

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**MARCH 21, 2009**

**12:00 P.M.**

Council President Stinney announced that notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by roll call.

**PRESENT**

Ken Cartier  
Tom Inge  
Sherry Scull  
Richard Prickett  
Diane Stinney

**ABSENT**

Also present: Mayor David Patriarca, Business Administrator Chris Vaz, Township Clerk Staff Ann Jarvis

Chairman Stinney called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

**BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR FORMAL ACTION, AS ADVERTISED: For the purpose of discussing the 2009 Municipal Budget as presented by the Mayor. Formal action will be taken which may include the introduction of the 2009 municipal budget upon completion or of the review process.**

Mrs. Stinney informed Council will be reviewing and voting on each departments' budget and will attempt to cover as many departments today as possible and will continue if there are any other departments to conclude on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be a general public portion at the end of this meeting at approximately 3:30 – 4:00 pm. Unless Council is nearly done with a section at this time, Council will conclude that section and then immediately open for public comments then.

Mrs. Stinney stated to Council that this is informal, jump in, talk, respect and they'll get through it.

**TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT #440**

Mayor Patriarca advised the CFO, Mrs. Eden is not here today because she is ill. Council is on page 66 of 91. Mrs. Stinney asked Council for any questions. Mrs. Scull asked if all of our Police carry mobile phones. The Mayor answered no, just certain members of the Police Department, Recreation Department, Public Works, and a Bus Driver. Mr. Cartier asked the Mayor if he and the Business Administrator are giving up their mobile phones. The Mayor answered yes and informed that they both gave them up the first year. Mr. Cartier, Mr. Inge and Mrs. Scull did not have any questions. Mr. Prickett stated last year \$54,000 was expended for telephone, line item 2-07600, and only \$51,800 was appropriated. This year the Mayor is requesting \$51,800 and asked what is going to prevent that overdrawing of that line this year and what happened last year for that extra money to be expended. The Mayor replied that if Mr. Prickett recalls he approved a phone

study that was done.....Mr. Prickett did recall the study.....The Mayor continued that Administration is anticipating that to be the savings. Mr. Prickett asked if the phone study cost anything. Mayor Patriarca remarked there is a cost involved but they make it off the savings, off the commissions of some sort. Mrs. Stinney asked the Mayor if it took about a year for that to be completed. The Mayor replied no and he is not sure but it something the Administrator and Mrs. Brown did. The company comes in and they review all of your bills and so forth. Mr. Prickett complimented Mrs. Brown because about two or three years ago the telephone costs were way out of proportion and Mrs. Brown came up with a plan and did the research and she was able to get our costs down. Mr. Prickett sees Mrs. Browns' fingerprints on this and it is very much appreciated. Mrs. Stinney added that Council certainly applauds Mrs. Brown for her research and a job well done, and she does recall that very well. Mr. Prickett asked if there is a reason there is no mobile phone for Administration or the Mayor this year. Mayor Patriarca replied they found it easier and the Administrator uses his own phone and he uses his own phone and it just seemed easier to just have one phone. They made the choice to cut that expense and just go ahead and use their personal phones as opposed to adding another phone to the account. Mrs. Stinney thanked the Mayor for the savings. Mr. Prickett commented that is a good thing. Mayor Patriarca informed they actually did that last year also. Mr. Prickett commended the Mayor and Mr. Vaz for that. Mr. Prickett conveyed to the Mayor that it shows true leadership. The Mayor thanked Mr. Prickett.

Motion by Cartier and Scull to approve Department 440 as presented by the Mayor.

Mr. Prickett informed that this is a preliminary look at the budget and he would certainly keep the door open to come back and make changes.

Cartier, yes; Scull, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

#### **POSTAGE DEPARTMENT #441**

Mrs. Stinney ensured the residents in the back of the room could see clearly and offered the public copies of the budget book. Mr. Prickett asked if there is a supplemental section for postage. Mayor Patriarca informed there is not and this is the department that Administration created last year as opposed to each department having postage lines, there is only one line of postage. The information is gathered from the departments on what they estimate their postage to be for the year and it is run through one department. Mr. Prickett stated there is an \$11,000 increase and asked for an explanation. Mr. Cartier advised there is no increase, it's a decrease of \$6,000. Mrs. Scull also stated it is a decrease. Mr. Prickett commented that we expended \$48,696 last year. Mr. Cartier conveyed that Mr. Prickett is misleading when stating it is an increase when it is not an increase. It's a decrease over what was budgeted last year. Mayor Patriarca commented that it's the same budget, it's actually a decrease, and we didn't do mailers for gypsy moth and that was the decrease in last year's postage. Mr. Prickett asked if the mailing would be \$11,000. The Mayor answered the mailing for the estimated tax notices and things of that nature. Mr. Prickett commented that we did those last year. The Mayor continued that gypsy moth runs are approximately \$9,000 and it should be less this year because we are spraying a lot less. We still have to do a notification. Mr. Prickett stated he can't believe.....The Mayor interjected that he is basing that on the last one and the last mailing was much more because we sprayed a lot more

