

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

September 9, 2015

This meeting was advertised in the Hunterdon County Democrat, notice posted in the Alexandria Township Municipal Offices and the Alexandria Township Website, (www.alexandria-nj.us) as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

Meeting Called to order at 7:46 PM.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman Pfefferle, Mayor Abraham, Township Attorney Dragan, and Township Engineer Rob O'Brien were present.

FLAG SALUTE:

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR COMMITTEEMAN HARRY SWIFT
Sworn into office on January 3, 1996 to September 5, 2015
Served as a Mayor, Committeeman, and Road Chair**

Funeral Arrangements:

Sunday, September 13th

2-6 PM at Johnson Walton Funeral Home, 24 Church Road, Milford, NJ

Monday September 14th

11:00 AM Johnson Walton Funeral Home, 24 Church Road, Milford, NJ

With burial following at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery located Rt. 519

PROCLAMATION TO THE PATTENBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Mayor Abraham read the attached Proclamation recognizing and thanking Pattenburg Volunteer Fire Department for providing & utilizing Bandy's Canine Search and Rescue services.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING UPDATE:

- Mold Inspection Report

Mold concerns were discovered in the basement of the new municipal offices. A mold expert came in and determined that the mold on file boxes and books was brought over from outside facilities. Shelving that was purchased that had mold spores were from shelving getting wet due to rain during delivery. The mold report recommends the purchase of a dehumidifier for the basement for future needs and use.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT:

Mayor Abraham nominated Adrienne Crombie to the Environmental Commission for a 3 year term expiring December 31, 2018. Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve the nomination of Adrienne Crombie. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes.** Chair Michele Garay asked the Township Committee what the plans were for landscaping out front of the municipal offices. Mayor Abraham noted that the front of the municipal building will be landscaped as part of two Girl Scout gold awards in the spring.

- FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE:

Chair Bill Fritsche was present and noted that maps were provided from the wetlands survey done on the Diocese property and the Open Space Commission is ready to submit them to the State as part of the application for Farmland Preservation as a Municipal Grant. The Open Space Commission sketched out tonight the exception area. The Committee reviewed the area mapped out. The Committee approved the location selected. Township Atty. Sharon Dragan noted that the Township can close at any time for the purchase. Chair Fritsche will forward the map of the exception area to Stefanie Miller at the State to make sure all the criteria is met. Chair Fritsche updated the Township Committee on the following:

- 1.) Grefe-need to go before the Planning Board since the buildings are too close to the property line and need a better description of the non-severable exception area;
- 2.) Kluber- need to go to the Planning Board for a boundary line adjustment and need a better description of the non-severable exception area. Property is being appraised right now and has been green lighted;
- 3.) Wilson-new application, needs a better description of two non-severable exception areas;
- 4.) Ortho-was applied as a single application with the ability to be further subdivided and hasn't been greenlighted;
- 5.) Voss/Tranquility Farm-130 +acres, shares a boundary line with Kingwood and application has been taken over by the State. The State is asking the Township Committee to offer a letter for support and/or comments. Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham in support of the Tranquility Farm application. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes ;**
- 6.) Case-164 acres and is in with the State. Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham in support of the Case Farm application. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes. ;**

The County will be having a meeting regarding uses on preserved farm. Chair Fritsche will try to attend the September 23rd meeting as will Board of Adjustment Chair Barbara Daniello. Mayor Abraham noted that there is some research on whether a bike path can be done connecting schools with the Township Park. Potential paths would be across preserved farms. Mayor Abraham asked Chair Fritsche to listen at the meeting for any developments on this proposal. Resident Judy Tucker noted that at Grow-A-Row there are trails for horses around it if that is the kind of biking that is being talked about. Mayor Abraham noted that recreational mountain biking is what is being discussed. Township Atty. Dragan noted that if the trail is existing then it might be able to be used. Chair Fritsche indicated that it will be highly unlikely to be done and that you can't go through preserved farmland once it's preserved, it needed to be included prior to the preservation. Resident Judy Tucker stated that the trail is already there. Chair Fritsche stated that at the time of preservation it was already a known fact and what is being discussed is going to be tough to do. Chair Fritsche noted that Grow-A-Row was bought by the State and resold.

- PARK & RECREATION REPORT:

Chair Mary Jo Tufaro was present. Mary Jo noted that the Girls Rec Basketball League received notice on Friday that Holland Township will no longer participate in the Rec League and will be going to Flemington for the girls. Holland Township will be looking into moving the boys program next year. Park/Rec is

concerned about the turn out for this year. The Alexandria Basketball League can join Flemington as well but may be too far of a ride for parents. Park/Rec member Mark Yaros will be sending out a letter to the girls that would be affected and see what the parents may want to do. Three quotes were received to have the walking trail sealed:

- 1.) Beckage \$ 5,000.00
- 2.) ABE \$ 3,900.00
- 3.) Pip's \$ 3,500.00

Park/Rec will be going with Pip's for \$3,500.00 and need to advertise that the walking trail will be closed. Chair Tufaro is still waiting on quotes for repairs on the park barn. She has received two quotes so far and needs one more. CFO Rees noted that if a third quote is not obtained due to a contractor not responding, that Park/Rec document that. The Gran Fondo is this weekend, Jazzercise fundraiser on September 20th, Terrier Cheerleader Car Wash on the September 26th, a couple of pavilion rentals, and the barn tour on Oct. 11th. The front deck boards were replaced at the park barn by four Township residents. Received a quote from Rolfe Landscaping for 30 weeks of lawn maintenance for the park fields and disc golf at \$3,000 a week-\$90,000.00 total. The quote didn't include items that the DPW currently does such as recycling and garbage pick-up.

- ROAD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Mayor Abraham read the following report prepared by DPW Foreman Glen Griffith:

Park maintenance;

- a) Turf Maintenance on-going
- b) The growth of grass has slowed down with the dry conditions.
- c) Garbage / Recycling

Roads on the Oil and Chip program:

- A) Kappus Rd.
- B) Gallmeier Rd.
- C) Airport Rd.
- D) Tinsman Rd.

