

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
October 8, 2014**

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 Swift, Committeeman Schick, Mayor Abraham and Attorney Dragan were present.

FLAG SALUTE:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT:** Chair Michelle Garay was present. Chair Garay noted that the Commission met last month and 3 topics were discussed:
 - 1.) Reviewed and discussed the Environmental Resources Inventory and finds nothing contradictory and approves for the Township Committee to move forward with the Highlands Exemption Ordinances;
 - 2.) Discussed the PennEast pipeline. Would like the Environmental Commission website to be a wealth of information and asks for any residents and professionals to reach out to them and help assist them with this endeavor;
 - 3.) Mr. Fritsche, Chairman of the Open Space Commission came before them and addressed concerns about a parcel at the park that was previously farmed and now the Township wants to mow it. They discussed the time the DPW would need to mow, wildlife that would be impacted, and the cost of the mower. The Environmental Commission does not support the Township in maintaining this parcel of land and would like it kept in the most natural looking appearance as possible. Mayor Abraham noted that this piece of land is not part of the park, but area surrounding Mr. Pepe's property. Comm. Schick would like the Township to hay this parcel after July 15th each year to participate in a naturalization program where the State pays and asks farmers not to bale hay in certain parts of the property until birds have nested. After that deadline you can hay, mulch, etc. The Township will wait to brush hog after the 15th of July every year. Due to circumstances that arose from a previous contract agreement the Township will not pursue another contract with anyone else and will have the DPW brush hog the parcels of land in question. The Township plans on keeping this parcel of land in its natural state. It will be brush hogged approximately twice a year, not mowed.
- **FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE:** Chair Bill Fritsche was present. The following resolution was discussed. Comm. Swift made a motion, seconded by Comm. Schick to approve Resolution 2014-062.

RESOLUTION 2014-062 TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PRELIMINARILY APPROVING COST SHARE FOR THE GREFE PROPERTY, BLOCK 11, LOTS 14 AND 14.01

WHEREAS, there are certain properties within the Township of Alexandria for which the owners of have filed applications to place their properties within the farmland preservation program; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has been informed that a farmland preservation application has been made for the preservation of Block 11, Lots 14 and 14.01 located within the Township of Alexandria which property is or is about to be contained with Alexandria Township's Municipal Planning Incentive Grant list of farms and is owned by Paul and Linda Grefe ("Owners") and

WHEREAS, the application states that Block 11, Lots 14 and 14.01 consist of approximately 45.66 +/- gross acres which are proposed to be preserved subject to a 5.6 +/- acre non-severable exception area, leaving a net preserved area of approximately 40 +/- acres; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria desires to adopt this Resolution to approve of said preservation and to agree to cost share with the SADC and the County HCADB for the purchase of a farmland preservation easement on an approximately 40 +/- ac. Portion of Block 11, Lots 14 and 14.01; and

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

- 1.) The Township of Alexandria approves of the application for a farmland preservation easement on an approximately 40 +/- ac. Portion of Block 11, Lot 14 and 14.01 as proposed by the Owners within the Township of Alexandria, and further agrees to cost share with the County of Hunterdon and the New Jersey SADC for the purchase of same, subject to the Owners entering into a contract with the County of Hunterdon for the sale of the development easement, and both the County's and the SADC approval of the cost-share for same, at a purchase price to be determined after a certified market value is established by appropriate appraisals.
- 2.) A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Hunterdon County Agriculture Development Board for its information and records.

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 October 8, 2014

BY: _____
Michele Bobrowski, RMC, Township Clerk

Chairman Bill Fritsche noted that Atty. Dragan has prepared a summary of all the pieces of property that Open Space is working on and most of these properties will be closed on by the end of the year. Chairman Fritsche read a letter citing concerns of the Open Space Commission about

how a piece of agriculture land is being taken out of production and that they are supporters of sustainability of farming on available land.