areas. Mr. Prickett agreed and added this should go down. Mayor Patriarca commented we do need additional money for any additional spraying that Council may elect to do and a mailing would have to be done for those areas. Mrs. Scull asked if postage is going up. Mr. Cartier replied yes. Mr. Prickett stated a penny or two and then asked if these go out as letters or postcards and the difference is only a number of pennies. Mayor Patriarca remarked there is too much information that goes out in that mailer and it couldn't be a postcard. Mrs. Stinney agreed. Mr. Prickett indicated it would be around forty seven cents at the most per letter, so it's not that bad. Mr. Prickett asked the Mayor if we are sending out another estimated bill through the tax office. The Mayor answered they are thinking they will have to and we have to be prepared for it. Mr. Prickett commented that some cuts could be made with this. Mr. Inge asked if the notices can be sent home with the kids from school. Mr. Prickett answered no. Mr. Inge asked if by law.....Mrs. Stinney commented by law. Mr. Prickett asked how many notices go out for gypsy moth and if it is just one. Mayor Patriarca replied it depends on how many sprays are done. Mr. Prickett estimated there are 900 houses in Presidential Lakes and that's \$423.00 in postage. Mrs. Scull commented it's not only Presidential Lakes; there are four other districts being sprayed. Mr. Prickett agreed but commented that Presidential Lakes is the most intense and he multiplied that times four and that is \$1,692.00 and asked about increasing this by \$11,000. Mr. Cartier interjected we are not increasing and he wishes Mr. Prickett would stop saying that. Mr. Prickett stated that he knows Mr. Cartier is saying he is misleading but the point is.....Mr. Cartier interjected that we're not increasing anything but we're decreasing what was budgeted last year.....Mr. Prickett continued and stated to let him address that. Mr. Prickett commented that we only expended \$48,000 last year and that indicates to him that the \$66,000 was too much to begin with and what you expend is a more realistic number than what you appropriate and that's really what you should base this year's appropriation on in consideration of the other things that you are going to do. That's why he was asking about the gypsy moth notification and perhaps another approximated bill through the tax office. In either case, it doesn't add up to \$11,000. This budget has had very little cut out of and this is essentially the Mayor's budget and not the Council's budget because Council pretty much left it alone. This is one area where Council can make some cuts and he thinks Council should consider it. Mr. Cartier stated he doesn't entirely disagree with Mr. Prickett but reiterated that to use the word increase is misleading and this is not an increase over what was budgeted last year. Mr. Prickett stated it is an increase over what was used. Mr. Cartier continued it is \$11,000 over what was expended last year. Mr. Prickett commented he knows Mr. Cartier is an accountant and has gone to school for accounting so he will agree with his interpretation of that and say \$11,000 over what was expended last year. Mr. Cartier thanked Mr. Prickett. Mayor Patriarca wanted to clear something up in that last year we had planned to do anticipated tax bills but we did not do it and if we do that this year, we will need the entire amount to make that number to get out to all of the residents because that will make up with the \$11,000. Mr. Prickett asked how many homes we have and if it is somewhere around 12,000 homes. Mayor Patriarca replied it's not just homes.....Mr. Cartier interjected that he calculated it to be about \$6,700 at 47 cents.....The Mayor continued it's actually property.....Mr. Prickett commented it comes out to about \$6,000 for 12,000 residents. The Mayor noted it's not just homes and you still have to send out to vacant properties. Anyone on the line gets a notice, a tax billing. Mr. Prickett stated Council has the supplemental book and this is an area where it needs to be clarified in this book. Council needs to see those numbers and questioned how can the Council who is here to appropriate funds, appropriate

funds if they don't have the basis for that money that is requested and it's not in the book. That's why he asks the questions and has gotten some of his answers here but it should have been in the book. Mrs. Scull, Mr. Inge and Mr. Cartier did not have any questions.

Motion by Cartier and Scull to approve Department 441 as presented by the Mayor. Cartier, yes; Scull, yes; Prickett, without the information he needs, he says yes but he has concern about this; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor commented that he knows that this is not Mr. Prickett's first look at this budget and this department so he is more than welcome if he comes up with a question and doesn't find it in the supplemental book to call and he can easily get those answers in its entirety prior to the meeting. Mayor Patriarca continued stating to not be afraid to call and ask him that question. Mr. Prickett responded that he is not afraid to call him but this is a public meeting and the public comes out and he feels the public needs to have the same explanation as the Council and this is the perfect opportunity to do that. Mayor Patriarca informed the public is also welcome to ask. Mr. Prickett remarked that he understands what the Mayor is saying and thanked him for the invitation to give him another call.

#### **WATER DEPARTMENT #445**

Council is now on page 68 of 91. Mr. Cartier, Mr. Inge and Mrs. Scull did not have any questions. Mrs. Scull indicated it was \$1,200 and now it's \$2,000 and \$1,073 was expended in 2007. Mr. Cartier noted \$700 was transferred in last year. Mr. Prickett asked Administration if this is in the supplemental book. Mayor Patriarca replied it is not the supplemental book and Mr. Prickett didn't call him on it either. Mr. Prickett asked what this water is for and it's not hydrants and is it water for municipal facilities. The Mayor answered that the Township gets water bills from the water department for municipal properties.

Motion by Cartier and Scull to approve Department 445 as presented by the Mayor. Cartier, yes; Scull, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

#### **NATURAL GAS/PROPANE DEPARTMENT #446**

Council is on page 69 of 91. Council did not have any questions.

Motion by Scull and Cartier to approve Department 446 as presented by the Mayor. Scull, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Prickett, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

#### **FUEL OIL DEPARTMENT #447**

Mrs. Stinney advised Council is now on page 70 of 91. Mr. Cartier asked Administration which building still uses fuel oil. The Mayor answered the municipal building. Mrs. Scull asked if Administration is cutting it a little close or if they are looking at the cost staying down. Mr. Cartier responded the cost has actually come down a lot over the last year. The Mayor replied it has come down but it's one of those things of how do you predict the cost of fuel. Mrs. Scull remarked that this is an instance where if we don't spend as much on postage and the fuel costs go up, we have money from somewhere else we can transfer in to get it covered. Mrs. Scull stated that she doesn't have a problem with it.

Motion by Cartier and Scull to approve Department 447 as presented by the Mayor. Cartier, yes; Scull, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

#### **SEWER DEPARTMENT #455**

Council is now on page 71 of 91. Mr. Prickett noted there is a \$700 increase and asked if sewage rates have gone up or if additional lines have been added to municipal complexes. Mayor Patriarca asked Mrs. Scull if sewage rates have gone up. Mrs. Scull answered right now they have not but it has been forewarned that they may have to look at that some time this year. The Mayor commented that the Township has to be prepared if the Sewer Department takes that action. Mr. Cartier noted that will not take affect until next year and asked if he is correct. Mrs. Scull replied not necessarily.

Motion by Prickett and Inge to decrease the requested amount on line 2-07800 for Sewer by \$700 to \$4,800.