Before the surface treatment:

- a) There were extensive amount of asphalt repairs on all of the four roads.
- b) Lot of cleaning to the asphalt, mainly on the road edge

Roads on the Asphalt program:

- a) Senator Stout Rd.- project started at Rt. 519 extended to the second driveway of Del-Val High School
- b) Sweet Hollow Rd.- project started at Bridge # HA13 extended 700' to power pole #160

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA RELATED MATTERS ONLY:

- 1.) Resident Floyd Evans stated that there are several options for a wash bay. In 2009 Ocean County built a community wash bay at a cost of \$1.2 million dollars. Mr. Evans believes that the County seemed very receptive and will be working with a liaison with a plan if they want to go forward. Another option being used in

- Tewksbury Township is a service called Fleetwash. This company comes on the site and washes the trucks. There is a pan that catches debris and they bring the debris back to their facility and recycle. There is a minimum of \$100.00 and a cost of \$40.00 per truck. Mr. Evans spoke to the DPW Supervisor and they are pleased with some reservations. A DPW employee will need to be present to move trucks. One of the reservations Tewksbury had was the company needs to be supervised when washing to make sure the trucks are being washed thoroughly. Mr. Evans noted that there are no contractual requirements and maybe the DPW can use this service for the upcoming winter. Mayor Abraham will speak to DPW Foreman Glen Griffith about this service.
- 2.) Resident Ed Macko asked how Ordinance 2015-6 came about. Mayor Abraham noted that there have been complaints from residents about fore closed properties not being maintained by banks. Banks have no incentive unless there is a dollar sign in front of it to maintain it. After discussions from last meeting additional language was added to permit the DPW or a vendor at the Township Committee's request will do maintenance and place a lien on the property. This ordinance will give the Zoning Officer the right tools to make banks maintain properties.
 - 3.) Resident and Republican Municipal Committee Chair Floyd Evans noted that due to Comm. Swift's passing a process will need to take place to replace him. Since Comm. Swift was a republican, the law states a republican will need to replace him. Mayor Abraham asked Mr. Evans to discuss the process in new business.
 - 4.) Resident Curtis Schick asked if a site plan is available that will be presented to the Planning Board showing where the DPW garage will be placed. Mayor Abraham noted that there is no site plan at this time. Mr. Schick asked if neighbors will be notified and will setbacks be met. Atty. Dragan noted that the Township only needs to do a courtesy review and no application will be made. Mayor Abraham noted that the plan will include landscaping. Mr. Schick also questioned the Abandoned Properties Ordinance and that the ordinance not only is for foreclosed properties but for other properties that aren't being maintained. Mr. Schick would like the language of "and/or abandoned properties" be removed and the ordinance only focus on bank owned foreclosed properties.
 - 5.) Resident John Saraceni noted that there is a foreclosed property on Woolf Road and questioned how long once the ordinance is passed will it be until properties can be enforced. Mayor Abraham noted that there is a timeline in the ordinance which provides the Zoning Officer to serve notice to the bank.

OLD BUSINESS:

- DPW Garage

Last month three options were discussed and whether a wash bay was necessary. Resident, Floyd Evans sent a letter to the Hunterdon County Freeholders asking if they would put in place a community wash bay. The County Freeholders said they would look into. Mayor Abraham asked DPW Foreman Glen Griffith to research costs pertaining to a wash bay. The Township Committee won't go ahead with a wash bay until research is

done. The wash bay can be incorporated into the bid specs as an option. Can be placed in bid specs as an option.

The three options are:

- 1.) 70 x 120 for \$511,000.00
- 2.) 50 x 120 for \$365,000.00
- 3.) 60 x 120 for \$438,000.00

CFO Rees noted to the Township Committee that any monies saved by going with a smaller building can't be used for equipment since equipment is for 5-7 years. The building is for 20 years as reflected in the bond. Will have Township Engineer Rob O'Brien and DPW Foreman Glenn Griffith work together to devise a bid spec for the garage that includes a wash bay as an option. The DPW will be responsible for the landscaping of the new garage. DPW Foreman Glen Griffith will need to do a site plan for courtesy review with the Planning Board. Township Clerk Michele Bobrowski will reach out to Planning Board Secretary Mary Knapp to see if DPW Foreman Glen Griffith can get on September's agenda. Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to move ahead with the construction of a 120 x 70 DPW garage. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes.**

- Alexandria Overlook

Back on March 11th, the Homeowner's Association (HOA) of Alexandria Overlook appeared before the Township Committee requesting the Township assume responsibility of Alexandria Overlook which is currently being maintained by the Association. The HOA was sent away to work on two action items. One was to determine the appropriate composition of the road and the second was to seek out methods of solving the vertical curve issue. The HOA requested to be placed on the agenda with its findings. Resident Larry Shepard appeared before the Township Committee on behalf of the HOA. Mr. Shepard was not before the Township Committee for the vertical curve as that is still under investigation but was present to discuss the pavement. Subsequent to the March 11th meeting, Mr. Shepard filed an OPRA request with the Township Clerk and Township Engineer Robert O'Brien made his whole file available. Mr. Shepard expressed his concerns with soil sample documentation that Township Engineer O'Brien referred to in his comments indicating deficiencies with respect to RSIS standards. HOA feels that they have submitted a substantial number of exhibits to the Township Committee that support soil testings were complete, soil tests were evaluated to a satisfactory condition for the pavement thickness as described on Vancleef's drawing, and the then Township Engineer Jerry Philkill was aware of these issues. The belief of the HOA is that Township Engineer Robert O'Brien was in error when he stated that the pavement does not meet RSIS standards and are asking the Township Committee to reevaluate the pavement issue and the only item that the HOA needs to address would be that of the vertical curve. Mayor Abraham asked where documentation was that certifies the pavement thickness applied was 4 inches plus one and a half inches. The documents provided by the HOA to the Township Committee state it's logical that they would have been applied but nothing that says it was. Mr. Shepard feels that it's not the HOA's responsibility to deliver that documentation. Mayor Abraham stated that the HOA owns the road and that it is the