- **PARK & RECREATION REPORT:** Chair Mary Jo Tufaro was present. Commission met last month and voted to replace five trees at Karabin's Corner. The well pump was replaced and Park & Rec reached out to Barbara Daniello to retest water. The barn tour is this Sunday. Spoke to a contractor and electrician to correct fire violations at the park barn. Park & Rec is requesting a 30 day extension to make the repairs that are needed for the fire violations. Fire Prevention Officer Mike Giannone would like to have the 30 day extension request on official letterhead. Township Clerk Michele Bobrowski will prepare the letter for Park & Rec.
- **ROAD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Road Chair Comm. Swift read the following report that was prepared by DPW Foreman Glen Griffith:
 - Asphalt work was performed on:
 - 1.) Schoolhouse Road by Lester D. Wilson plus back filling asphalt with soil;
 - 2.) Sweet Hollow Road –Repaired wash outs along edge of pavement above Goritz Rd.
 - 3.) Lt. Hooper Road-Repaired wash outs along edge of pavement
 - Inlet Repairs on:
 - 1.) Shy Creek Road-3 inlets
 - 2.) Globe Mills Road-1 inlet
 - Roadside mowing is ongoing;
 - Equipment maintenance is ongoing;
 - Park Maintenance:
 - 1.) Grass mowing
 - 2.) Weed whacking
 - 3.) Garbage/recycling
 - 4.) Installed 2 columns around well head for protection
 - Tree Work:
 - 1.) 1 tree came down on Creek Road
 - Municipal Building:
 - 1.) Gathering quotes for the site work requirements;
 - 2.) Helped Hatch Mott MacDonald with excavation for soil log and perc test for existing septic field and added 6 stand pipes at the end of each lateral for future inspections.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING UPDATE:

- The construction of the building will move rapidly after the groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at 10 AM. The DPW is waiting on final direction from the builder and then they will begin to really break ground with the construction equipment. Approximately the third week of October the foundation will be put in and then the middle of November the building will be delivered. The builder then will take the rest of November and December to complete the detailed work per the specs. The Township is hoping to occupy sometime in January.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ordinance 2014-012-*2nd Reading* Fixing the Salaries of the Various Officers and Employees of the Township for the Year 2014

Comm. Swift made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to open public hearing for Ordinance 2014-012. **Roll Call:** Comm. Swift, yes; Comm. Schick, abstain; Mayor Abraham, yes.

Public Comment: Mayor Abraham noted that this Ordinance is being revised due to the addition of a job title of "Senior Working Foreman". The reason for this new job title is to compensate the current Foreman for an agreement made in 1994 by a former Mayor. No

comments from the public. Comm. Swift made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to close public hearing. **Roll Call:** Comm. Swift, yes; Comm. Schick, abstain; Mayor Abraham, yes. Comm. Swift made a motion, seconded by Mayor Abraham to adopt Ordinance 2014-012. **Roll Call:** Comm. Swift, yes; Comm. Schick, Abstain; Mayor Abraham, yes.

ORDINANCE # 2014- 012 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE VARIOUS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF TOWNSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2014

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria, in the County of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. The schedule of salaries for the various officers and employees of the Township shall be as follows:

SALARY RANGE

TITLE		
Township Committeemen	0	10,000.00
Township Clerk	40,000.00	65,000.00
Deputy Clerk	13,000.00	20,000.00
Chief Financial Officer	40.00 Per Hour	65.00 Per Hour
Assistant to the CFO	20.00 Per Hour	30.00 Per Hour
Tax Assessor	25,000.00	35,000.00
Tax Collector	25,000.00	35,000.00
Zoning Officer	7,000.00	12,000.00
Registrar of Vital Statistics	1,000.00	3,000.00
Deputy Registrar	100.00	500.00
Percolation Test Witness	PER FEE SCHEDULE	
Planning Board Recording Clerk	20.00 Per Hour	30.00 Per Hour
Planning Board Recording Clerk	200.00 Per Meeting	300.00 Per Meeting
Board of Adjustment Secretary	20.00 Per Hour	30.00 Per Hour
Board of Adjustment Secretary	200.00 Per Meeting	300.00 Per Meeting
Board of Health Secretary	1,000.00	2,500.00
Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator/911 Coordinator	2,000.00	4,000.00
Deputy Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator	400.00	900.00
Fire Prevention Official	6,000.00	10,000.00

Clerical Help	10.00 Per Hour	25.00 Per Hour
Dept. of Public Works Personnel		Per signed Contract
Recycling/Dumpster Attendant	2,000.00	6,000.00
Construction Official	30.00 Per Hour	60.00 Per Hour
Building Dept. Technical Assistant	24,000.00	35,000.00
Plumbing Sub Code Official	30.00 Per Hour	60.00 Per Hour
Electrical Sub Code Official	30.00 Per Hour	60.00 Per Hour
Electrical Inspector	30.00 Per Hour	60.00 Per Hour
Fire Code Official	30.00 Per Hour	60.00 Per Hour
Fire Sub Code Official	30.00 Per Hour	60.00 Per Hour
Municipal Court Judge	4,000.00	10,000.00
Municipal Court Administrator	4,000.00	12,000.00
Deputy Court Administrator	1,000.00	5,000.00
Municipal Court Prosecutor	3,000.00	10,000.00
Public Defender	750.00	2,500.00
Court Security	500.00	1,500.00
Clerical Assistance	100.00	250.00
Senior Working Foreman	10.00 Per Hour	\$100.00 Per Hour
Dog Warden		Per Contract
Custodial Help		Per Contract
Housing Administrator		Per Contract

All authorized township officials or employees of the township while on official business for the township, when a sworn voucher is approved by the Township Committee, shall be paid per IRS publication per mile for use of their own personal vehicle.