The Mayor cautioned Council that \$1,000 was transferred in and the actual expense last year was \$5,800 and now Council is reducing it down by \$1,000. Mr. Prickett asked the Mayor why there was a transfer of \$1,000 and stated that was \$1,000 out and not \$1,000 in. Mrs. Scull advised the budget last year was \$5,000 and the department expended \$4,800 and actuals for the year before was \$4,800. Mrs. Scull did not know why the budget is showing a transfer of \$1,000 and questioned where it came from and if that is a mistake. Mayor Patriarca noted it states transfer but it can't be \$1,000 because there wasn't \$1,000 left. Mr. Cartier asked if we have completely paid for last year and is this in cumberances over last year. Mayor Patriarca replied that in looking at the expenditures it was \$4,800 that was spent and that includes the last payment. The Mayor noted as of the last payment in December, \$4,800 was spent. Mr. Prickett then asked that Administration doesn't know about the transfer of \$1,000. Mayor Patriarca replied he doesn't believe there is \$1,000 that could have been transferred out and he thought it was transferred in. Mrs. Scull remarked it shouldn't have been if the budget was \$5,000 and \$4,800 was spent and it has to be a typo. Mr. Prickett suggested getting a correction on this and then coming back to it. Mrs. Scull stated to Mr. Prickett that he has a motion on the floor and asked if he is withdrawing his motion. Mr. Vaz advised he has the resolution number so if Council takes a break, the resolution can be pulled quick. Mr. Prickett informed he is willing to withdraw his motion until this is clarified.

#### **GASOLINE DEPARTMENT #460**

Council is on page 72 of 91. Mr. Prickett noted this indicates that \$60,000 was transferred in and there should be approximately \$10,000 of surplus in that line because of that. Mrs. Scull advised it's not in that line now because it went in to the new budget. Mrs. Scull conveyed this is a perfect example of why we can't nickel and dime every line. Take a couple of hundred dollars out here and there and there was \$320,000 budgeted and it cost us the \$370,000. If we had nickled and dined every line last year, we wouldn't have been able to pay or have the money to transfer in. Mr. Prickett noted this is a different year and there is a tax increase of 9.4 cents and residents are having a hard time getting food on their table so if Council can decrease this budget in any way they possibly can, Council needs to be considerate of the residents. Mrs. Scull expressed to Mr. Prickett that she understands that but asked Mr. Prickett if he listened to the Auditor last week about what kind of situation the Township could be in next year. Mr. Prickett

replied that he heard the Auditor. Mrs. Scull informed she is concerned about the residents down the road. She understands and doesn't want a tax increase either. Realistically Council knows that is not realistic and as much as she would like to say no tax increase, Council realizes that this is a very unstable financial situation. Mr. Prickett asked Mrs. Scull why review the budget at all if Council is not going to look at these things carefully and make some decisions. Mrs. Scull replied Council can. Mr. Prickett conveyed the Auditor said last week that he did not want to see the money coming from surplus which he agrees with and it's important to have a surplus. Mr. Prickett remarked the Auditor stated if we're going to take money, take it out of expenditures. It wasn't something the Auditor was gung ho about, but he said that if Council is going to cut the budget, cut it from expenditures and that's what he is focused on. Mrs. Scull agreed. Mrs. Stinney asked Mrs. Scull and Mr. Prickett if they are still talking about this department or if they are having a personal conversation. Mrs. Scull replied they are talking about gasoline and the budget in general. Mr. Prickett added in this case because of the fluctuation of gasoline and diesel over the years, we have to provide fuel for our vehicles and he doesn't contest that and appreciates this. When there is more of a fixed cost like with sewage and postage, one can more aptly predict what the costs are going to be. Mrs. Scull expressed that her point was had this been done last year, there would not be the money to transfer in to cover these costs. Mr. Prickett conveyed that he understands that. Mrs. Scull respected that the Mayor went through and cut as much out of this budget as he felt he could before giving the budget to Council. Mrs. Scull again stated that she understands what Mr. Prickett is saying but a couple of hundred dollars here and there isn't going to benefit the tax payers now or down the road because the Township needs \$80,000 out of here. Mr. Prickett stated he doesn't see a lot of those cuts because most of the budgeted amounts from last year have gone up. Mrs. Stinney respectfully interrupted Mr. Prickett and Mrs. Scull and advised Mr. Vaz has a comment. Mr. Vaz explained line 07400, Gasoline and Diesel Costs of page 72 of 91, that after the \$61,000 transfer in that line was at \$380,000 and the Township ended up spending \$370,000. This year's budget is asking for \$350,000 and the reason that Administration is asking for \$20,000 less than what was spent is because up to this point in time, the fuel prices have only been creeping up slightly. It is still a risk at the \$350,000.....Mrs. Stinney interjected that it is and you never know.....Mr. Vaz continued that it takes one mid-East issue and gas prices spiked two days ago when one of our subs collided with one of our battle ships. Mr. Vaz reiterated that Administration is asking for \$20,000 less than what was spent in 2008.

Motion by Scull and Cartier to approve Department 460 as presented. Scull, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Prickett, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

#### **SEWER DEPARTMENT #455 (CONTINUED)**

Mr. Cartier asked the Mayor if he was able to obtain an answer. Mayor Patriarca replied yes, for Department 455, Sewer, page 71 of 91; he spoke to the CFO and the resolution for the temporary budget actually has a typo in it and the actual expenditure expected for this year is \$4,800. Administration is requesting that line get reduced to \$4,800.