responsibility of the HOA to provide supporting documentation. Mr. Shepard stated that if the bond was returned to the developer then the project was built according to plan. Township Engineer Robert O'Brien noted that his issues with the analysis are that there are no specific comments from then Township Engineer Jerry Philkill that the soil testing was in compliance with the RSIS. Mayor Abraham noted that core samples need to be taken. Township Engineer Robert O'Brien stated that rough estimates for a few core samples would be approximately \$1,200.00. Township Engineer Robert O'Brien noted that another concern under the current RSIS standards is that the asphalt mixture in 1999 doesn't meet with current standards for asphalt mixture that would be required for this roadway. Township Engineer O'Brien stated that this information is based on the bond estimate which calls for an I-5 mixture and this does not meet the current standards of hot mix asphalt. Mayor Abraham noted to Mr. Shepard that the target here is to meet the RSIS standards because the Township's insurance company will not allow for the Township to assume responsibility of the road. Township Engineer Robert O'Brien noted that he found in the file planning board minutes where there was a discussion that if the extension of the approval of 1995 wasn't granted then RSIS standards would apply to the subdivision. Mr. Shepard noted that the HOA will do core samples, will get an engineer's opinion on the issues with the pavement, and address the vertical curve. Mr. Shepard stated that two issues were brought up in an email with Mayor Abraham of the possibility of two land use nonconformance operations in the development and commercial traffic that supports those operations. Mayor Abraham noted that the zoning officer looked into the matter and was assured by the affected properties that no business was being conducted on the properties. Mr. Shepard stated that one business is continuing and that the other has ceased.

- Ordinance 2015-06 Property Maintenance of Vacant/Abandoned Properties-2nd Reading

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to open public comment.

ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None. Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to close public comment. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes.** Comm.

Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve Ordinance 2015-06 on 2nd reading. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes.**

***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA ,
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER
REGULATING THE CARE, MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY OF CERTAIN
ABANDONED/VACANT PROPERTIES***

Ordinance # 2015-06

WHEREAS, there are certain residential properties within the Township of Alexandria which have fallen subject to foreclosure proceedings and/or otherwise been vacated or abandoned by owners who have failed to maintain or secure them to adequate standards; and

WHEREAS, the failure to maintain or secure such properties affects the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Alexandria Township, including diminution of neighboring property values, increased risk of fire, potential increased criminal activity and health risks. Consequently, the Township Committee believes it is in the public interest to regulate such

properties; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized to adopt ordinances regulating the exterior of vacant and abandoned residential properties on which a summons and complaint has been filed in foreclosure, pursuant to recent amendments to Title 2A, 40 and 46 of the New Jersey Statutes and in particular, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.12s, et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the following amendments shall be made to the Code of the Township of Alexandria, to add a new Chapter entitled “Abandoned or Vacant Properties” to provide as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose.

This Ordinance authorizes the Township of Alexandria to govern the maintenance of vacant or abandoned property in the Township of Alexandria and establishes requirements regarding same.

SECTION 2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ABANDONED STRUCTURE -

(1) A structure, building, dwelling or other component of building materials whose valid construction permit or temporary certificate of occupancy has expired per N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.16(b) and 5:23-2.23(g) and any analogous successor rule; or

(2) A vacant property as defined below.

OWNER - Includes the title holder, any agent of the title holder having authority with respect to a vacant or abandoned property, any foreclosing entity subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A 46:10B-51 (P.L. 2008, c. 127, sect. 17) or any other entity so determined by the Township of Alexandria.

VACANT PROPERTY - Any building used or to be used for residential or commercial purposes which is not legally occupied or at which substantially all lawful construction operations or occupancy has ceased, provided, however, that any property that contains all building systems in working order, is fully compliant with Alexandria Township’s maintenance requirements as set forth in this or any other applicable Township ordinance, and is being actively marketed by its owner for sale or rental, shall not be deemed vacant. Property determined to be “abandoned property” in accordance with the meaning of such term in the Abandoned Properties Rehabilitation Act N.J.S.A. 55:19-78, et seq. shall also be deemed to be vacant property for the purposes of this ordinance.

WEEDS - All grasses, annual plants and vegetation having growth in excess of 10 inches in height.

SECTION 3. Requirements for All Owners of Vacant/Abandoned Property.

The Owner, as defined under this ordinance, of any building that has become vacant property, and any person maintaining, operating or collecting rent for any such building that has become vacant

shall, within 30 days of its vacancy:

- a. Enclose and secure the building against unauthorized entry as provided in the applicable provisions of the Code of the Township of Alexandria, or as otherwise provided by law.
- b. Post a sign on the building indicating the name, address and telephone number of the Owner, the Owner's authorized agent for the purpose of service of process, and the person responsible for day-to-day supervision and management of the building, if such person is different from the owner holding title or authorized agent. The sign shall be of a size and place in such a location so as to be legible from the nearest public street or sidewalk, whichever is nearer, but shall be no smaller than 18" x 24".
- c. Secure the building from unauthorized entry and maintain the sign until the building is again legally occupied or demolished or until repair or rehabilitation of the building is complete.
- d. Post the property with "No Trespassing" signs or a nature sufficient to give notice to any person entering upon the property that is against the law to enter the property without permissions of the owner.
- e. Ensure that the vacant property is inspected on a monthly basis by the owner's authorized agent and prepare inspection reports, which shall be forwarded to the Zoning Officer no later than the end of each month.
- f. Ensure that the vacant property remains free of all litter, rubbish, garbage, debris, unclaimed newspapers, unclaimed mail or other paper.
- g. Ensure that the lawn, grasses and/or weeds are maintained at a height no greater than 10 inches.
- h. The owner of any vacant building shall acquire and otherwise maintain liability insurance by procuring a vacancy policy in an amount of not less than three hundred thousand (\$300,000.00) dollars for buildings designed primarily for use as residential units and not less than one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars for any other building including, but not limited to, buildings designed for manufacturing, industrial, storage or commercial uses, covering any damage to any person or any property caused by any physical condition of or in the building. The owner shall provide evidence of the insurance to the Township Clerk.
- i. Notify the Township Clerk that the property has become vacant or abandoned. Such notice shall include the information provided in Section 3b above, together with the street address, block and lot of the property.

