

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
May 11, 2016**

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

Meeting Called to order at 7:44 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Comm. Garay, Comm. Abraham, Mayor Pfefferle, Attorney Dragan

Absent: None

FLAG SALUTE:

PROCLAMATION TO DEL VAL REGIONAL HS-RELAY FOR LIFE

Mayor Pfefferle read the attached Proclamation

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT:

None

- FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE COMMISSION:

Chair Fritsche was present and discussed the following:

- 1.) Waiting to hear if the appraisals that were done prior to the purchase of the Diocese of Metuchen property can be used as appraisals for the preservation. Twp. Atty. Dragan noted that she hasn't heard back from the State yet as to their determination.
- 2.) Waiting for the Township Committee to discuss the Grefe Appraisal Proposals and the Kluber Survey Proposals in Executive Session.
- 3.) Zander Application is still pending.
- 4.) New applications are moving forward but a long way before decisions can be made to the Case Property and Wilson Property.

- PARK & RECREATION REPORT:

Township Clerk Michele Bobrowski noted that the Park/Rec Commission will be honoring the Brunner family with a Plaque at the next Township Committee meeting on June 8th. The Park/Rec Commission has received a design cost estimate of approximately \$10,000 from the Township Engineer regarding the bridge on the walking trail at the park. The bridge needs to be repaired/replaced. The soccer and lacrosse programs are requesting a designated lightning shelter at the park. Park/Rec Member Rick Matarazzo was present and noted that the lacrosse program has seen designated lightning shelters at other facilities they play at. The Township Committee would like the Del Val Chargers to provide the Township Committee a list of parks that have designated lightning shelters.

- ROAD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chair Garay read the following report prepared by DPW Foreman Glen Griffith:

Park Maintenance:

- a) Grass mowing
- b) Weed whacking
- c) Garbage and recycling
- d) Spread grass seed on the soccer fields and on worn areas

Municipal Building:

- a.) Filled in low spots / settling area in the grass area with top soil
- a) Re-seeded the lawn area

Converted the trucks and equipment from winter mode to summer mode

Gravel road maintenance on-going

Spread 1000 tons of product on the gravel section of Goritz Rd. (Top section)

Finished the Kappus Rd. project from last year by backfilling the asphalt with top soil, grass seed, and mulched

Rick Rd. section 6;

- a) Removed and trimmed trees in the project area
- b) Started the drainage system

Equipment maintenance on-going

Pepe House:

- a) Septic tank abandonment has started
- b) Well abandonment has started

Road Chair Garay noted that DPW Foreman Griffith received a copy of the newly adopted Speed Limit Ordinance and found some inaccuracies and inconsistencies in the ordinance and would like to have them corrected. DPW Foreman Griffith met with Township Engineer Rob O'Brien on Friday regarding his concerns with the ordinance. DPW Foreman Griffith would have liked to have seen the Ordinance prior to adoption for his input and would like the Township Committee to involve him in matters that pertain to the roads in the future. The Township Committee noted that the Township has Professionals to advise them and if there are inaccuracies in their work then they are responsible. The Township Committee will try to defer to DPW Foreman Griffith when they can.

Road Chair Garay noted that DPW Foreman Griffith has been working on having the bridge at the park replaced due to safety hazards. The bridge is on the walking trail and was built by an Eagle Scout several years ago. Township Engineer Rob O'Brien anticipates approximately \$10,000.00 to design and have plans for the new bridge drawn up. DPW Foreman Griffith is also looking into other options and the Park/Rec Commission will need to approve the work.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA RELATED MATTERS ONLY:

Resident, Gerald Lyness asked if a speed study could be performed on Schoolhouse Road. Since the DPW paved the road it has become a racetrack. The elementary school is at the end of the road and he has a farm on the road that has tanker trucks coming in and out constantly. A few months ago a car flipped over and broke the pole. Mr. Lyness would like some kind of sign to enforce the speed. The Township is getting ready to have a road project begin on Schoolhouse Road and will take Mr. Lyness's concerns into consideration.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Penneast Pipeline

Comm. Abraham made a statement at the May meeting that the Township has filed as intervenors and that isn't the case. The Township adopted a resolution opposing the pipeline. Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pfefferle to have Township Attorney Dragan investigate the process in becoming an intervenor as required by FERC.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Resident, Bernice Wahl stated that last month she suggested that the Township write a letter to FERC. She noted that seven local Mayors are heading to Washington DC with a petition of 9000 signatures. The Township Committee advised Mrs. Wahl that a letter was written to FERC already by the Township and no response has been received.