Section 2: Health benefits are paid for full-time employees with scheduled work hours over 32 hours per week, with state mandated employee contributions per N.J.S.A. Chapter 78 P.L.211

Section 3: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law.

Attest:

Paul Abraham, Mayor

Michele Bobrowski,RMC, Municipal Clerk

- Ordinance 2014-013-**2nd Reading** Appropriating \$30,000.00 from Capital Fund Reserve for Public Works Equipment Acquisitions for the Purchase of Public Works Equipment

Comm. Schick made a motion, seconded by Comm. Swift to open public hearing for Ordinance 2014-013. **Roll Call:** Comm. Swift, yes; Comm. Schick, yes; Mayor Abraham, yes.

Public Comment: Mayor Abraham noted that this Ordinance is to provide funds so that the DPW can purchase trucks that the County will have available for sale in the near future. No comments from the public. Comm. Schick made a motion, seconded by Comm. Swift to close public hearing. **Roll Call:** Comm. Swift, yes; Comm. Schick, yes; Mayor Abraham, yes. Comm. Swift made a motion, seconded by Comm. Schick to adopt Ordinance 2014-013. **Roll Call:** Comm. Swift, yes; Comm. Schick, yes; Mayor Abraham, yes.

**TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
ORDINANCE NO. 2014-13**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$30,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND RESERVE FOR PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The sum of \$30,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Fund Reserve for Public Works Equipment Acquisitions for Purchase of Public Works Equipment and various appurtenances necessary.

SECTION TWO: The period of usefulness of the upgrades and improvements, as defined by N.J.S.A. 40A:2-22, is at least 5 years.

SECTION THREE: The gross debt of the Township of Alexandria, as defined by N.J.S.A. 40A:2-43 will not be increased by this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its publication, following final adoption, as provided by law.

ATTEST:

THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA

Michele Bobrowski, RMC, Twp. Clerk

Paul Abraham, Mayor

- Hog Hollow Road

Mayor Abraham noted that this was a request made by resident Peter Kluber who resides on Hog Hollow Road. County Engineer Thomas Mathews sent the Township a letter dated September 18, 2014 noting what would occur if the County was to take the road over. Some of these actions would consist of:

- 1.) The entire roadway would need to be restriped with a double yellow line (or with passing zones if they meet the criteria) and with berm lines (white lines);
- 2.) A speed study would be conducted to establish the speed limit and the road would be posted faster than the current 35 MPH speed limit;
- 3.) The road would need to be constructed to the County design standards for future use. The existing 50 ft. Right of Way (ROW) is substandard to the County's minimum 66 ft. ROW requirement. Additional ROW might need to be acquired for roadway improvements from the residents of Hog Hollow with frontage;
- 4.) There would be no restrictions on trucks for this route and therefore it would remain a cut through for heavy trucks.

The Township Committee will move ahead with the 10 ton limit as noted in Ordinance 2013-009 and has no desire of the County taking Hog Hollow Road over. The Township Engineer had placed the DOT request for the weight limit change on hold until the Township received word from the County of their possible acquisition of the road. The DOT request will now be submitted. Once the Township has received DOT approval the DPW will erect signs along the road indicating the weight limit change.

- Penn East Pipeline Update

Mayor Abraham noted that residents should reach out to Congressman Leonard Lance since FERC is a Federal Entity and FERC, the federal government agency that will review the pipeline application. Mayor Abraham met with a Penn East Representative on August 1, 2014. A map that was provided shows that 4 property owners would be impacted along the proposed route in Alexandria Township. Mayor Abraham requested that alternative routes be looked into such as the rail line that runs along the Delaware River. Delaware Township has taken a strong position on this matter. Alexandria Township has drafted a Resolution that is comparable to Delaware Township's pipeline opposition Resolution. Comm. Schick would like emphasis placed on current Right of Ways in the Township which can be utilized instead of breaking new ground. Comm. Swift noted that the pipeline has created a lot of jobs and landowners are getting royalties to use that money to help with the economy in Pennsylvania. The proposed pipeline is supposed to service over 4 million people but no one is this area. Mayor Abraham advised residents to write to their federal representatives. Municipalities have no say in the pipeline. The discussions will be between landowners and Penn East. Eminent Domain could be a factor if a property is in the line of sight of the route. Residents in attendance asked how property values would be affected. Atty. Dragan noted that there is

an appraisal list that is used. As for farmland preserved pieces of property the position of the SADC is that they will cost share on part of the compensation. The owner may not receive any compensation since the SADC has bought the development rights. The SADC does not have a formula for replacing land that is taken and in the past they have gone through condemnation process under the federal rules. The Township doesn't know what the compensation will be with PennEast. Some pipelines don't offer compensation to property owners.