SECTION 4. Creditor Responsibility

a. In addition to the above ordinance provisions, pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Creditor Responsibility Law at N.J.S.A. 46:10B-51 (P.L. 2014, c. 5) a creditor filing a summons and complaint to foreclose a lien on a residential property that is vacant and/or abandoned, whether the filing of the summons and complaint is made before or after the determination that the property is vacant and abandoned, shall be responsible for the care, maintenance, security and upkeep of the exterior of the residential property.

b. Pursuant to the above-referenced statute (as may be amended from time to time), a

foreclosing creditor shall, within 10 days of serving a summons and complaint to foreclose on a mortgage on residential property in Alexandria Township, provide a Notice to the Township Clerk that a summons and complaint in an action to foreclose a mortgage has been filed against the subject property. The Notice shall contain the following information: street address, lot and block of the property, full name and contact information of an individual located within the State who is authorized to accept service on behalf of the creditor; and name and contact information for the representative of the creditor who is responsible for receiving complaints of property maintenance and code violations.

c. In addition to the above, an *out-of-State* creditor shall include the full name and contact information of the in-State representative or agent in the Notice required to be provided to the Township clerk pursuant to paragraph one of N.J.S.A. 46:10B-51. An *out-of-State* creditor found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have violated this provision shall be subject to a fine of \$2,500.00 for each day of the violation commencing on the day after the 10-day period set forth in paragraph one of N.J.S.A. 46:10b-51 with respect to notifying the Township Clerk that an action to foreclose on the property has been filed.

d. The Notice required to be provided by the creditor under this section may contain information about more than one property and shall be provided by both mail and electronic means.

e. If the property being foreclosed is an affordable unit pursuant to the “Fair Housing Act”, P.L. 1985, c. 222 (C.52:27D-301, et al), then the creditor shall identify that the property is subject to the Fair Housing Act.

SECTION 5. Notice to Creditors.

a. The Township Clerk shall forward a copy of the Notice provided by the creditor pursuant to Section 4 above to the Zoning Officer or other authorized municipal official responsible for administration of this Ordinance or other public nuisance ordinance. However, the Township Clerk’s failure to forward such Notice shall not relieve the creditor of its obligations under this Ordinance.

b. If the Zoning Officer, or other authorized municipal official, determines that a creditor obligated to care, maintain, secure and keep up a vacant and abandoned property has failed to do so in violation of the provisions of the Code, the Zoning Officer or other authorized municipal official shall issue a notice of violation to the creditor that has filed a summons and complaint to foreclose on the property in question. The notice shall require the person or entity to correct the violation within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice, or within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice if the violation presents an imminent threat to public health and safety. This issuance of this notice shall constitute evidence that a property is “vacant and abandoned” for purposes of N.J.S.A. 2A:50-73.

c. If the violation remains uncorrected after the timeframe set forth in sub-section 5b above, the Township may take any action necessary including, but not limited to, assigning the work to a private contractor, proceeding with the abatement on its own or any other legal action deemed necessary. If the Township must hire a private contractor or take the task of abatement upon itself, the officer acting under the direction of the municipality shall certify the cost of abatement to the governing body, which shall examine such certificate and if found correct, shall cause the cost as shown to be charged against said property, or, in the event the governing body finds the cost excessive, to cause the reasonable cost thereof to be charged against said property.

The amount so charged shall immediately become a lien among the property and shall be added to and become and form part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon such property, to bear interest at the same rate as other taxes and shall be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as taxes.

SECTION 6. Administration

The Mayor and Township Committee may issue rules and regulations for the administration of the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. Violations and Penalties.

a. Any owner who is not in full compliance with this ordinance, or who otherwise violates any provisions of this ordinance or the rules and regulations issued hereunder shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than \$500.00 and not more than \$2,000.00 for each offense or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 90 days, or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, or any combination thereof. Each day on which such violation exists shall constitute a separate violation. The court before which any person is convicted of violating this Chapter shall also have the power to impose a penalty, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3-70 et seq. and the Penalty Enforcement Law (N.J.S.A. 2A:58-1 et seq.) of not more than \$500 nor less than \$5.00.

b. A creditor required to care for, maintain, secure and keep up a property under this Chapter who is cited in notices issued pursuant to this Chapter shall be subject to a fine of \$2,000.00 for each day of the violation. The penalties set forth in this sub-section are separate and apart from the remedy provided for in Section 7a hereof and the remedy provided by N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.13 and 40:48-2.14. The remedy in this sub-section shall be in addition to all remedies available to the Township in law or in equity.

c. For purposes of this Chapter, failure to file the notices required by this Chapter, failure to provide correct information on the notices, failure to submit inspection reports, failure to comply with the provisions of this Chapter, or such other matters as may be established by the rules and regulations of the Zoning Officer or his designee, shall be deemed to be violations of this ordinance

d. Fines assessed under this chapter shall be recoverable from the Owner and shall be a lien on the property.

SECTION 8. Effect on other laws; interpretations of provisions.

Nothing in this chapter is intended nor shall be read to conflict or prevent the Township from taking action against buildings found to be unfit for human habitation or unsafe structures as provided in applicable provisions of the Code of the Township of Alexandria.

SECTION 9. This ordinance supersedes and repeals any ordinances, sections or portion(s) of the Alexandria Township Code or any other Township ordinance or portion of the Code to the extent they are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 10. All other language contained in the Alexandria Township Code not

specifically changed by this ordinance amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 12. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

ATTEST:

THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA

Michele Bobrowski, RMC, Twp. Clerk

By: _____
Paul Abraham, Mayor

- Diocese of Metuchen Exception Area

NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution 2015-057 Renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution License for KKJ, INC t/a The Wine Hut:

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve Resolution 2015-057. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes.**

RESOLUTION 2015-057 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE FOR KKJ, INC, t/a THE WINE HUT

BE IT RESOLVED that Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 1001-44-003-004 be issued to KKJ, Inc. 741 Frenchtown Road, Milford, New Jersey for a fee of \$2,000.00 and to become effective 12:00 A.M., July 1, 2015 and to expire midnight, June 30, 2016. License is subject to the proper execution of renewal application forms.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Michele Bobrowski, Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue, sign, seal, and deliver said license to the licensee prior to midnight September 18, 2015.