- Ordinance 2016-003

APPROPRIATING \$120,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND RESERVE FOR PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT- 2nd

Reading

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to open public comment for Ordinance 2016-003.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

As there were no public comments, Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to close open public comment for Ordinance 2016-003.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to adopt Ordinance 2016-003.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$120,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND RESERVE FOR PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 2016- 003**

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 \$120,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Fund Reserve Fund for Purchase of Public Works Equipment in the General Capital Account for Purchase of Public Works Equipment and various appurtenances as required.

SECTION TWO: The period of usefulness of the upgrades and improvements, as defined by N.J.S.A. 40A:2-22, is at least 20 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.

- Adoption of 2016 Budget

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to open public comment for the 2016 Budget.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Mayor Pfefferle noted that the Township will be raising taxes by 2 cents this year. The choice the Township Committee needed to make was either raise taxes or lay off a DPW Employee. Operational expenses are beyond the revenue brought in. The Township Committee is looking into putting together a long term plan with the CFO. The 2 cent tax increase prevents the Township from dipping into surplus as done in the past.

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Abraham to close open public comment for the 2016 Budget.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to adopt the 2016 Budget.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ordinance 2016-4

BANNING THE USE OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPER 115 OF THE GENERAL CODE ENTITLED “ THE LAND USE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA” IN CONNECTION THEREWITH -1st Reading

The Alexandria Township Environmental Commission reviewed the Ordinance and recommend that the Township Committee proceed with this Ordinance.

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to approve Ordinance 2016-4 on 1st Reading and that the Public Hearing will be on July 13, 2016 to allow the Planning Board to review the Ordinance.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

AN ORDINANCE BANNING THE USE OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 115 OF THE GENERAL CODE ENTITLED “ THE LAND USE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA” IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) for natural gas involves the use of chemicals and hazardous materials during construction, drilling, hydraulic fracturing, gas production and delivery, well maintenance, and workover operations. The fracking process is shown in figure 1; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing of underground geologic formations is often accomplished by injecting a complex mix of fluids and chemicals, including large volumes of water, on average 4.5 million gallons per well, under very high pressure to create fractures in gas bearing geologic formations. Chemicals used during the fracking process are exempt from the “Right to know laws”; and

WHEREAS, many of the chemical constituents injected during hydraulic fracturing have documented adverse health effects and/or adverse environmental impacts. Physicians Scientists & Engineers organization surveyed the Environmental Public Health peer-reviewed publication literature and summarized results from 550 publications. The summary by Physicians Scientists & Engineers organization is shown in figure 3. The summary report was accessed on Sept. 1, 2015, WEB page <http://www.psehealthyenergy.org>; and

WHEREAS, there have been documented cases of water contamination near fracking sites. Example of published reports on the impact of fracking is given in figure 4; and

WHEREAS, wastewater from fracking may contain radioactive elements and other toxic components and has been discharged into rivers that supply drinking water; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania’s Department of Environmental Protection has documented three facilities in New Jersey as accepting waste from hydraulic fracturing operations, posing a direct threat to New Jersey’s drinking water; and

WHEREAS, use of these hydraulic fracturing mixes exposes air, aquifers and adjacent land and

surface waters to the risk of contamination through spills and accidents, open pit storage, truck transport on roadways, and activities during well development; and

WHEREAS, former President George W. Bush’s federal Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) point person on water now admits that fracking should never have been exempted from regulation; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s Legislature and Governor enacted a one-year moratorium on fracking that expired in January of 2013; and

WHEREAS, since the New Jersey Legislature originally acted to ban fracking, the case for a ban on fracking has been strengthened by an EPA report of contaminants associated with fracking have been found in an aquifer in Pavilion Wyoming, and separate incidents involving earthquakes linked to fracking waste disposal injection wells. A study by the University of Colorado at Boulder and the U.S. Geological Survey, published in the journal *Science* states: “A dramatic increase in the rate of earthquakes in the central and eastern U.S. since 2009 is associated with fluid injection wells used in oil and gas development” WEB page accessed on Sept. 1, 2015