Motion by Prickett and Scull with the added information from the Mayor and CFO to reduce Department 455, Sewer, Line 2-07800 by \$700, making the new number \$4,800. Prickett, yes; Scull, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cartier and Prickett to approve Department 455 as amended. Cartier, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Scull, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

#### **SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT #465**

Mr. Prickett asked the Mayor if the tipping fees went up this year and what the increase is; less recycling, higher tipping fees. The Mayor recalled a \$3.00 increase per ton. Mr. Cartier commented that it appears a better job was done this year about getting the word out for recycling and keeping the costs down. Mr. Prickett stated it is a \$130,000 increase and it's horrendous. Mr. Cartier corrected Mr. Prickett in that it is \$130,000 over what was expended last year and it's an \$18,000 increase. Mr. Prickett commented to Mr. Cartier that this is a fixed amount and this is something the tax payers pay in their solid waste bill and he understands that and wanted to point out that yes, it is \$130,000 more than was expended last year and that some of this could come down if the Township recycled more wholeheartedly in the town. Mrs. Scull asked Administration when the Township will be getting more buckets. Mayor Patriarca replied he doesn't have a date but is looking for the second phase to start shortly which will be the Country Lakes area which is recommended by the County. This isn't a fixed rate but it is anticipated with the increase. Mayor Patriarca advised Mr. Vaz is locating the information in the file with the tonnage that was actually used last year. The amount of tons that the Township actually sent to the landfill is what Administration uses to gauge the number off of. Mrs. Scull remarked that the Township needs to find some way of notifying the residents that every time they throw stuff out at the curb, it increases our tonnage and increases the amount of tax dollars that are spent. Mrs. Scull asked if that is outside of even the trash bill, the tonnage that the Township pays for trash when it is extra weight, because the trash bills are set but doesn't the Township have to pay more. Mayor Patriarca explained to take this and the contracted rate and he is sure the Township is absorbing some of that and are anticipating that to start going down with the buckets as they are brought in to play. So far he is getting a lot of positive feedback from the residents in Presidential Lakes. The residents he has spoken to seem to be pleased with the buckets and are finding themselves putting more in for recycling that they normally would. Cereal boxes that are normally thrown away are being put in the buckets for recycling. The Mayor expressed hope that this will transfer in to the other areas as we increase the programs. Mrs. Scull would like to see the Township do more with the residents so that they know not to throw something that is perfectly good out by the curb. Mr. Prickett commented to Mrs. Scull that he is confused with something that she said. The solid waste bill that the residents pay covers the tipping as well as the collection and the residents pay for this in a separate bill. Where the price comes in is if we would recycle more, we would have less of a tipping fee and wouldn't have to pay as much there and we would be following that in to recycle which we don't pay for. We get money for recycling with a recycling grant. Mrs. Scull conveyed that it cost us all more when those heavy objects go in to the garbage. Mr. Prickett added that it not only cost us more but we get less money in the grant; we get sucker punched both ways. Mrs. Scull agreed and added she doesn't think the residents really understand this. Mr. Cartier noted in 2007, the Township expended \$915,000 in tipping fees and asked if our tipping fees are completed for last year. Mayor Patriarca replied it did not include December, it just went to November. Mr. Cartier asked the Mayor if he had an estimate on how much December will be. The Mayor advised that December is one of our larger months because of Christmas. Mr. Cartier commented that he can't foresee it being \$113,000. The Mayor informed

November was approximately \$63,000. Mr. Cartier stated that brings it up to nine hundred. The Mayor added the next highest is eighty seven back in May. Mrs. Scull noted that December will be higher. Mr. Cartier claimed if we take \$90,000, we are looking at \$934,000-\$935,000. The Mayor advised there is a \$3.00 increase on the tipping fee. Mr. Cartier acknowledged. Mr. Inge and Mrs. Scull did not have any additional questions. Mr. Prickett asked Mr. Vaz if he obtained all of the information he was looking for. Mr. Vaz reiterated the increase is \$3.00. Mrs. Scull asked how many tons the Township did last year. Mayor Patriarca stated Administration can obtain that number with the solid waste contract. Mrs. Scull asked if there will be the landfill tax this year because she doesn't see it on there, the \$7,500. Mr. Cartier stated the DEP tax. Mr. Cartier commented it is all included in the tipping fees; the note the Burlington County landfill does not break out tax due to DEP. Mrs. Scull concurred. Mayor Patriarca advised Mr. Vaz is getting the tonnage usage for the year. Mrs. Scull expressed that might give Council an idea of the figure of the increase. These were based on last year and she doesn't have a problem with it.

While Council was waiting for Mr. Vaz to locate the information, Mrs. Stinney stepped out of the room for a few minutes at 12:45 pm to get a bottle of water. Mr. Prickett asked the Mayor that last week when there was a discussion regarding the fencing in Country Lakes and he sees some of the residents back and is glad to see them here, he wrote down where the Mayor wanted to see that money transferred to but can't find it and asked the Mayor. The Mayor responded Streets and Roads, line 5804 were the guard rail supplies are done, on page 43 of 91. Mayor Patriarca conveyed that Administration can draw from there if doing a project such as guard rail supplies unless Mr. Prickett wanted to put it in miscellaneous. Mr. Prickett replied not particularly and the Mayor knows how he feels about that. Mrs. Stinney asked Mr. Vaz if he had the information. Mayor Patriarca informed it is approximately 15,000 a year in tonnage after averaging the last four years or so. Mr. Vaz explained the contractor was told when we did the bid spec to anticipate in the 15,000 by trying to average out. It has fluctuated in the fourteens over the last three or four years with the high being fourteen eight. Mrs. Scull noted it takes up quite a bit of that increase. Mr. Prickett clarified it is 15,000 tons. Mrs. Scull commented it is \$45,000. Mr. Cartier added that it takes up all of that increase.

Motion by Scull and Cartier to approve Department 465 as presented by the Mayor. Scull, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Prickett, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Prickett suggested to Mr. Vaz to put a page and notes in the addendum book and it can be revised for next year. Mrs. Scull appreciated the book and added that it is great and Council has never had this before and it is a wonderful thing. Mayor Patriarca noted it is better than last year and next year will be better than this year. Mrs. Stinney commented that she appreciates this and it is really great.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT #470**

Mrs. Stinney advised Council is on page 74 of 91.