Paul Abraham, Mayor

Attest: September 9, 2015

Michele Bobrowski, RMC, Township Clerk

- Resolution 2015-058 Certification of Audit

Comm. Pfefferle had no comments. Mayor Abraham noted that he had some questions on the audit. CFO Rees and Township Auditor Bill Colantano were kind enough to answer his questions. There were a number of typos. The most significant typo was on page 113 which indicated, "There were no issues with our controls regarding contracts and agreements." The word "NO" was missing which has since been corrected. Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve Resolution 2015-058 after their review of audit. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes**

**TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA
RESOLUTION 2015-058
GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2014 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance

I, Michele Bobrowski, Township Clerk of the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee on August 12, 2015.

Michele Bobrowski, RMC
Township Clerk

- Resolution 2015-059 Corrective Action Plan
Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve Resolution 2015-059. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes**

**TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA
RESOLUTION 2015-059
AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Township Committee is in receipt of the 2014 Report of Audit for the period ending December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee formally accepted said audit document on August 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to develop and obtain Mayor and Township Committee approval of an Audit Corrective Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, said plan must be approved and filed within sixty days of formal notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria that the required Audit Corrective Action Plan, having been prepared and submitted by the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby approved and further that said plan document be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Adopted by the Township Committee on August 12, 2015.

I, Michele Bobrowski, Township Clerk of the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee on August 12, 2015.

Michele Bobrowski, RMC
Township Clerk

• Resolution 2015-064 Little York Liquor License Renewal
Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve Resolution 2015-064. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes**

RESOLUTION# 2015-064 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE FOR THE LITTLE YORK , LLC.

BE IT RESOLVED that Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1001-33-001-005 be issued to **The Little York** , 569 Spring Mills Road, Little York, New Jersey for a fee of \$2,000.00 and to become effective 12:00 a.m. July 1, 2015 and to expire midnight, June 30, 2016.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. No sales on weekdays between the hours 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.
2. No sales on Sunday between the hours 2:00 a.m. and noon.
3. Open Christmas Eve until 5:00 a.m. December 25th
4. Open New Year's Eve until 5:00 a.m. January 1, 2015

License is subject to the proper execution of renewal application forms.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Michele Bobrowski, Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue, sign, seal and deliver said license to the licensee prior to midnight September 18, 2015.

Paul Abraham, Mayor

Attest: September 9, 2015

Michele Bobrowski, RMC, Township Clerk

- Resolution 2015-065 Halloween Curfew
Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve Resolution 2015-065. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes**

**RESOLUTION 2015-065 TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF
HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ESTABLISHING AND DECLARING A JUVENILE CURFEW
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA**

WHEREAS, P.L. 1992, Chapter 133 (N.J.S.A. 17:16F-20 et seq) authorizes and empowers a municipality to enact an ordinance making it unlawful for a juvenile of any age under 18 years within the discretion of the municipality to be on any public street or in a public place between the hours of 10:00 p.m. & 6:00 a.m. unless accompanied by the juvenile's parent or guardian, or unless engaged in, or traveling from, a business or activity which the laws of this State authorize a juvenile to perform and making it unlawful for any parent or guardian to allow an unaccompanied juvenile to be on any public street or in any public place during those hours; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Governing Body of the Township of Alexandria on July 14, 1993 adopted on final reading "An Ordinance to Provide For The Establishment of A Curfew For Juveniles In The Township Of Alexandria And Providing Penalties For The Violation Thereof"; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance provides that whenever the Governing Body shall determine the need for a curfew for juveniles, the Governing Body may by resolution declare a curfew in the Municipality for a period of not more than 90 days and for such hours and under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Governing Body, provided that such curfew shall commence not earlier than 10:00 p.m. and shall end not later than 6:00 a.m. during each of the curfew dates established;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the

Township of Alexandria as follows:

1. **Establishment of Juvenile Curfew.** A juvenile curfew is hereby established and declared in the Township of Alexandria commencing at 10:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 a.m. of the following day, during each of the following curfew dates:

Friday, October 23, 2015 through Sunday, November 1, 2015

2. **Conditions of Curfew.** During the curfew established herein, it shall be unlawful for any juvenile under the age of 18 years to be on any public street, or in a public place, either on foot or in a vehicle, within the Township of Alexandria during the above designated times.
3. **Exceptions to Curfew.** The above established curfew shall not apply to a juvenile:

- When the juvenile is engaged in an errand involving a medical emergency.
- When the juvenile is in attendance at an extracurricular school activity, or an activity sponsored by a religious or community-based organization, or other cultural, educational, or social events.
- When work time of the juvenile who is gainfully and lawfully employed overlaps the curfew hours.
- When the juvenile is an attendant as a bona fide student at an evening school of instruction.
- When the juvenile is accompanied by a parent or guardian or other adult having the care and custody of the juvenile.
- Where the juvenile is upon an emergency errand or legitimate business directed by the juvenile's parent or guardian.

4. **Responsibility of Parent or Guardian.** During the curfew herein established, it shall be unlawful for any parent or guardian of a juvenile to allow an unaccompanied juvenile to be on any public street or in any public place in violation of the above referenced Ordinance and the curfew established hereunder.

5. **Posting, Publication and. Distribution of Curfew Notice.** Copies of the above Ordinance and this Resolution shall be posted in such public or quasi-public places as may be designated by the Governing Body and may be published in such newspapers as the Governing Body shall designate. Copies shall also be supplied

to

area schools with a request that they make students aware of the curfew. Failure to post, publish or distribute this Resolution or the above Ordinance shall not relieve any person from the obligation of complying with the terms of the curfew imposed hereunder.

6. **Notification to Law Enforcement Agencies.** Certified copies of this Resolution.

and the above referenced Ordinance shall be sent by the Municipal Clerk to law enforcement agencies, including the Municipal Police Department, if any, and the New Jersey State Police.