<http://www.colorado.edu/news/releases/2015/06/18/us-mid-continent-seismicity-linked-high-rate-injection-wells-0#sthash.TJPpodhx.dpuf>

WHEREAS, wastewater, wastewater solids or sludge, drill cuttings and/or other byproducts from the fracking processes are known to contain toxic levels of contaminants, including unknown quantities of undisclosed chemical additives used in hydraulic fracturing fluid, as well as contaminants from sources underground; Benzene, naphthalene, formaldehyde, cadmium, mercury, arsenic, total dissolved solids, and radioactive material, such as radium, are among the known contaminants; and

WHEREAS, methods of treatment and disposal for fracking waste do not eliminate the risks that hydraulic fracturing wastewater, wastewater solids or sludge, drill cuttings and/or other byproducts pose to human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, A575/S253 passed the New Jersey Legislature in June 2012 with strong bipartisan support, and would prohibit treatment, discharge, disposal, or storage of waste from hydraulic fracturing in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Governor Christie vetoed A575/S253 in September 2012; and

WHEREAS, fracking is exempt from important regulations meant to protect public health and the environment, specifically sections of the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Superfund, National Environmental Policy Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; and

WHEREAS, the wise stewardship of our natural resources involves protection of Alexandria Township’s air, water supplies and water resources for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, protection of Alexandria Township’s air, water supplies and resources is better accomplished by preventing contamination and environmental degradation, rather than attempting to remediate contamination and restore degraded environments after the fact; and

WHEREAS, under existing State law regulating drilling for oil and natural gas under *N.J.S.A.* 13:1M-18 and *N.J.S.A.* 13:1M-1 *et seq.*, a local governing body may ban drilling for natural gas, and exploration for natural gas beyond the “reconnaissance” phase;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to prohibit the use of hydraulic fracturing for gas throughout the Township of Alexandria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the following amendments shall be made to Chapter 115 of the Land Use Code of the Township of Alexandria to add the following new provision (new language is underlined thus: deleted language is bracketed [thus]):

SECTION 1. Section 115-28 Environmental Restrictions.

A. Requirements for all uses shall be as follows:

(1) No use shall be permitted which is noxious or offensive in the immediate surrounding areas by reason or odor, dust, smoke, gas, vibration, illumination or noise, or which constitutes a public hazard whether by fire, explosion or otherwise. In determining whether a proposed use is a noxious, hazardous or offensive, the following standards shall apply. The proposed operation shall not:

(a) Constitute any nuisance whatsoever beyond the boundary of a site on which the use is located by a reason of dissemination of noxious, toxic, or corrosive fumes, smoke, odors or dust. All fixed equipment shall be operated by electric power, gas, or other smokeless fuel.

(b) Result in noise or vibration exceeding the average intensity of noise or vibration occurring from other causes at the boundary line.

(c) Endanger surrounding areas by reason of fire or explosion.

(d) Produce objectionable heat, glare or radiation beyond the property line.

(e) Result in major electrical disturbance in nearby residences or adversely affect the operation of equipment other than on the property on which the disturbance is located, when such equipment can be shown to be of good design and in proper functional condition.

- (f) Discharge any untreated sewage or industrial waste into any stream or otherwise contribute to the pollution of surface or ground water in accordance with the statutes of the State of New Jersey.
- (g) Create any other objectionable condition in an adjoining area which will endanger public health or safety or be detrimental to the proper use of the surrounding area.
- (h) No use shall involve the drilling for natural gas, using the drilling technique of hydraulic fracturing and exploring for natural gas beyond the reconnaissance phase anywhere within the municipality of Alexandria.

SECTION 2. Applicability. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the entire municipality of Alexandria and the “Code of the Township of Alexandria, New Jersey” shall be amended accordingly.

SECTION 3. All other language not specifically changed by this Ordinance Amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by a court or competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such order of judgement 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 6. A copy of this Ordinance shall be referred to the Alexandria Township Planning Board following its introduction on first reading in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law and upon filing with the Hunterdon County Planning Board.