- Updated Status of FEMA funds pertaining to Hurricane Irene

Township had damage on Creek Road and Sweet Hollow Road. The Township has had a revolving door of case workers. FEMA destroyed documentation and it is the burden of the Township to reproduce the documentation. The Township's new case worker has been in the office and is making headway with documentation. A family emergency has pulled him away temporarily from assisting the Township. Approximately \$270,000.00 is due the Township in FEMA relief monies.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Curtis Paper Mill, Milford Boro Meeting 9/5/2014

Mayor Abraham was invited to Milford Boro on Monday, October 6, 2014 for their Township Committee meeting. Discussion was made on the redevelopment plan that Milford Boro has done for the Curtis Paper Mill. The property is in the final stages of remediation due to it being a DEP Superfund site. Alexandria Township was part of this remediation due to a basin. That basin was removed and the Alexandria Township Master Plan shows that this 30 acre parcel will remain open space. Milford Boro's Master Plan calls for the property to be redeveloped for light industrial and 31 Single Family Homes. Biggest concern for Milford Boro and surrounding Townships such as Alexandria Township is how the buildings will be removed from the Curtis Paper Mill site by Georgia Pacific. There are rail lines that could be used but they haven't been used in years and would cost millions to have restored. Another option would be for trucks to be utilized for the removal off site.

- Ordinance 2014-014-*1st Reading* for Clothing and/or Donation Bins in the Township of Alexandria

Township Clerk Michele Bobrowski noted that this Ordinance will assist in proper registration of clothing and/or donation bins located throughout the Township and that the Ordinance is required so that tonnage collected from these bins can be used in the yearly tonnage report. Comm. Schick made a motion, seconded by Comm. Swift to approve Ordinance 2014-014 on first reading. **Roll Call: Comm. Swift, yes; Comm. Schick, yes; Mayor Abraham, yes. Public Hearing will be on November 12, 2014.**

ORDINANCE 2014-14

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CLOTHING AND/OR DONATION BINS
WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA**

WHEREAS, the regulation of clothing and/or donation bins by the Township of Alexandria is appropriate in order to inform donors of the likely destination and possible beneficiaries of their donated items; and

WHEREAS, many clothing and/or donation bins are not regularly collected, overflow and become depositories for discarded items or other uncollected refuse; and

WHEREAS, Township registration of clothing and/or donation bins is necessary and appropriate in order to protect the public interest; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.60 et seq. the Township of Alexandria is authorized to regulate the placement of clothing and/or donation bins within the Township.

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

SECTION 1. The Code of the Township of Alexandria is hereby amended to add a new Chapter entitled “Clothing and/or Donation Bins” to read as follows:

SECTION 2.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no person shall place, use, or employ a clothing and/or donation bin within the Township for solicitation purposes unless all of the following requirements are met:

- A. The clothing and/or donation bin is owned or sponsored by a charitable organization registered pursuant to P.L. 1994, c. 16 (N.J.S.A. 45:17A-18 et seq.)
- B. The registered charitable organization has obtained a permit, valid for a twelve-month period, from the Township Clerk in accordance with the following:
 - 1) In its application for such a permit, the registered charitable organization shall indicate:
 - a. The location where the bin is currently situated or proposed to be situated;
 - b. The manner in which the charitable organization anticipates any clothing or other donations collected via the bin would be used, sold, or dispersed and the method by which the proceeds of collected donations would be allocated or spent;

- c. The name and telephone number of the bona fide office of the charitable organization and any entity which may share or profit from any clothing or other donations collected via the bin; and
 - d. Written consent from the property owner to place the bin on his and/or her property.
- 2) The Township Clerk shall not grant an application for a permit to place, use, or employ a clothing and/or donation bin if it determines that the placement of the bin could constitute a safety hazard. The Township Clerk shall consult with the Police Department regarding any potential safety hazards. Such hazards shall include, but not be limited to, the placement of a clothing and/or donation bin within 100 yards of any place which stores large amounts of, or sells, fuel or other flammable liquids or gases.
- 3) No clothing and/or donation bins shall be placed within 100 yards of school owned property (District, Regional, or privately owned schools).
- 4) No clothing and/or donation bins shall be placed anywhere that is determined to be a safety hazard by the Police Department, including but not limited to road easements and traffic entrance or entrance sight lines.
 - a. No clothing and/or bins shall be placed within 75ft of a public roadway.
 - b. Clothing and/or donation bins must be constructed of noncombustible material.
- 5) The Township Clerk shall impose a fee for such application, in the amount of \$25.00 annually for each bin to offset the costs involved in enforcing this Chapter.
- 6) An expiring permit for a clothing and/or donation bin may be renewed upon application for renewal and payment of the applicable annual fee. Such application for renewal shall include information detailing:
 - a. The location where the bin is situated, and, if the person intends to move it, the new location where the bin would be situated after the renewal is granted and written consent from the property owner to place the bin on its property;