Paul Abraham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michele Bobrowski, RMC
Township Clerk

- Resolution 2015-066 Approving Grant Agreement in Connection with the Purchase of a Development Easement from John & Miriam Jacobson B-15, L-1 Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve Resolution 2015-066. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes**

**RESOLUTION 2015-066 TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF
HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
APPROVING GRANT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE
PURCHASE OF A DEVELOPMENT EASEMENT FROM JOHN & MIRIAM
JACOBSON, BLOCK 15, LOT 1
(THIS AND THAT FARM)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Alexandria, by Resolution 2014-049 adopted on June 11, 2014, previously agreed to fund an approximately 20% cost share to purchase a development easement on property in the Township of Alexandria known as Bl. 15, Lot 1 consisting of approximately 32.23+/- acres, with one non-severable exception area totaling approximately 2.4 acres, owned by John and Miriam Jacobson (“Owners”) also known as the “This and That Farm”, which farm is contained in Alexandria Township’s Round Municipal Planning Incentive Grant list of farms and for which the Property Owners made an individual application to the Hunterdon County Planning Incentive Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received for approval and execution from the SADC, a Planning Incentive Grant Agreement (“Grant Agreement”) which authorizes a grant from the SADC in the amount of \$197,878.20 to the Township equating to 60% of the CMV and 60% of the purchase price of the easement, based on the final surveyed acreage of 29.448 +/- acres, as originally contemplated by the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement further provides that the County of Hunterdon will hold title to the easement since the County of Hunterdon will be providing a 20% cost share of the acquisition, in addition to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement requires authorization from the Township for the SADC to electronically deposit the grant funds in the County's designated bank account on or before the closing date of the purchase of the development easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey:

1. Approves and accepts the Grant Agreement as provided by the SADC to fund the development easement purchase on the This and That Farm owned by John and Miriam Jacobson, known as Bl. 15, Lot 1 in the Township of Alexandria and County of Hunterdon, whereby the SADC's cost share grant will be \$197,878.20 or 60% of the purchase price and certified value of the easement. The Township Committee further authorizes the aforesaid grant funds to be electronically deposited into the County of Hunterdon's designated bank account on or before the closing date established by the Township and the County.

2. On behalf of the Township, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Township Clerk, as necessary, are hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Grant Agreement and any other documentation needed to complete and fund the development easement purchase on the above-mentioned property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Hunterdon County Agricultural Development Board and the New Jersey State Agriculture Development Committee as requested and required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Township of Alexandria
By:
Paul Abraham, Mayor

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted on September 9, 2015.

By:
Michele Bobrowski, RMC, Township Clerk

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- Resolution 2015-067 Appointing Dale Harding as Deputy OEM Coordinator
Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve Resolution
2015-067. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes**

**RESOLUTION 2015-067 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF
HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING DALE HARDING AS
DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

WHEREAS, The Township of Alexandria is in need of an Deputy Emergency
Management Coordinator, and;

WHEREAS, Dale Harding is qualified for this position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the
Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey appoints Dale
Harding to the position of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator on September 9,
2015 for a **three (3) year term beginning September 9, 2015 and extended to
December 31, 2018.**

Paul Abraham, Mayor

I, Michele Bobrowski, certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the
Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria at a meeting held on September 9,
2015.

Michele Bobrowski, RMC, Township Clerk

- Resolution 2015-068 Tax Refund B-17.02, Lot 12
Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve Resolution
2015-068. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes**

**RESOLUTION 2015 – 068 TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF
HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR TAX REFUND FOR**

B-17.02, Lot 12

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2015-002 for Block 17.02 Lot 12, 524 Milford-Frenchtown Rd., Assessed Owner: Brunner, Robert, was sold to US Bank Cust for PC5 Sterling National on 9/2/15; and

WHEREAS, certified funds have been received by Wells Fargo Mtg. Assoc. on behalf of the property owner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a refund check in the amount of \$782.93 to: US Bank Cust for PC5 Sterling National, US Bank Global Corporate Trust Services, Tax Lien Services Group, 50 South 16th St., Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a refund for premium posted in the amount of \$2,100.00 also be refunded to: US Bank Cust for PC5 Sterling National, US Bank Global Corporate Trust Services, Tax Lien Services Group, 50 South 16th St., Suite 2050, Philadelphia PA 19102.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be provided to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer.

Paul Abraham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michele Bobrowski, RMC
Township Clerk

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- Resolution 2015-069 Revised Salaries for Court Personnel
Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve Resolution 2015-069. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes**

RESOLUTION # 2015-069 FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO FIX THE SALARIES OF THE VARIOUS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2015-*Revised to reflect the correct salary of Court Personnel*

Township Committeemen	\$ 4,040.00
Township Clerk	\$ 53,045.20
Chief Financial Officer	\$ 204.02Special Mtg. \$ 21,500.00

Asst. to the CFO	\$ 14,000.00
Tax Assessor	\$ 32,395.98
Tax Collector	\$ 28,800.11
Zoning Officer	\$ 9,048.50
Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$ 1,676.21
Deputy Registrar	\$ 357.05
Percolation Test Witness	Per Ordinance
Planning Board Recording Clerk	\$ 21.34 per hour
	Plus \$210.15 per meeting
Board of Adjustment Secretary	\$ 21.34 per meeting
	Plus \$210.15 per meeting
Board of Health Secretary	\$ 1,395.55
Dog Warden	Per Contract
Office Cleaning	\$ 5,252.00
Emergency Mgmt. 911 Coordinator	\$ 2,948.44
Deputy Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator	\$ 612.30
Clerical Help	\$ 10.00 to \$25.00 per hour
Public Works Personnel	Per Union Contract
Recycling Coordinator-PW	\$ 2,096.57
Recycling Coordinator -Office	\$ 2,096.57
Construction Official	\$ 48.64 per hour
Construction Sub-Code Official	\$ 42.99 per hour
Building Dept. Technical Assistant	\$ 17.67 per hour
Plumbing Sub-Code Official	\$ 48.64 per hour
Electrical Sub-Code Official	\$ 40.72 per hour
Electrical Inspector	\$ 36.06 per hour
Fire Sub-Code Official	\$ 42.99 per hour
Fire Inspector	\$ 42.99 per hour
Fire Prevention	\$ 7,650.75
<u>Court Pending final agreement among Mayors</u>	
Municipal Court Judge	\$ 6,281.53
Municipal Court Administrator	\$ 9,341.35
Deputy Court Administrator	\$ 2,726.42
Court Clerical Assistant	\$ 182.51
Municipal Court Prosecutor	\$ 7,283.80
Public Defender	\$ 1,366.86
Bench Recording Secretary	\$ 175.20
Violations Clerk	\$ 175.20
Court Police Coverage	\$ 1,000.00
Mileage Reimbursement	per IRS publication