- Ordinance 2016-5

PROHIBITING PARKING IN FRONT OF UNDERGROUND WATER STORAGE TANKS ESTABLISHED FOR FIRE-FIGHTING PURPOSES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF-1st

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Abraham to approve Ordinance 2016-5 on 1st Reading. The public hearing will be on June 8, 2016.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING PARKING IN FRONT OF UNDERGROUND WATER STORAGE TANKS ESTABLISHED FOR FIRE-FIGHTING PURPOSES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF

Ordinance 2016-5

WHEREAS, certain underground water storage tanks have been constructed on properties within the Township of Alexandria to aid in fire-fighting; and

WHEREAS, the Township's fire official has requested the Township to prohibit parking and post signs near or adjacent to the underground water storage tanks located within the Township in order to allow to create a 75' clear way to facilitate access to these structures by fire-fighters and emergency services companies who need to utilize them; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes that it is within the interest of the public health, safety and welfare to prohibit parking next to these facilities as recommended by the Township's fire official; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-197; and

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

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit vehicles from parking too closely to the underground water storage tanks in the Township so that emergency services personnel can adequately access them for fire-fighting purposes, in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township of Alexandria, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

Section 2. Prohibited conduct. There shall be no parking at any time on the roadways adjacent to any underground water storage tanks located within the Township of Alexandria, for a distance of 37.5+/- feet measured in each direction along the adjacent roadway from the tank's discharge pipe, for a total length of 75 feet, or as close thereto as local physical conditions permit. The following roadways/streets have underground water storage tanks adjacent to them at the locations noted below (references are to house numbers unless otherwise described):

- 1) Ramshorn Road - west side of road between # 9 and #8.
- 2) Foxwood Lane - circle at midpoint of road
- 3) Steinbeck Court - east side of road - near the junction with Hemingway Drive
- 4) Homestead Farm Road - east side of road between #16 and #18
- 5) Hartley Court - south side of road between #8 and #6
- 6) Weston Drive - north side of road between #11 and #13
- 7) Balmoral Drive - south side of road between #13 and #16
- 8) Cirrus Lane - east side of road - near junction with Amelia Way
- 9) Northwood Drive - west side of road between #17 and #15

- 10) Emley Road - west side of road between #9 and #10
- 11) Belmont Court - west side of road between #7 and #4
- 12) Maple Springs Road - east side of road between #9 and #11

Section 3. Signage.

Upon final adoption of this ordinance, for the benefit of the public, signs shall be posted at appropriate intervals along the locations set forth above clearly indicating that parking is prohibited for a distance of 75' feet on the roadways or areas adjacent to the underground water storage tanks due to a fire zone, in accordance with D.O.T. guidelines for the placement, specifications, locations and maintenance of signage.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be enforced by the New Jersey State Police Department pursuant to N.J.S.A. Sections 39:4-1 et seq., and any other applicable law once it becomes effective and the proper signage has been put into place in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-198.

Section 5. Violations and Penalty. Any vehicle parked in the prohibited parking areas created by this ordinance may be towed at the expense of the owner. Any person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine not exceeding \$250 (plus court costs, if contested) and/or a period of community service not exceeding 15 days or both. Each day a violation continues after the time required for the abatement thereof shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 6. This ordinance supersedes and repeals any ordinances, sections or portions of any other Township ordinances inconsistent herewith.

Section 7. If any portion of this ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such portion shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance.

Section 8. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final adoption and publication required by law.

- Resolution 2016-057 -2016 Joint Bid Procurement of Maintenance and Repair materials with the Townships of Alexandria, Holland and Bethlehem

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to approve Resolution 2016-057.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2016-057 FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2016 JOINT BID PROCUREMENT OF MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR MATERIALS WITH THE TOWNSHIPS OF ALEXANDRIA, HOLLAND AND BETHLEHEM

WHEREAS, the Township of Alexandria is party to a shared service agreement with the Townships of Bethlehem and Holland for engineering and administrative fees in connection with oil and chip contracts and the procurement of road materials; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Holland, acting as lead agency through its municipal engineer Maser Consulting has solicited and obtained a joint bid for the procurement of maintenance and repair materials on behalf of the aforementioned municipalities for the year 2016; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria Township understands that bids from two bidders were received and opened on April 6, 2016 and found acceptable by the Holland Township attorney, as well as the Holland Township Engineer, who has provided a Summary of Bids; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Township Engineer reviewed and analyzed the aforementioned Summary of Bids and has provided a recommendation of award to the Township Committee dated May 6, 2016 with respect to the lowest responsible bidders, taking into consideration the mileage adjustment factor for FOB items (ie. those that must be picked up by Alexandria Township trucks); and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Township Committee has reviewed the recommendation of award from its municipal engineer and agrees with same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that contracts be awarded in response to the 2016 joint bid for maintenance and repair materials to the following parties, in the amounts and at the prices listed below (references are to the Bid Summary attached hereto):