Motion by Cartier and Prickett to approve Department 470 as presented by the Mayor. Cartier, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Scull, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

#### **SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT #472**

A discussion ensued between Council and Administration as to where social security is located in the budget book. The Mayor advised to call his office if there are any problems and Administration will find it for them. Mrs. Stinney advised Council is on page 75 of 91, social security, department 472 and asked Council if they had any questions. Mr. Prickett remarked he would like an explanation as to why \$700,000 was budgeted last year and it's gone up \$30,000 and \$665,000 was expended and it's gone up from that about \$65,000. Mr. Vaz answered Mrs. Eden takes the salary and wage pages from the departmental budgets and those get totaled out and for budget purposes she needs to stick in what the social security will be on those budgeted salaries. During the course of the year, we may not spend all of the salaries and some people might be out on the short term disability plan and that's why there is a fluctuation in the number. Mayor Patriarca remarked it is a fixed number based on the salaries of the departments.

Motion by Scull and Cartier to approve Department 472 as presented by the Mayor. Scull, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Prickett, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

#### **JUDGEMENTS DEPARTMENT #480**

Mrs. Stinney remarked Council is on page 76 of 91. Mr. Prickett commented to Mr. Cartier that he would agree that we have gone from 0 all the way up to \$425,000, almost a half million dollars, and asked if there is a tab in the supplemental book. Mr. Cartier commented this is a new line that was created..... Mrs. Scull interjected and agreed and added that is why it was zero.....Mr. Cartier continued because it was in legal before and asked where judgments were paid from. Mr. Cartier stated judgments were paid last year. Mr. Vaz advised if he remembers correctly, there was zero in the budget for judgments last year. Mr. Cartier asked where they were paid from then because there was nothing expended either. Mr. Vaz commented the ones that were approved at the end of the year were settlements that were done in 2008 but were paid in 2009 at least in the first part of the year through the temporary budget. Mrs. Scull asked if we paid out anything at all. Mr. Vaz explained that's why when we settled those cases, they were settled with the opposing counsel that his or her client would accept payment after January 1 so there would be a temporary budget in place. Mr. Prickett commented that maybe some of this is a closed session projection but these are all projections he assumes. Mr. Vaz conveyed some of it is actually to pay settlements that have already been approved in 2008 that were paid through the temporary budget. There are two that would be closed session that we are anticipating.....Mrs. Scull interjected that Council knows those are big numbers.....Mr. Vaz informed one is the Bems landfill case. We don't know what the settlement is going to be and when it is going to happen. We anticipate it will happen and there is something in there for that if it settles in 2009. Mrs. Scull reminded we just had the \$100,000 case. Mr. Prickett asked if there is any indication that Bems is going to settle. Mr. Prickett noted that Bems has been before us since almost seven years now. Mr. Vaz advised he had asked Mr. Bayer to look in to this when Administration was putting the budget together. The only information they have is that all of the towns have submitted their landfill data that the towns had including Pemberton Township and the super mediator is suppose to be at a point where he is very close to finalizing numbers that everybody that is a part of this mediation will kick in. It could happen tomorrow, they just don't know. According to Mr. Bayer, the mediator is that far along in the process. Mr. Prickett remarked hopefully we might be able to use this for surplus next year, some of this significant amount. Mayor Patriarca conveyed he doesn't know that

Bems is that much in this settlement and there's some of the other cases that Council is aware of are going to draw this down. Mr. Prickett commented this is about six cents of the tax increase. Mr. Vaz agreed. Mayor Patriarca advised these are only the ones that we know or anticipate to be settled this year and are not any new ones that may come up and that is what we are concerned about.

Motion by Scull to approve Department 480 as presented by the Mayor with the hopes that it becomes surplus. Seconded by Cartier. Scull, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Prickett, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

#### **ACCUMULATED LEAVE COMPENSATION DEPARTMENT #415**

Mrs. Scull commented that this must be a fixed amount. Mayor Patriarca informed this is a trust that Mrs. Eden is working on to try and build up a number so that we can stop budgeting for accumulated leave where now we budget within the lines in the departments which we have to do in anticipation of somebody leaving. If we can build a trust up sufficient enough to cover that, or what we anticipate to cover that, we won't have to budget as much somewhere down the line. Mr. Cartier remarked with that answer from the Mayor, if we are trying to build a trust account, he thought we were not allowed to use budgeted monies for a trust account as was his question when it came to the K9 trust account. Mr. Vaz explained Administration is using the word trust but it is not a trust account in the sense of the other trusts. This is actually in the budget and Mrs. Eden is trying to build a reserve in the budget to pay some of that out. Obviously \$1,000 is a very small number in relation to what the liability probably is. That is actually what the actuary that Council approved last month is going to be doing for us. The actuary will be taking all of our employee information and doing an actuarially analysis as to when people might retire and do all of the projections and come up with what our liability might be. This line ties right in to that. That's not to say we put \$1 million in next year once we get the report; the law doesn't require that in New Jersey. Mr. Vaz reiterated that is what Mrs. Eden is trying to do; build some money in this budget so that it can be charged dollar for dollar to that line. Mr. Cartier stated to clarify this it has to be a trust account or else the money would roll in to surplus next year. Mayor Patriarca responded that it is one of the approved accounts when Mrs. Eden requested this through DCA as one of the accounts that can be set up like this. Another one that Mrs. Eden was able to set up was the salt. Mrs. Scull added they have approved titles and she remembers that conversation. Mr. Cartier agreed but added that is why we asked to establish the K9 trust account. Mr. Prickett asked if Mr. Cartier received a list of approved trust from the auditor. Mr. Cartier replied no and he remembered Mr. Prickett asked for that last week. Mr. Prickett informed he did receive it and will forward it to the Clerk so she can forward it to all of Council. Mr. Prickett remarked that he was pleasantly surprised that the auditor sent him that information. Mr. Cartier noted he has not received other than what someone said last week why we weren't going to do that was because no one is donating to the K9 trust account. Mr. Cartier asked why that can't be done through the budget because he remembers specifically asking last year or two years ago when the K9 was established to establish this trust account. Mayor Patriarca informed there is a trust account for the K9. Mr. Cartier then asked why we can't budget money for that account. The Mayor replied that we budget within the budget. He doesn't know that there is anything precluding you from taking the surplus at the end of the year from that line and transferring it to the trust account and that's what Mrs. Eden looks to do with this line; take the surplus in accumulated leave at the end of the year just like with what is budgeted for salt and then put that in to a trust account to build that reserve, that surplus.

