Verruni replied that the Committee wants concrete and curbs.

Trish Quinn, Highway 71, asked if there was a deadline the Township has to meet for the four rental units. Mr. Verruni replied that the Court wants an answer as to how the Township will fill the gap for the rental units. The Township advised the Court that there is one program, the scattered site housing, but the Township is looking for other alternatives. The Township asked for an extension and received a two week extension.

Mrs. Quinn asked what happens from this point. Mr. McLaughlin replied that Jeff Surenian, Mount Laurel Counsel, will advise that this must be submitted. An amendment will say there is a way we can solve this. At that time, the Committee will have to commit to a certain way of fulfilling the obligation even if they are still talking about the scattered site housing. But with Mount Laurel, even at that point, nothing is final. There is still a time period in which the Township can explore other options. It depends on when the Court says that it has to be done.

Mrs. Quinn asked if there is a list of Township property. Mr. Verruni explained that the Assessor has all exempt properties including the Board of Education, fire companies and county properties. This is the list the Committee uses to try to find properties that are suitable.

Mrs. Quinn asked if the Township needs to conform to the zoning that the residents need to use. Mr. McLaughlin stated that the Committee, in the past, has always conformed to the same requirements that other lots of that size would have to fulfill. Modifications have been made to the properties based on what the neighbors have asked. The Committee tries to comply with all the requirements. Mrs. Quinn again asked the Committee to reconsider.

Mrs. Quinn asked where the Township was on the Gateway Project. Mr. Verruni replied that the Township received six proposals and that a meeting will be held to review them next week. Mrs. Quinn asked if it would be a private meeting. Mr. Verruni replied that it would be a sub-committee. Mr. McLaughlin added that there would be a public meeting with the prospective proposer. Mr. McLaughlin stated that three buildings have been approved for this area already, two office buildings and one woodworking shop which will be a concrete block masonry, two-story colonial.

Mrs. Quinn asked if there was anything else she could do to prevent the scattered site housing. Committeewoman Burne replied that the Committee understands the concerns and this

is not something that the Committee looks forward to doing or even wants to do. This is something that is mandated that the Township must comply with. The reason it was in the newspaper is because the Planning Board looked at this and gave options. The Committee cannot say that this is never going to happen. We can't give a definite answer.

Mrs. Quinn asked if there were any other meetings concerning this. Mr. McLaughlin stated that, if this is going to happen, the residents would be notified.

Mary Beth Stoddart, Walling Avenue, asked everyone at the meeting against the scattered site housing to stand and be recognized. Mrs. Stoddart introduced everyone. Everyone opposes this and we are happy that the Committee is looking at other avenues so that this doesn't have to go any further. The residents are looking into making this street a historical site.

9:35 p.m. Committee took a break.

9:45 p.m. meeting resumed

Ann Moonan, Sherwood Drive, stated that she has been a resident for sixteen years and is very active in the schools. Ms. Moonan spoke about the recent events pertaining to the Superintendent of Schools and the school board. Ms. Moonan stated that she felt that Jim Habel has done wonderful things for the community and, with his guidance, the Wall schools are second to none. He cares about the children, their parents and the taxpayers of Wall. The school board members are very good. They work together with Jim Habel to make the school system a good place. Ms. Moonan stated that she feels safe sending her children to Wall schools because she has seen their wisdom and witnessed their kindness. Ms. Moonan asked the Committee to work to remove voting machines from the schools because she doesn't feel safe when they are in the schools.

Erin Embron, Orchard Crest, stated that she grew up in Wall and returned to teach here because of the school system. Ms. Embron stated that Jim Habel is outstanding. He speaks his mind but his first and foremost concerns are the children of our district. Ms. Embron asked that the Committee allow him to do the job that he is being paid to do.

Deputy Mayor Brosnan stated that the issue here is the process. We are ultimately responsible to make sure that the citizens of our community are safe. We cannot afford to lose

a child. If a child is battered by their parents, it is a civil offense and they need to be punished for that and reported to the police. The Township has an Agreement with

the school system and has requested that they notify the police and they have not.

John Kukucka, Winesap, said that this is a political thing and asked how many of the Committee had a background in education. Committeeman Peters stated that this is about safety in the schools, not education. Mr. Kukucka stated that the first three incidents in the Township's press release were when Jim Habel was not Superintendent. It criticizes Mr. Habel as Principal and Superintendent. Mr. Kukucka stated that he is embarrassed by Mayor Thomson's remark that the Superintendent should be arrested and taken out in handcuffs.