1. Stavola Contracting Company, Inc.:

200 tons of Hot Mix Asphalt, Mix I-4, Surface Course (FOB), at the Unit Price Bid of \$44.00 per ton;

Item #3: 1000 tons of Hot Mix Asphalt, Mix I-5, Surface Course (FOB), at the Unit Price Bid of \$44.00 per ton;

Item #5: 200 tons of Hot Mix Asphalt, Mix I-2, Base Course (FOB), at the Unit Price Bid of \$40.00 per ton;

Item #8b: 1000 tons of Dense Graded Aggregate (FDS), at the Unit Price Bid of \$15.25 per ton

Item #14b: 400 tons of 3/4" Clean Crushed Stone (FDS), at the Unit Price Bid of \$18.25 per ton.

2. Haines & Kibblehouse:

Item #2b: 200 tons of Hot Mix Asphalt, MIX I-4, Surface Course (FDS), at the Unit Bid price of \$56.00 per ton

Item #4B: 1000 tons of Hot Mix Asphalt, Mix I-5, Surface Course (FDS), at the Unit Price Bid of \$56.00 per ton;

Item #6B: 200 tons of Hot Mix Asphalt, Mix I-2, Base Course (FDS), at the Unit Price Bid of \$53.30 per ton;

Item #22B: 200 tons of Rip Rap, R4-6" to 8" (FDS), at the Unit Bid Price of \$22.80 per ton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Engineer, Township Clerk and Township Attorney, as may be applicable, are authorized to finalize the contracts and notices of award and to administer same, and that the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor are authorized to enter into said contracts on behalf of the Township Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of its Township Engineer, the Alexandria Township Committee rejects the award of bids for FOB items #7, #13 and #21 as set forth on the Summary of Bids as not being advantageous to the Township due to the fuel and labor costs which would be incurred as result of these procurements.

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

- Resolution 2016-058 To Fix the Salaries of the Various Officers and Employees for the Year 2016

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Abraham to approve Resolution 2016-058.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 2016-058 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 2016

Township Committeemen		\$4,151.10	
Township Clerk		\$54,503.94	
	Plus	\$209.63	Special Mtg.
Chief Financial Officer		\$30,000.00	
Asst. to the CFO		\$14,385.00	
Tax Assessor		\$33,286.87	
Tax Collector		\$29,592.11	
Zoning Officer		\$9,297.33	
Registrar of Vital Statistics		\$1,722.31	
Deputy Registrar		\$366.87	
Percolation Test Witness			Per Ordinance
Planning Board Recording Clerk		\$21.93	per hour
	Plus	\$215.93	per meeting
Board of Adjustment Secretary		\$21.93	per meeting
	Plus	\$215.93	per meeting
Board of Health Secretary		\$1,433.93	
Dog Warden			Per Contract
Office Cleaning		\$5,396.43	
Emergency Mgmt. 911 Coordinator		\$3,029.52	
Deputy Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator		\$629.14	
Clerical Help		\$ 10.00 to \$25.00	per hour
Public Works Personnel			Per Union Contract
Recycling Coordinator-PW		\$2,154.23	
Recycling Coordinator-Office		\$2,154.23	
Construction Official		\$49.98	per hour
Construction Sub-Code Official		\$44.17	per hour
Building Dept. Technical Assistant		\$18.16	per hour
Plumbing Sub-Code Official		\$49.98	per hour
Electrical Sub-Code Official		\$41.84	per hour
Electrical Inspector		\$37.05	per hour
Fire Sub-Code Official		\$44.17	per hour
Fire Inspector		\$44.17	per hour
Fire Prevention		\$7,861.15	

Municipal Court Judge	\$9,146.25
Municipal Court Administrator	\$14,040.00
Deputy Court Administrator	\$0.00
Violations Clerk	\$3,780.00
Court Clerical Assistant	\$0.00
Bench Recording Secretary	\$259.20
Municipal Court Prosecutor	\$7,484.10
Public Defender	\$1,404.45