once it's in that account, then that's all it can be used for; just that particular item. Mr. Cartier understands that and doesn't think that is a bad thing especially when it comes to K9. Mr. Cartier noted that the Mayor was standing next to him at all of the doors that they knocked on and people stated bring back the K9. The Mayor replied that they have. Mr. Cartier agreed that they have but added that these dogs are going to age and he doesn't want to see them end up going away again. Mr. Prickett explained that there are a couple of reasons why a trust fund is established and in this case thinks it is more of a buffer so that when you have a big amount in accumulated leave going out, you don't want to have that in the budget and have to increase taxes on that. Mr. Prickett continued then there is the other situation with disability where the employees pay money in to the disability as opposed to the state and there is a bank of money so when someone gets hurt and they need to have that disability covered, the money is there. Mayor Patriarca explained there is a disability policy that is purchased. Mr. Prickett asked if the money goes for a policy and not as a fund of some sort or a trust. The Mayor remarked that the employees aren't paying for that and that is not something that they see a deduction out of their pay for; we fund that. Mr. Cartier indicated that it is a big hit having to re-establish that particular K9 unit. Mr. Prickett stated it was approximately \$90,000. Mr. Cartier added if we can supplement it on a yearly basis it won't be so .....Mayor Patriarca interjected that is the entire program and is not the cost of a dog. If we had a dog go out of service and had to get a dog, it might be approximately \$5,000. The program included the officers, training, vehicles, equipment and so forth. We didn't expend the full amount and ended up with a surplus from that. Mr. Cartier agreed and stated when you have to purchase a new dog, there is training involved with the dog and the officer so it's not just \$5,000 for the purchase of the dog. Mayor Patriarca stated that is something they can look at. We budgeted in the budget now and if Council wants to take that and if it can be done, Administration would have to check with the DCA to see if we can transfer the surplus from that line at the end of the year that wasn't used in to the trust and maintain a bank to reach a certain number and say okay we've got \$10,000 in there and that should hold us in case we run in to a problem. Mr. Cartier apologized for going backwards and he knows the K9's are near and dear to their hearts. Mr. Cartier reiterated that he doesn't want to see this program go away. All of Council ran on it. Mayor Patriarca commented that Mr. Cartier is the only saying it's going away and no one is talking about it going away. Mr. Cartier doesn't want it to be another hit to the tax payer and have to re-establish it. Mr. Prickett asked Mr. Cartier how much he wanted to see in there. Mr. Cartier replied he didn't know and suggested \$5,000 to cover the expense of a dog. Mayor Patriarca stated it is always going to be a hit to the tax payer and if we put \$5,000 in there right now as a buffer for the tax payer.....Mr. Cartier interjected that he is not saying one time, one year.....The Mayor continued that then it's a hit today; this year. Mr. Cartier remarked that he is saying over time and is not saying to be a one time hit but rather to accumulate it over a period of years. Mr. Cartier asked what the work expectancy of the dogs is. The Mayor replied that it could be one day. Mr. Cartier agreed but asked what is the normal.....Mayor Patriarca stated that he can't answer that because the dog could be here today and gone tomorrow and it's no different than him and Mr. Cartier. Mr. Cartier commented to the Mayor that he knows what he is saying and there are normal work expectancies out there for him and the Mayor. Mr. Vaz answered there is an anticipated life expectancy because he has seen it in the K9 file. He shouldn't say life expectancy but the expectancy of his or her service as a K9. Mr. Vaz advised he has to get the information from the file. Mr. Vaz continued that on the accumulated leave absence, Mrs. Eden informed that was left in there because in

last year's budget, she had anticipated starting the trust and she has started it and it has \$75,000 in it for accumulated leave absences. Mr. Vaz advised that per Mrs. Eden, this departmental line can go. Mr. Cartier asked where is this account funded from. Mayor Patriarca replied salary lines and Mrs. Eden would roll the accumulated leave in the salary lines and the surplus from there would roll in to the trust to fund that. Mr. Cartier informed he would still like the K9 trust issue re-looked at because he is not satisfied with the answer he got. Mayor Patriarca commented that Administration will look in to that and he knows that department was approved. Mr. Prickett conveyed that Council has been talking about funding a number of things as it was mentioned about gypsy moth by the Mayor, funding a fence in Country Lakes. Mr. Prickett suggested transferring this in to one of those two projects or splitting it between both of them. Instead of just taking it out at this point and he is all for taking it out, but Council needs to consider funding the Country Lakes fence as well as hot spots with gypsy moths. Mr. Prickett was at Oak Pines today and the area is not big; there may be five acres that need attention, and an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Mr. Prickett continued it's not just for the residents of Oak Pines, it's Pemberton Township residents overall because so many of the trees that are out there that have been harmed by the gypsy moths are on Township property. Those trees that are going to have to come down are going to cost a lot more than being preventative in this situation. Mr. Prickett expressed that he would like to see not only funding for the Country Lakes fencing but also a \$3,000 increase to the gypsy moth line. Mr. Prickett continued that the Mayor and Administration could use that money at their discretion to treat the hot spots not only within the residential areas but also on municipal properties to hopefully decrease the costs of cutting those trees down in the future. Mr. Cartier advised that he is not entirely opposed to transferring but his thought process is to do the cuts and see what is left at the end and then go back and put back in. Mr. Prickett informed that he has a hard time putting back in once we take out. Mrs. Scull asked Mr. Prickett what the difference is. Mr. Prickett expressed the difference is, when you take out you decrease the pennies and that's really what he would like to see done but if we could have some kind of an agreement here as to where Council wants to put these changes, he would feel a lot more comfortable about that. Mrs. Stinney advised that she does not have a problem with taking out and decreasing the pennies and she is sure none of the Council members have a problem with the two issues, the gypsy moths and the fencing. Mrs. Stinney expressed that she is sure that Council as a whole if they agree can put back after the budget is presented to Council; it was the \$5,000 that Council agreed to take out of the budget for furniture. Mrs. Stinney is sure that Council will not have a problem as a whole to put that \$5,000 back in and perhaps maybe it will be for the fence or the gypsy moth spraying in Oak Pines. Mrs. Stinney agreed with Mr. Prickett to transfer funding and maybe at the end of Council's review of the budget, maybe Council can go back in as Mr. Prickett constantly states at the beginning of each budget hearing that he would like to revisit those departments and go back. Mrs. Stinney conveyed to Council if they would like to do that and continue on for the respect of the public that perhaps wants to comment and provide Council with more input, Council can continue on and then go back and say there are two hot issues, the fence in Country Lakes and the gypsy moths. Mr. Prickett expressed that it is nice to talk about this ahead of time. Mr. Prickett noted that Mrs. Stinney mentioned that Council might adopt this budget or put it up for a vote at the end of the day and when you go to do that.....Mrs. Stinney interjected that she agrees and has to read that at every budget hearing in case Council does.....Mr. Prickett continued that it is a possibility and that is why it is important to talk about it as we go along. Mr. Prickett added that he knows Mrs.