ATTEST:

Michele Bobrowski, Municipal Clerk, RMC

Paul Abraham, Mayor

- Tranquility Farms LP B-22, L-21 Easement Authorization

A motion to approve this item was done during the Open Space Report

- Case Farm B-21, L- 36 Easement Authorization for West # 1 & East # 2

A motion to approve this item was done during the Open Space Report

- Ordinance 2015-007 Amending Ordinance 2013-009 Hog Hollow Weight Limit:

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve Ordinance 2015-007 on 1st reading. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes. Public Comment will be on October 14, 2015 at 7:35 PM.**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2013-009 ESTABLISHING A LIMIT OF 10 -TONS TOTAL COMBINED REGISTERED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT PLUS LOAD ON HOG HOLLOW ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Ordinance # 2015 - 007

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to a recent review by the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation of Ordinance #2013-009 pertaining to the weight limit established on Hog Hollow Road, said Ordinance is hereby amended as follows (new language is underlined thus _____: _____; deletions are marked thus []):

Section 1. [All] Commercial motor vehicles having a total combined registered gross weight of vehicle [plus load] in excess of ten (10) tons shall be excluded from Hog Hollow Road, along the entire length of the roadway (ie. between Palmyra Corner Road/CR 519 and Everittstown Road/CR 513), except for [local deliveries] the pick-up and delivery of materials on such street. As a result of this prohibition, commercial motor vehicle traffic on Hog Hollow Road shall be limited to those classes of commercial motor vehicles which do not exceed the aforementioned weight limit, except for local pick-up and deliveries.

Section 2. Unless another penalty is expressly provided for by New Jersey statute, every person convicted of a violation of this ordinance shall be liable for a minimum penalty of \$50.00 for up to 2,500 lbs. of excess weight, plus \$.02 per pound of excess more than 2,500 lb., but less than 10,000 lbs. , plus \$.03 per pound in excess of 10,000 lbs. over 10 tons, up to \$500, or, imprisonment for a term not exceeding 15 days, or both for each separate offense. Each time the same commercial motor vehicle drives along Hog Hollow Road in violation of this ordinance, it shall be considered a separate offense.

Section 3. The weight limit set forth herein shall not be effective and signs designating same shall not be posted nor shall this ordinance be enforced until : 1) a certified copy of this ordinance; 2) the certification from the municipal engineer that the adopted weight limit is in the interest of safety and expedition of traffic along the municipality’s roadways, along with supporting data; and 3) location mapping have all been filed with the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation for the State of New Jersey (hereinafter “Commissioner”) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-8.

Section 4. If any portion of this ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such portion shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance.

Section 5. Upon filing of this Ordinance with the Commissioner, the Township shall give public notice of its provisions by placement of signs pursuant to N.J.S.A. Section 39: 4-198, any other applicable sections and the guidelines set forth by D.O.T. and the Federal Highway Administration Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (“MUTCD”).

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be enforced by the New Jersey State Police Department pursuant to N.J.S.A. Sections 39:3-1 et seq. and 39:4-1 et seq., once it becomes effective and the proper signage has been put into place. **Section 7.** This amended ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final adoption and publication required by law and upon filing the Commissioner. To that end, the Township Clerk is directed to send same to the Commissioner within thirty days of final adoption.

ATTEST:

THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA

Michele Bobrowski, RMC, Twp. Clerk

By:
Paul Abraham, Mayor

- Riding with Heart Food Concession Waiver Request for a 501 C Non-Profit Organization

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to waive the Temporary Food License fee of \$100.00 for Riding with Heart. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes.**

- Building Permit Waiver for Andrew Nemes- Combat Disabled Veteran

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to waive the building permit fees for a roof repair for Resident Andrew Nemes. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes.**

- HOA of Alexandria Estates Block Party Road Closure Request

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve the block party road closure at Alexandria Estates. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes.**

BILL LIST:

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve the following bill list with the removal of a bill from Caesars Palace due to reservation changes for the League of Municipalities. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle; yes, Mayor Abraham; yes.**

Current Fund	\$ 41,656.30
Other Trust Fund:	
1.) Reserves	2,842.71
2.) Grants	

General Capital Fund	
Ordinances	16,246.52
COAH	
Farm Preservation	
Budget and App. Reserves	1,787.37
Dog Fund	
Developers Escrow	
1.) Bank of America	
2.) Fulton Bank	
3.) Hopewell Valley	816.50
TOTAL:	\$ 63,349.40

Other disbursements	
1.) Regional High School	\$ 886,203.00
2.) Local School	1,114,227.00
	\$ 2,000,430.00

Total payments presented to the Township Committee \$ 2,063,779.40

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Mayor Abraham read the following report prepared by Township Engineer Robert O’Brien:

1.) Alexandria Estates (Toll Brothers) – Inlet Repairs

08/07/15 - Updated repair cost based upon prevailing wage of approximately \$55,000.

*Mayor Abraham will speak to Township Engineer Rob O’Brien in reference to sending a letter rejecting offer from Toll Brothers.

2.) New Municipal Building

No Update

*Mayor Abraham will ask Township Engineer Rob O’Brien and DPW Foreman Glen Griffith to begin working on a list of all Township owned detention basins and inlets.

* Mayor Abraham spoke to OEM Coordinator Jerry Twardy about the Community Rating System and was informed that Jerry didn’t start to work on it. Mayor Abraham is going to ask Deputy OEM Coordinator Dale Harding to assist Jerry on this.

3.) Garage Site Remediation/LSRP

On-going.