Court Police Coverage \$1,000.00

Mileage Reimbursement per IRS publication

- 2016 Annual Budget Estimate-Environmental Services for Hatch Mott MacDonald Township Clerk Michele Bobrowski will speak with CFO Hart to determine if there is any money left over from the 2015 Engineering Budget. Former CFO Peter Rees may have canceled out the balance to offset the 2016 budget.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

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

1.) Garage Site Remediation/LSRP:

05/06/2016 See Attached Letter regarding request to re-assign remaining 2014-2015 budget to 2016 sampling events. Response required in order for work to commence.

2.) Pepe Property Environmental Investigation:

05/06/2016 Copy of soil testing report will be provided to the Committee next week. Based on the site investigation efforts, other than the removal of the sludge from the septic tank, no further actions are warranted. The Township should determine whether or not a Response action Outcome (RAO) should be filed with the DEP for the site. The Township Committee should seek advice of the Township Attorney.

Township Engineer O’Brien recommends obtaining the unrestricted RAO since there are no areas of concern on the property, to eliminate further questions regarding the previously conducted due diligence and site investigation work. Once the RAO is filed, the DEP requires payment of a one-time \$750, which will need to be paid directly by Alexandria Township. Preparation of the RAO documents can be completed within HMM’s current budget for the environmental work on the property

3.) DPW Pole Building:

04/26/2016 Contract documents executed by Security Structures forwarded to Township for review/signature

4.) Minor subdivision and major subdivision checklists and the “Table of Performance and Dimensional Regulations-4/10/2016-Working to revise checklist and table to update per 2012 Ordinance.

On-going

5.) Maintenance and Repair Materials Bid

05/06/16 See attached recommendations of award letter and bid results

Comm. Abraham asked if there is a project plan in place on the Pepe property and that the Township Committee needs to make a decision on the outbuildings and barn. Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Abraham to remove all outbuildings and barn on the Pepe property as they aren’t salvageable and can’t be recycled.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

BILL LIST:

Comm. Abraham asked Township Auditor William Colantano if the Township Committee can sign off on the total bill list instead of each individual voucher. Township Auditor William Colantano noted that the Township Committee can sign off on the bill list and not the vouchers.

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to approve the following bill list.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Motion Carried

Current Fund

1.) Budget and Appropriation Reserves \$ 84,066.57

Other Trust Fund:

1.) Reserves 800.00

2.) Grants 8,575.04

General Capital Fund

1.) Ordinances 13,683.80

COAH

Farm Preservation

1.) Budget and App. Reserves 59,682.83

Dog Fund

1,346.00

Developers Escrow
 1.) Bank of America
 2.) Fulton Bank
 3.) Hopewell Valley 2,046.75

TOTAL CHECKS PER DETAIL LIST ATTACHED:
 \$170,200.99

Other disbursements
 1.) Regional High School 886,203.00
 2.) Local School
 3.) County Taxes
 4.) Library Taxes
 5.) County Open Space Tax
 6.) Tax Over-Payments

\$ 886,203.00

Total payments presented to the Township Committee \$ 1,056,403.99

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- April 6, 2016 Special Township Meeting
- April 13, 2016 Township Committee Meeting
- April 13, 2016 Executive Session

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Abraham to approve the above Township Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham

Nay: None

Abstain: Pfefferle

Motion Carried

Mayor Pfefferle met with the Alexandria School Board and went over their plans for the next 18 months. The School Board is looking at how to improve the quality of the schools due to declining enrollment. An option being looked at is to close Lester D. Wilson and move the kids to Alexandria Middle School. This would save money by eliminating duplicate positions and pay operating expenses for only one school. Debt that was secured to improve the middle school is expiring and the school will have the ability to make the enhancements to move the kids from Lester D. Wilson to the Middle School with little to no financial impact. There are several Committees working on finding the best solutions.

Valley View Nursing home has closed. Township Committee will need to speak with the Planning Board. Closure may affect some of the Township's housing obligation plans.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON GENERAL MATTERS:

Resident, Ed Matko asked about the location of the water storage tanks signs. Each tank location will have signs to let people know that there is a stand pipe in the vicinity. The Alexandria Township Fire Marshall recommended the Ordinance to assist the local volunteer fire departments in the event of a fire so that they have access to the tanks without cars parking by the area.