Stinney does. Mrs. Scull noted that unfortunately, Council hasn't really taken that much out of the budget. Mr. Prickett acknowledged and agreed with Mrs. Scull statement. Mrs. Scull remarked that she doesn't see why transferring \$1,000 here and there and she would rather take out what Council can and then put back in for the fence and gypsy moth and doesn't see why it's a big deal. Mr. Cartier stated that it makes it less confusing. Mrs. Scull agreed and added it's less confusing than trying to transfer from here to there. It's not a full amount of money, and that \$1,000 is not going to fully fund anything. Mr. Prickett stated it is not but as long as Council agrees to look at at least these two areas that need some funding. Mrs. Scull commented that all of Council agrees that we need to look at those areas.

Motion by Scull and Prickett to decrease Department 415, line 2-20400, Miscellaneous Expenses by \$1,000.

Mrs. Stinney stated that she did not get a consensus and asked Mr. Inge if he is agreeing as well. Mr. Inge responded yes. Mrs. Stinney advised that we have to be courteous to all of our Council members.

Scull, yes; Prickett, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Stinney thanked Council for agreeing and added that is one thing that she would like to see and she is sure the residents of the Township would also like to see and that is a full Council supporting a budget that we can all live with. Council has their disagreements but she is sure the residents will be pleased to see that Council as a whole agrees. Council may not agree on every line but are at least working together for the residents of the Township.

#### **DEFERRED CHARGES DEPARTMENT #870**

Mr. Prickett asked if Council had to talk about this as there is nothing being requested. The Mayor commented that there are no deferred charges this year.

Motion by Scull and Cartier to approve Department 870 as presented by the Mayor. Scull, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Prickett, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

#### **BOND PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT #920**

Mrs. Stinney advised Council is on page 80 of 91, payment of bond principal. Mayor Patriarca informed Council these are fixed amounts that the Township makes as payments to the bonds that are currently out. Mr. Prickett asked if we have a debt statement and an annual financial statement and is that where this is projected from; the increase of \$102,000. Mr. Vaz answered yes. Mr. Cartier asked Mr. Prickett how much the increase is and stated it is \$30,000. Mr. Prickett agreed with Mr. Cartier and noted it is \$29,000. Mr. Prickett expressed he is glad he asked that question because that is a lot of money but is not as big of an increase as he thought it was. Mr. Prickett commented that this is a workshop. Mr. Vaz commented that there is a bond issue retiring this year, the last principal and interest payment for a refunding bond from 1993. There is another serial bond retiring in 2011 and a water serial bond in 2011. Mr. Prickett asked Mr. Vaz what document it is and if it is the debt statement. Mr. Vaz answered it is not and it is a spreadsheet that Mr. Kevin Frenia did for the Mayor and him last year. It's actually an amortization table and the Mayor did want Council to have a copy but his copy has a lot of notes on it and they will be providing a clean copy. Mr.

Prickett asked Mr. Vaz to provide a copy to Council. Mrs. Scull stated Council did have one last year. Mr. Vaz commented that it was probably the same sheet he has now. Mr. Vaz pointed out that Administration just had a conversation with Bond Counsel on Thursday and asked him to look at this sheet and see if we can benefit from the low interest rates in to a refunding bond at least of the bond that is going to be out through 2020 to see if the Township can save anything by refunding that now. Right now the Local Finance Board is very busy. In addition to cap waivers, they are very busy doing refunding bond approvals. Mr. Vaz explained Administration has not been contacted by an underwriter. Usually the underwriter would contact us if they thought there was a way to save the Township money and the underwriter makes money at the same time but he said that is one indicator of whether we can save money if someone is banging on our door. Mr. Vaz added that Bond Counsel will have someone look at it for us. Mr. Prickett asked if there have been changes with the Bridge Commission money that we have those contracts with. Mr. Vaz answered no, other than Finance has its arms around the situation at this point.

Motion by Cartier and Scull to approve Department 920 as presented by the Mayor. Cartier, yes; Scull, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Stinney convened the meeting for a short break at 1:23 pm and reconvened the meeting at 1:38 pm.

Mrs. Stinney informed Council that she has had a few requests to open public comments now and asked Council for a consensus. Council agreed but Mr. Cartier added that he doesn't have a problem with it as long as there is not a back and forth conversation for two hours like was previously had. The Mayor commented four hours. Mrs. Stinney noted no, Council is going to get through the budget. Mr. Prickett commented that he always likes to hear from the public.