- b. The manner in which the charitable organization has used, sold, or dispersed any clothing or other donations collected via the bin; the method by which the proceeds of collected donations have been allocated or spent; and any changes the charitable organization anticipates it may make in the processes during the period covered by the renewal; and
 - c. The name and telephone number of the bona fide office of the entity which shared or profited from any clothing or other donations collected via the bin and of any entities which may do so during the period covered by the renewal.
 - 7) The permit number and its date of expiration shall be clearly and conspicuously displayed on the exterior of the clothing and/or donation bin in addition to the information required pursuant to Section D of this section.
- C. The registered charity, and any other entity which may share or profit from any clothing or other donations collected via the bin, maintains a bona fide office where a representative of the charitable organization or other entity, respectively, can be reached at a telephone information line during normal business hours for the purpose of offering information concerning the charitable organization or other entity. For the purposes of this subsection, an answering service unrelated to the charitable organization does not constitute a bona fide office.
- D. The following information shall be clearly and conspicuously displayed on the exterior of the clothing and/or donation bin:
 - 1.) The name and address of the registered charitable organization that owns or is the sponsor of the bin, and of any other entity which may share or profit from any clothing or other donations collected via the bin;
 - 2.) The registered charitable organization's charitable registration number;
 - 3.) The telephone number of the registered charitable organization's bona fide office and, if applicable, the telephone number of the bona fide office of any other entity which may share or profit from any clothing or other donations collected via the bin.
 - 4.) In cases when any entity other than the entity which owns the bin may share or profit from any clothing or other donations collected via the bin, a notice, written in a clear and easily understandable manner, indicating that clothing or other donations collected via the bin, their proceeds, or both, may be shared or given entirely to, an entity other

than the entity which owns the bin, and identifying all such entities which may share or profit from such donations; and

- 5.) A statement, consistent with the information provided to the Township in the most recent permit or renewal application indicating the manner in which the entity anticipates any clothing or other donations collected via the bin would be used, sold, or dispersed, and the method by which the proceeds of collected donations would be allocated or spent.

SECTION 3. Duty to Maintain and Service Bins.

It shall be the duty of each registered charitable organization issued a permit hereunder to properly maintain and service any clothing and/or donation bin placed within the Township so as to prevent such bin from creating any nuisance, hazardous or unsafe condition.

SECTION 4. Enforcement and Limitation on Licenses.

The Zoning Officer or other person designated by the Township Committee as a person authorized to enforce the provisions of this section shall, upon receipt of a complaint by a local resident or any other person that a clothing and/or donation bin is causing a nuisance, hazardous or unsafe condition, investigate such complaint and take such enforcement action as is permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.62 and N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.63.

SECTION 5. Violations, Penalties and Revocation of License.

Any licensee who violates any provision of this section and fails to cure such violation within 48 hours of notice of such violation shall be subject to the following penalties, in addition to those penalties and remedies set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.62 and 40:48-2.63:

- (1) For the first offense: \$100.00 per day.
- (2) For the second offense: \$250.00 per day.
- (3) For the third offense: revocation of permit and pay costs associated with the removal of bin and contents.

SECTION 6. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. The Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

SECTION 8. To the extent that any part or parts of this ordinance are repealed or otherwise modified or voided by the State Statute or case law, the remaining sections of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

ATTEST:

THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA

Michele Bobrowski, RMC, Twp. Clerk

Paul Abraham, Mayor

- Best Practices

Committee reviewed the Best Practice work sheet prepared by CFO Rees. The Township scored 86 % out of 100 % and there is no change in funding.

- Resolution 2014-060 Pipeline Opposition

Comm. Schick made a motion, seconded by Comm. Swift to approve Resolution 2014-060. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Swift, yes; Comm. Schick, yes; Mayor Abraham, yes.**

RESOLUTION 2014 – 060 TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY OPPOSITION FOR A PROPOSED PIPELINE THROUGH ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Penn East Pipeline Company, LLC, a joint project of AGL Resources, NJR Pipeline Company, a subsidiary of New Jersey Resources, South Jersey Industries, and UGI Energy Services, a subsidiary of UGI Corporation, proposed the construction of a new pipeline for the transfer and deliver of natural gas generated by deep well “fracking” in areas of Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline is approximately one hundred (100) miles long of thirty inch (30”) buried pipe crossing parts of Luzerne, Carbon, Northampton and Bucks Counties in Pennsylvania and Hunterdon and Mercer Counties in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, as currently proposed, the pipeline cuts through Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County, causing or contributing to the following:

1. The proposed route impacts pristine woods and forests causing damage to wildlife and plant life; and

2. Said removal of trees and vegetation along creeks, streams and waterways will result in the loss of sediment filtration, thereby causing sediment buildup in these waterways and the waterways that flow into the Delaware and Raritan Canal, a source of drinking water for millions of New Jersey residents; and
3. The proposed route crosses properties that were purchased with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Funds, New Jersey Department of Agriculture Funds, Hunterdon County Open Space Funds, Hunterdon Land Trust, Alexandria Township Open Space Funds, as well as other properties that are subject to conservation easements and/or deed restricted against development; and
4. The taxpayers of the State of New Jersey, Hunterdon County, Alexandria Township as well as foundations and individual donors and farmers and landowners have invested \$2,997,773.17 to permanently preserve these properties in perpetuity; and
5. The proposed route will impact Township owned open space, privately held open space, and scenic vistas; and
6. The proposed route and the construction of pump stations along the way will impact ground water that Alexandria Township residents depend on for domestic consumption, wetlands, springs, vernal ponds, and C-1 designated streams, all of which are highly valued by residents and visitors, are necessary for Alexandria Township's way of life, and are irreplaceable; and
7. The proposed route of the pipeline may invade habitats of species protected by the Endangered Species Act, such as eagles, the wood turtle, the long tailed salamander, and various plants and other animals protected by federal and state law; and
8. WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline causes damage to Alexandria Township residents by lowering property values, raising health concerns, raising safety concerns, impacting farms and residences, and generally degrading their quality of life and the historic, environmental and cultural resources they have dedicated themselves to protecting.

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

1. The Alexandria Township Committee does hereby object to the design and construction of a 30 inch pipeline passing through and under Alexandria

Township, Hunterdon County. The construction and operation of the pipeline will significantly damage C-1 protected streams, wildlife habitat, existing farm operations, and the quality of life in Alexandria Township.

2. The Alexandria Township Committee calls for a moratorium on any and all planning for the Penn East Pipeline and requests that any such project, if approved, be removed from the pristine reaches of Hunterdon and Mercer Counties in New Jersey and Luzerne, Carbon, Northampton and Bucks Counties in Pennsylvania
3. The Alexandria Township Committee seeks the cooperation of other similarly located and affected municipalities, asking that all nearby affected municipalities adopt a similar resolution.
4. The Alexandria Township Committee adopts, and calls upon similarly situated municipalities to adopt a resolution authorizing each municipality to join together to enter their appearance in any proceeding before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission the Delaware River Basin Commission, the New Jersey Public Utility Commission, and any other regulatory authority, so that by the strength of numbers they may successfully oppose the Penn East Pipeline project and have the ability to cause the relocation or termination of the project so as to prevent environmental degradation and to project the environment envisioned by the State of New Jersey.
5. The Alexandria Township Committee will appoint an Alexandria Township subcommittee to help the governing body in its efforts as an intervenor in the FERC process and provide guidance in submitting written objections to FERC in opposition to the pipeline.
6. The Alexandria Township Committee will act as an Intervener and/or Objector to the proposed Penn East Pipeline.
7. Working with its non-profit partners, local groups, and other municipalities, the Alexandria Township Committee will exercise careful fiscal oversight in this opposition process.
8. The Alexandria Township Committee recognizes that the pipeline could be beneficial to society through potentially lower natural gas prices in the national economy, though Alexandria Township will not currently benefit from any of the natural gas being transported through this pipeline. The Alexandria Township

Committee determines that the damage to the Township outweighs any benefit the Township will gain.

ATTEST:

Michele Bobrowski, RMC
Township Clerk
October 8, 2014

Paul Abraham, Mayor

- Resolution 2014-061 Municipal Alliance 2014
Comm. Schick made a motion, seconded by Comm. Swift to approve Resolution 2014-061 citing changes be made from Council to Committee. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Swift, yes; Comm. Schick, yes; Mayor Abraham, yes.**

RESOLUTION 2014-061 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DELAWARE VALLEY MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Alexandria, further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Alexandria supports the application of funding from Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Hunterdon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township of Alexandria Committee does hereby support the submission of an application for the Delaware Valley Municipal Alliance grant for calendar year 2013 in the amount of \$20,777.00.
2. The Township of Alexandria Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for the Municipal Alliance grant.

Paul Abraham, *Mayor*

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele Bobrowski Municipal Clerk of the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Township Council on this 8th day of October, 2014.