4.) Pepe Property Environmental Investigation

On-going

5.) Hemingway Estates – Block 9 Lot 3

08/26/17 – Received call from Reclamation Inc that

developer has scheduled road to be reclaimed after Labor Day. HMM will review mix design for portland cement application and have inspector on-site during work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- July 8, 2015 Township Meeting
- July 8, 2015 Executive Session Meeting
- August 12, 2015 Township Meeting
- August 12, 2015 Executive Session Meeting

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve the above minutes. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle, yes; Mayor Abraham, yes.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON GENERAL MATTERS:

- 1.) Fire Prevention Officer Mike Giannone noted that the Wine Hut has been giving him the run around in cooperating with their annual fire inspection. Mr. Giannone was unaware that the Township issues the liquor license to the establishment and will try to use that as leverage to assist him getting inspections done.
- 2.) Resident Curtis Schick asked for an update on FEMA monies due to the Township and asked that Township Clerk Michele Bobrowski contact Tewksbury and ask about the company that they hired to handle their FEMA claim. Mr. Schick hopes that Township Engineer Rob O'Brien is working on getting Toll Brother to repair the Toll Brothers roads and inlets. Mayor Abraham assured Mr. Schick that the Township will get monies to have these repairs made by the responsible parties.
- 3.) The Township Committee has not received any comments from the Hunterdon County Freeholders office regarding Resolution 2015-063-Curtis Paper Mill Debris Removal the Township forwarded them for discussion at their August meeting.
- 4.) Floyd Evans, Chair of the Republican Municipal Committee noted that the Municipal Committee needs to come up with three nominees to replace Comm. Harry Swift. These three names will be recommended to the Township Committee. The new candidate will fill the term until December 31, 2016. A meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15th due to State timelines to interview candidates and make three selections to forward the Township Committee.
- 5.) Resident Barbara Daniello asked if a firework permit was issued near Sky Manor Road. Fire Prevention Officer Mike Giannone noted that no permits were given out in Alexandria Township.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to move to Executive Session. **Roll Call: Comm. Pfefferle, yes; Mayor Abraham, yes.**

**Motion to Approve Open Public Meeting Resolution for EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Open Public Meetings Act RESOLUTION- Executive Session**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2:4-12, Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

- A confidential or excluded matter under Federal or State Law or Court Rule.
- A matter involving information that may impair the Township's rights to receive funds from the United States Government.
- A matter constituting an unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy rights.
- Collective Bargaining Agreement or negotiation of the Agreement.
- Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds which it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion were disclosed.
- Tactics and techniques to protect the safety and property of the public, including investigations of violations or potential violations of the law.
- Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is or may become a party.

**Mt. Laurel Housing
DPW Contract
Delaware River Tubing**

- Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
- Personnel matters involving a specific employee or officer of the Township.
**Comm. Swift
CFO Rees**
- Deliberations of the Township occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific penalty or suspension or loss of a license or permit.

3. It is anticipated at this time that the above matter will be made public: at the conclusion of the litigation and at such time as attorney client confidentiality is no longer needed to protect confidentiality and litigation strategy.
4. The executive session minutes will be placed on file in the township clerk's office, and will be available to the public as provided for by New Jersey law.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately .

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to return to Public Session. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle, yes; Mayor Abraham, yes.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The following matters were discussed in Executive Session:

- Mt. Laurel Housing:

Township Planner David Banisch needs to complete report.

- DPW Contract:

Township Committee will have Township Atty. Dragan draft a Resolution for the October meeting accepting the agreed upon contract negotiations for the expiring DPW contract.

- Delaware River Tubing:

Matter to stay in Executive Session

- Comm. Swift:

Township Committee will close the municipal offices from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM for employees who wish to attend Comm. Swift's funeral. Township employees will be paid for their time out of the office.

- CFO Rees:

CFO Rees informed the Township Committee that he will be retiring from the Township on March 31, 2016.

MOTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to accept with regret the resignation of CFO Peter Rees for March 31, 2016. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle, yes; Mayor Abraham, yes.**

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve closing of the municipal offices from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM on Monday September 14th in observation of Comm. Swift's funeral arrangements, as well as approving the use of equipment at the funeral the family may wish to use in the funeral procession, and employees to be paid if attending the funeral in lieu of work. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle, yes; Mayor Abraham, yes.**

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to approve the terms of the DPW Contract as outlined in a letter from Mayor Abraham on Friday, August 14th to the Township Clerk outlining the longevity, wage increase, health insurance, and length of contract. The formal approval will take place at the next meeting when the official contract information is in place. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Pfefferle, yes; Mayor Abraham, yes.**

Mayor Abraham noted that he has been receiving phone calls from the public relations firm for Penn East Pipeline. Mayor Abraham has not returned phone calls. Mayor Abraham noted that if Penn East wants to talk they can attend a Township Meeting. Mayor Abraham will not have any private meetings with Penn East.

Mayor Abraham received a phone call from Eric Betz who is a regional partner for Hatch Mott MacDonald (HMM) regarding HMM's involvement in the Penn East Pipeline. Mayor Abraham asked Mr. Betz to document HMM's position to potential conflict. Mr. Betz noted that there is a completely different organization within HMM that is handling the Penn East Pipeline and Township Engineer Rob O'Brien will have no interaction with that division. Mayor Abraham requested that their discussion be placed in written form. Township Atty. Dragan informed the Township Committee that she spoke to Township Engineer Robert O'Brien on this matter and informed him that he would need to recuse himself from any discussion involving the pipeline.

Comm. Pfefferle referred to a letter by the NJ Department of Transportation dated July 31, 2015 indicating that there is grant monies available for bike ways that are by open space or barrier lands. Mayor Abraham asked Park/Rec member Andrew Niebuhr to go through Park/Rec with a design for their approval of a bike way and then bring to the Township Committee for support and have a resolution adopted to assist them in funding.

Mayor Abraham indicated that Former Mayor Harry Fuerstenberger gave him a plaque commemorating the park. Mayor Abraham is not sure what happened to the plaque but is working with the Township Clerk to have a new one made.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to adjourn. **ROLL CALL:** Comm. Pfefferle, yes; Mayor Abraham, yes. **Meeting Adjourned at 10:47 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted:
Michele Bobrowski, RMC
Township Clerk

I hereby certify that I have reviewed these Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting of September 9, 2015 and certify that said Minutes were approved unanimously by the Township on the 14th day of October 2015.

Paul Abraham, Mayor

Dated: _____