Mayor Thomson stated that the issue before the Board was not political. There were many meetings held with the Prosecutor's office. Everyone agreed to abide by the Memorandum of Agreement. Then the police get notified of an abuse case six weeks after the fact. There are items over two years asking Mr. Habel to abide by the MOA. We found out after the fact by a third party that these things happened. They were not fabricated. Mr. Habel has not abided by the MOA.

Mr. Kukucka asked if the process of reporting to DYFS has changed over the years. Mr. McLaughlin replied that the process is the same. At a meeting with the Prosecutor it was said that there is a legal obligation to report child abuse and there has never been a problem anywhere else except Wall Township.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that the impression out there is that the Township Committee torpedoed the Board of Education. That is not the case. From late 2002 until late 2004 there were six different meetings with the Police Department, Board of Education, Prosecutor's office and members of the Board of Education. The last one was in October. The list of incidents was prepared back in October and given to Mr. Habel, Doug Wild and Laurie Cannon to be sure that Mr. Habel understood that there was a history of failure to cooperate with the police. After two years, letters from the prosecutor criticized the way the school system reports crimes that should have been reported. It was made clear that it was time to change the attitude that was coming from the administration. It was made very clear that, if it happened again, the public would be asked to get involved.

One thing that the Committee found out from the prosecutor was that the other members of the Board of Education were not given the list of incidents. Seven members

were shocked that there were that many incidents. Everything was done to try to get cooperation. In March, the Township found out about an eight year old boy with cuts and bruises

and a prior history of abuse, with welts on his head. For six weeks he was unprotected because the police were never notified that he showed up like this. This was a case of classic child abuse. The Township Committee was very upset especially after everything they had gone through over the past two years. That is why a special meeting was held.

The whole community is talking about this; and, the more they talk, the more cooperation we are having from the school system. The past few weeks, we are starting to get reports that we should have been getting all along. The only role the Township Committee has in the school system is public safety.

Mr. Kukucka asked if the previous Superintendent went to the police. Mr. McLaughlin replied yes he did. There is a Memorandum of Agreement for years put together by the County Prosecutor, Superintendent and County Superintendent which outlines the duties and responsibilities of the school district and the police department. There has not been a problem with this in all the years that we have had this. It is signed every year.

Mr. Kukucka stated that the release of the press release during Easter break was timed perfectly for political reasons.

Mr. McLaughlin replied that the decision was made by the Township Committee to do exactly what the Committee said last October. That if this happened again, we would go public and try to get the public involved to force cooperation. That is the approach the Township Committee took. We did it when we found out.

Mr. McLaughlin explained that the Police received a telephone call on Monday from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's office asking why they had not been contacted about this abuse case. The police asked "what abuse case?" On Tuesday the Police Department found out what had happened. They were never notified. They went to Central School. By Wednesday, DYFS agreed to reopen the case and sent a case worker out to examine the child and bring in the help. Once that was done, the Committee went public on Wednesday.

Mr. Kukucka questioned the incidents such as swastikas on the blackboard as being a bias incident. Mr. McLaughlin asked what about when drugs are involved? There was one high school student under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance, heroin. That is a serious case. Mr. McLaughlin continued that marijuana was confiscated by the school and not reported. There was also a high school student sexually

harassed by a bus driver. Mr. Kukucka said this would depend on the details of what happened, if there was physical contact.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that these are the types of incidents, including a teacher who is under investigation for purchasing narcotics or a teacher being disciplined for downloading pornography where law enforcement should be involved.

Mr. McLaughlin continued that an eight-year old was beaten and the police didn't find out about it for six weeks. We are lucky that this child is alive and being taken care of by DYFS. Mr. Kukucka stated that this was reported to DYFS in accordance with the law. Mr. McLaughlin replied that the law says it should be reported to law enforcement first and DYFS. DYFS closed the file after having the parent agree not to use the belt buckle again. Six weeks later, the supervisor looked at the case and found that there was no police investigation. He called the Prosecutor and that is how the Township found out about it. A forensic investigation hasn't happened in the last two years. DYFS is looking at each single child abuse case in the last two years to make sure we don't have another child in danger.

Mr. Kukucka asked if the policy has changed because these things used to be reported and now they are not. Mr. McLaughlin said we have never had a problem. They have always worked together very well. The police department goes out of its way to report to the schools. If the police find out about an abuse case outside of school, they go to the school district and tell them to keep an eye on the child. This has happened for twenty-five years and now it's only this period of time that it is not happening. We have a good system. This is good for the children in our schools because they need to be protected.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that there were twenty incidents that were given to Doug Wild, Laurie Cannon and Jim Habel. We were not discussing what should have happened, but said that we should go forward from this period. We were assured that this would not happen again. But they did not follow the Memorandum of Agreement. If the Police Department wants to be notified, they should be notified. If it concerns the safety and welfare of the students, it involves the Police Department.