Michele Bobrowski, Municipal Clerk

- **Township Website**

The Township Clerk is able to add minutes again to the township website with the help of a computer technician that the Township has hired. The Township Clerk's computer crashed a year ago and wiped out the capability to download documents on the Township website. The Committee received several quotes from website designers and will reexamine the quotes the first of the year when the budget is being made to upgrade the Township's website to be more user friendly and modern.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

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

1.) **Municipal Building Site Plan**-We have started process with JCP & L for removal of existing electric service to barn and installation of new service to municipal building. On September 18th met with Township Officials to review submission schedule. Construction schedule as follows:

Oct. 6th - MMS to submit permit package for partial release of footing/foundation

Oct. 13th-MMS to submit permit package for building

Oct. 13th-Partial building permit issued (footing/foundation) & Alexandria Twp. to issue Notice to Proceed

Oct. 20th- DPW to excavate foundation

Oct. 27th - Superior Walls, Inc. will set foundation walls

2.) **Hog Hollow Road**-Per Tom Mathews (Director, DPW) the DPW has recommended that the County not take over the ownership and maintenance of Hog Hollow Road. The Freeholders have not officially responded. Working with Michele to forward the required documentation to the NJDOT Commissioner in regard to the 10 ton total combined weight limit restriction before signs can be posted.

3.) **NJDOT Municipal State Aid**-Applications for FY 2015 Municipal State Aid for road projects are due on December 15, 2014

4.) **Garage Site Remediation/LSRP-HMM-** is currently preparing the reporting and approach for a Ground Water Remedial Action Permit to be included within the RAR, which requires statistical analyses and evaluation of long-term monitoring results that must indicate a continual decreasing trend of contaminants over 8 rounds of sampling that occurred during different times of the year to account for seasonal fluctuations. HMM is evaluating the potential for a Restricted Response Action Outcome (RAO) approach that may remove the annual remediation fee with the addition of the permit, thereby providing future cost savings to the Township.

5.) **Pepe Property**-No Change

6.) **Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program**-No Change

7.) **Alexandria Estates (Toll Brothers) Road Condition**-Per Carmine Merlucci of Toll Brothers, a cost estimate for repair of 30 inlets of the 60 total inlets has been forwarded to the Toll Brothers Executive Board for review. Carmine will follow-up with the Township during the week of October 6, 2014 as to the response from the Board. Repair of 30 inlets is consistent with Glenn's inspection as he indicated approximately half the inlets were in bad condition. On October 1, 2014 additional pavement cores were taken within all streets in order for analysis of subgrade condition and verification of asphalt thickness/content. Carmine will provide copies of test results once completed by the testing lab.

TOWNSHIP PLANNER REPORT: None

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:

Comm. Swift made a motion, seconded by Comm. Schick to approve the payment of the bills as listed. **Roll Call: Comm. Swift, yes; Comm. Schick, yes; and Mayor Abraham, yes.**

Current Fund	\$ 98,497.76
Other Trust Fund:	
1.) Reserves	30.13
2.) Grants	114.00
General Capital Fund	
Ordinances	13,653.23
COAH	3,752.75
Farm Preservation	
Budget and App. Reserves	15,043.74
Dog Fund	3,832.00
Developers Escrow	
1.) Bank of America	
2.) Fulton Bank	
3.) Hopewell Valley	1,222.50
TOTAL:	\$ 136,146.11
Other disbursements	
Local Schools	63,000.00

Total payments presented to the Township Committee \$199,146.11

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- September 10, 2014 Township Committee
- September 10, 2014 Executive Session

Comm. Schick made a motion, seconded by Comm. Swift to approve the above Township Committee meeting minutes with a spelling correction to reflect “boring” not “boaring” and the above Executive Session minutes. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Swift, yes; Comm. Schick, yes, Mayor Abraham, yes.**

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Shred Day-Mark your calendars!!** The second shred day is scheduled for Saturday, October 11th from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Shred days will be at the DPW garage located at 255 Hickory Corner Road, Milford, NJ 08848. Residents/and Area Residents can bring papers (staples, paper clips, binding clips are okay), manila folders, hanging folders in neutral colors, old check books, old credit cards, windowed envelopes, notebooks and binders. The shredding trucks can't accept newspapers, magazines, plastic sheet protectors, plastic, cardboard or carbon paper. The trucks have open windows on them so residents can see their documents being shredded for peace of mind. Should you have any additional questions, please contact the Township Clerk at (908) 996-7071 ext. 10.
- **Saturday, October 11, 2014-Computer and Electronics Collection Day:** Hunterdon County Route 12 (Library) Complex, 314 State Route east, Flemington, NJ 08822. For more information contact the County at 908-788-1110. Time: 9 AM to 1PM (Rain or Shine)