John Anderson from JCP&L was present and noted that there was nothing new to report. Mr. Anderson recommended that a blinking light be installed on Schoolhouse Road to prevent speeding on the road. Township Committee will reach out to the State Police to see if they have a flashing light program.

Resident, Stu Hutchinson asked if the Township can have a new street sign installed on Bush Farm Lane. Bush Farm Lane is a private Road and the Township doesn't maintain it. The Township will reach out to the Homeowners Association and inform them that the street sign needs to be replaced.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Gypsy Moth aerial application will begin on or after **May 16, 2016 through June 15, 2016** or until completion from 5:30 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., and possibly in the evenings from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the affected areas of Hickory Corner Road, Route 579 and Hartpence Road. A map indicating the exact areas to be treated is available for inspection at the municipal building. Residents may contact the Municipal Clerk's office at (908) 996-7071 ext. 210, 242 Little York-Mt. Pleasant Road, Milford, NJ 08848 for information regarding the exact date, application times and any other information concerning the treatment program.
- Relay for Life-May 21st from 12 Noon to 10:30 PM. Del Val Regional HS. The best way to get started and be involved is to create a team at the website <http://www.relayforlife.org/DelValNJ>
- The Hunterdon County Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the County Fairgrounds-South County Park-1207 Route 179, Ringoes, NJ. There will be games, demos, pony rides, petting zoo, reptile show, outdoor games, dunk tank, shred day (Bring your documents to be shredded), hot air and tethered balloon rides. For more information visit www.hunterdonchamber.org.

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to move to Executive Session.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

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.

__X__ Collective Bargaining Agreement or negotiation of the Agreement.
DPW Contract

__X__ 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.

Mt. Laurel Housing

**Kluber Survey Proposals for Agricultural Development Rights Easement
Grefe Appraisal Proposals**

___ 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.

455 Mech. Corner Road

___ Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
Lester D. Wilson/Alexandria Middle School

___ Personnel matters involving a specific employee or officer of the Township.
Township Committee Meetings

_____ 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. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to return to Public Session.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

MOTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to award appraisal proposals submitted for Grefe, B-11, L-14 & B-11, L-14.01 to:

Tom Rodriguez: \$3,900.00

Vanguard Appraisals: \$3,250.00

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to award the survey proposal submitted for Kluber, B-20.01, L-9 to Bohren and Bohren in the amount of \$7,400.00.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The following matters were discussed in Executive Session:

- **Mt. Laurel Housing/Litigation:**

Township Committee reviewed Vicinage 13 Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement sent by Special COAH Atty. Drill.

- **DPW Contract/Contract Negotiations:**

Comm. Abraham will start taking his salary retroactively from January 1, 2016 of this year. Mayor Pfefferle will review changes implemented in the new contract before signing off.

- **Kluber Survey Proposals for Agricultural Development Rights Easement/Land Acquisition:**

Two survey proposals were received:

RBZ Enterprises: \$14,750.00

Bohren and Bohren: \$ 7,400.00

- **Grefe Appraisal Proposals/Land Acquisition:**

Two appraisal proposals were received for B-11, L-14 & B-11, L-14.01:

Tom Rodriguez: \$3,900.00

Vanguard Appraisals: \$3,250.00

- **Lester D. Wilson/Alexandria Middle School/Attorney-Client Privilege:**

Lester D. Wilson and Alexandria Middle School have begun discussions on potentially combining the two schools into one due to current and future enrollment numbers being so low.

- **455 Mechlin Corner Road/Latter House of Glory/Attorney-Client Privilege:**

Matter to stay in Executive Session at this time

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pfefferle to adjourn.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 9:36 PM.

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to re-open the Alexandria Township Committee meeting at 9:57 PM to make a motion on the Vicinage 13 Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to approve the Township into entering into the Vicinage 13 Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to adjourn.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 9:58 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted:
Michele Bobrowski, RMC
Township Clerk**

I hereby certify that I have reviewed these Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting of May 11, 2016 and certify that said Minutes were approved unanimously by the Township Committee on the 8th day of June 2016.

R. Christian Pfefferle, Mayor

Dated: _____