Deputy Mayor Mark Brosnan stated that there is a Juvenile Committee which is charged by Monmouth County Superior Court with hearing cases of juvenile offenses and working with them. They are offered counseling. But if we are not being notified, that cannot happen. Committeeman Tobia added that

there is a police officer on the grounds all day so it is not difficult to notify the Police Department.

Mr. Kukucka stated that Jim Habel was excellent as a principal. If he could be convinced that policies weren't right, he would change them. If there is a policy that shouldn't be changed, he is not afraid to stand up and say no. You can work with him and get things changed for the better.

Committeeman Tobia stated that the main concern is for the public safety. He should notify the police department and let them decide what needs to be done. There needs to be better communication.

Mr. Kukucka asked if they had been warned in October that if they were not compliant with your wishes, that this is what would happen. They were actually forewarned that you would be printing a press release. Mr. McLaughlin replied yes, that is exactly what we said. After six meetings, two years, the township Committee felt that this is exactly what would happen. We didn't say how we would do it. Committeeman Tobia added that the Committee agreed to provide additional training to the staff that was provided by the Police Department.

Mr. Kukucka asked if an exact list of what should be reported to the police was given. Mr. McLaughlin replied that it is all in the Memorandum of Agreement and offered to make a copy for Mr. Kukucka. Anything involving controlled dangerous substances, physical harassment or abuse, bias or hate crimes and child abuse. There are exceptions also such as substance abuse problems and asking for assistance, which is confidential and doesn't get reported.

Mr. Kukucka stated that there was an incident in 2003 where a note was found at the high school containing information indicating that there was going to be a party and how the alcohol was going to be obtained. The parents were notified and the party did not happen. Should the police have been involved in that? Do you want this to go as a juvenile record? Mr. McLaughlin stated that this is very clear. If you read the MOA, it is very clear cut. It talks about the situations where you don't want criminal involvement. This is basic common sense. For years before, we had a MOA that we used. Now we have a MOA that embodies the provisions of the law and common sense.

Erin Embron, asked as a parent, if this issue is going to move forward. If this does get out of control with the police, is the town counsel going to intercede on their behalf. Mr. McLaughlin stated that that is hypothetical but it is not going to be necessary. All the police want is basic cooperation with the MOA.

Committeeman Tobia stated that the police just want communication with the Police Department. There has to be

open communication between the school and the police department. Mrs. Embron stated that the DYFS issue is a different thing. Mrs. Embron said she appreciates that the Committee is concerned with public safety, but teachers are abiding by the law to call DYFS. Now, do they have to call police? Mr. McLaughlin said it is the same law that obligates you to call DYFS but says to call the police department first. This is education law Title 18A where every school district effective immediately will have procedures in place to ensure that every suspected case of child abuse is immediately reported to law enforcement and DYFS.

Mayor Thomson stated that this child abuse case could have all been done more accurately if they had been notified immediately.

Ann Moonan, stated that there is a feeling in town and with parents that this is the Committee against the school and this is terrible. Mayor Thomson replied that this could not be further from the truth. Ms. Moonan asked the Committee to support the schools and support the school budget. They should say some positive things. Mayor Thomson stated that the Committee does support the budget. Ms. Moonan said that she wants the Township and schools to work together and she supports our schools very much.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that the timing was dictated by the events. The Committee spoke within 48 hours of learning about the events. They have tried to deal with the issues at the table and behind closed doors and it has been very frustrating. The Committee has too much work to do to be arguing with the Board of Education. If the budget goes down, they have to take a month of time to figure out what to do.

Mickey, Belmar Boulevard, asked about two articles in the newspaper. One quoted the Mayor as saying that Jim Habel was going to be arrested. Mickey stated that the new Board of Education members coming in are more like the Committee's friends that we have had in the past. Mayor Thomson stated that he hope that they are all friends. Mickey said he disagrees.

Paul, Walling Avenue, stated that he was on vacation when the article came out and asked which school the child abuse case was in. Mr. McLaughlin stated that that was irrelevant, an abused child is an abused child. It doesn't matter where he came from or where he lives.

There being no further comments, Deputy Mayor Brosnan made a motion to adjourn. Committeeman Tobia seconded and all members voted yes. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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