* Will accept up to ten items containing electronic circuit boards including computers, monitors, and televisions
- **Oct 12th Barn Tour**-A barn tour is scheduled for Sunday, October 12, 2014 from 10 AM to 4 PM rain or shine (no-refunds). Cost is \$20.00 per adult (\$25.00 at the door) & \$5.00 per child (Ages 5-15). You can register on-line at alexandriabarntour.eventbrite.com or mail checks (payable to the Alexandria Equestrian Association (AEA)) to: PO Box 75 Pittstown, NJ 08867. Tickets will not be mailed. They can be picked up on October 12th at the Alexandria Park

Barn, 242 Little York-Mt. Pleasant Road, Milford, NJ 08848. For information visit www.aeanj.com or Facebook/Alexandria Barn tour 2014. For questions contact us at aeanj2014@gmail.com or call 908-735-9453.

- **Del Val Clothing Drive:** It's Fall and the Del Val Fall Clothing Drive is coming up. Please start cleaning out your closets. Also, if you have any shoes, PLEASE place in separate bags. This fundraiser benefits the 2015 graduating senior class. All items must be clean, wearable, useable, and placed in plastic trash bags. The following are being requested:

Clothing: Men, Women, and Children

Household: Bedding, Curtains, Towels, Pillows, and Table Cloths

Accessories: Belts, Purses, Backpack, Shoes, Hats, Gloves, Socks, Scarves, and Ties

Toys: Stuffed animals, dolls, cars, planes, and blocks-NO OUTSIDE TOYS, BOOKS, CD'S, VHS TAPES

Drop off is at the DEL VAL HS, 19 Senator Stout Road, Frenchtown, NJ 08825 (Follow the signs to the rear of the building)

Dates: Oct. 16th from 5-7:30 PM

Oct. 17th from 5-7:30 PM

Oct. 18th from 8:00 AM-12 Noon

Oct. 20th from 5:00 PM-7:30 PM

- The 2nd Annual Trunk or Treating sponsored by the Girl Scouts of Holland, Alexandria & Milford is scheduled for Saturday, Oct 25th (Raindate Nov. 1st). Time is from 6-8:00 PM at the Riegel Ridge Community Center. Cost is \$5.00 per car plus candy to distribute. There will also be a parade, prizes for best costumes & trunks, music, games, and refreshments! Bring a Jack-o-Lantern for Contest
- Trick or Treating is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 31st from 5PM-8PM. There is also a juvenile curfew in effect from Friday, Oct. 24th through Sat., Nov 1st from 10 PM to 6 AM.

Motion to Approve Open Public Meeting Resolution for EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Swift made a motion, seconded by Comm. Schick to move to Executive Session.

Roll Call: Comm. Swift, yes; Comm. Schick, yes and 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.
 - X Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is or may become a party.
Brinkerhoff Properties

 - ___ Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.

 - X Personnel matters involving a specific employee or officer of the Township.
Health Insurance Coverage
DPW Contract Updates

 - ___ 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 .

MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION:

Comm. Schick made a motion, seconded by Comm. Swift to return to Public Session.

ROLL CALL: Comm. Swift, yes; Comm. Schick, yes and Mayor Abraham, yes.

Comm. Schick made a motion, seconded by Comm. Swift to have the Township Committee approve and have Mayor Abraham negotiate the three clause changes with the

Union and have them reflected in the Union Contract. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Swift, yes; Comm. Schick, yes, Mayor Abraham, yes.**

Comm. Swift made a motion, seconded by Comm. Schick to have the Township provide the same health plan options from the State Health Benefit Program to qualified employees. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Swift, yes; Comm. Schick, yes, Mayor Abraham, yes.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The following matters were discussed in Executive Session:

- Contract Negotiations/Brinkerhoff Property:
Comm. Schick brought up some contract issues from the last meeting pertaining to the Township purchasing Brinkerhoff B-14, Lots 15.01,15.02, and 15.03. Concerns of Comm. Schick were addressed and rectified. The closing is scheduled for next week.
- Personnel/Health Benefits:
Township Committee reviewed several health benefit plans that the State of New Jersey provides. The Township Committee needed to select one health benefit plan from a PPO, HMO and a High Deductible. The Township Committee will stay with the same health plan options as last year for qualified employees.
- Personnel/DPW Contract Amendments
Township Committee approved three clause changes to the current DPW contract.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Comm. Schick made a motion, seconded by Comm. Swift to adjourn. **ROLL CALL: Comm. Swift, yes; Comm. Schick, yes; and Mayor Abraham, yes. Meeting Adjourned at 10:12 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted:
Michele Bobrowski, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

I hereby certify that I have reviewed these Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting of October 8, 2014 and certify that said Minutes were approved unanimously by the Township on the 12th day of November 2014.

Paul Abraham, Mayor

Dated: _____