Mrs. Stinney opened the meeting to the public. Those indicating a desire to be heard were: **Duana Yost: 1.** Asked Council what they decided to do for the Country Lakes area for the fencing. At the previous meeting, Council was going to talk with some people to determine what type of fencing, who would install it, or if the Township would provide the materials and the residents provide the labor. The homeowners are very interested as to what is going to be done, what the timeframe is and making sure that this is definitely in the budget. Mrs. Stinney commented as Council has informed earlier, they are still anticipating perhaps at the end of the budget where funding needs to go. Council is aware of the two projects. Mrs. Stinney expressed as far as she is concerned, and Council can jump in at any time as this is an informal meeting, Council has not completely sat down and discussed this as Council. The timeframe can't be answered now because Council is not at the table to even deal with the situation of putting that money aside for the fence and it's a decision of the Council for a whole. Mrs. Scull asked the Mayor if Administration came up with a price. Mayor Patriarca relayed that Administration is requesting \$5,000 for that project. Mrs. Scull conveyed that Council has taken out not quite \$20,000 but there seems to be money that can be transferred to that line item and she is not opposed to doing that because that is a serious concern. She has been concerned for years that someone will get hurt. Mr. Prickett informed he and the Mayor have walked Country Lakes along that road and talked about it a number of years ago and he is glad to see it finally being addressed. Mr. Prickett expressed that Council appropriates the money and Council really doesn't

have anything to do with what goes there, when it's placed, when the fence goes in and that is not Council's job. Council's job is to appropriate the money so that's really within Administration. Mrs. Yost advised that the residents want to make sure that if there is a discussion and they are satisfied now and walk out of this room, what are the chances that when it's all over today that that's really going to be in there. Mr. Prickett expressed that anything can happen. Mrs. Stinney informed it is the Council's decision. Council has to go through the budget as a whole. Mrs. Stinney noted the residents hear Council talking about transferring \$5,000 that was taken out and Council will discuss that. Mrs. Yost commented that from what she is hearing there is really no disagreement at this point from the Council that this needs to be addressed.....Mrs. Stinney interjected that Council all agrees that this is a safety issue and the pictures speak for itself. Mrs. Stinney reiterated that Council will discuss this and as she stated earlier, she would love for the Council to come together and this is what the public put them in office for. Council can disagree and she hates it when they are disagreeable but as a Council they do come together for the purpose of the residents which they are here for. For the most part, Council's interest is for the residents of the town. Mrs. Stinney expressed that Council has heard the issue of safety and they are going to take that in to consideration. Mrs. Yost informed she appreciates that and knows that all of the residents that are concerned with this too, it is nice to know that Council is listening and putting attention to this. It makes her feel a lot more comfortable and she does appreciate that. What they will look for is to know that it has been approved and that it is in and if it is decided that the guard rail is too expensive, if the residents assistance is needed, and if the Township will provide the materials, the residents will be more than happy to help to get it in. Mrs. Stinney commented that Mrs. Yost has heard from all of the Council members and she can say that Council is all in agreement that this is a safety issue. Mr. Prickett interjected that the Council was never opposed to the idea and learned about this at the meeting before last and it was three budget meetings back. Mr. Cartier had some questions regarding how it would look and what it would be like and he wasn't opposed to having a measure there to keep kids from going out on the road and getting hurt and it was just this item was kind of put on Council's shoulders while going through a budget hearing and Council has a 9.4 cent increase and talking about adding \$5,000 more and there are a lot of things to consider. It was never in the budget to begin with and knows that was probably clarified at the last meeting. Mr. Prickett reiterated that all of Council is interested in the safety of the kids and families in Pemberton Township. Mrs. Yost informed they are interested to see what the final decision is and they will be watching. Mrs. Stinney thanked Mrs. Yost. Mrs. Scull assured Mrs. Yost that she intends to make a motion to put that money there. Mr. Prickett advised that he already made the motion at the last meeting. **Gerald Hayes: 1.** Came today because one of his neighbors couldn't make it today and had a question about the gypsy moths. Heard Council mention putting the money back in the budget. Asked if there was any money set aside in 2008 for the gypsy moths. Mrs. Scull replied no. Mr. Hayes asked if there was any surplus left over. Mr. Prickett advised there was nothing in the line item for gypsy moths in 2008. Mrs. Scull commented there is for 2009, but last year it was taken out. Mrs. Stinney stated to Mr. Hayes that he is from Oak Pines and asked the Mayor to inform him what he has been doing for the past few days. Mayor Patriarca advised that in response to his question regarding money put aside last, even if there was money put aside last year for gypsy moths, it would have been turned in to surplus at the end of the year. It would have been absorbed and wouldn't be available to us because of the budgeting process until next year. You have to skip a year until you can use your surplus from that year. With that not

being in the equation, Administration has heard concerns of spraying in that area and Oak Pines was not considered by the State as a spray area because it didn't meet the criteria. It met two of the three elements and it was listed as approximately 39 acres as opposed to the 40 acres that are required. The Mayor is sure the state could have expanded a little outside of the development to come up with an acre if they really wanted to spray that as residents. That's what he doesn't understand, as a town, we would have been willing to spray that but they are not willing to give it in our area because they say it doesn't meet the criteria. Mayor Patriarca went ahead this week and looked in to other possibilities of aerial type spraying. The company that is providing it for the state could not increase our spray area because they are too overwhelmed with the amount of work that they have. They are not taking on any additional work. There is another company that would come in and it is a rotary craft, a helicopter company that would come in and spray for us. The first price would cover a 30 to 60 acre area and they charge \$117 per acre. If Council elected to add that to the budget, it could be set up. Administration would need a commitment from Council as soon as possible that they want to do this so the process can get started because the company will need at least three weeks to ensure they will get the permitting done for this and then they will schedule a spray. It will be a single application as the rest of the selected areas by the state are getting. There are still a considerable amount of areas in the town that are not in the spray zone, and if Council wishes to put any other areas in there, the price starts to go down; 61-80 acres is \$92.00 an acre, 81-100 acres is \$82.00 an acre and it gradually goes down and when you reach 800 acres, it is \$65.00 an acre. The roughly \$40.00 an acre that we are paying the state is obviously a bulk rate. Mr. Prickett expressed to Mr. Hayes that he spoke with Joe at the Department of Agriculture and there is indeed a hot spot in Oak Pines but it is not 39 acres, it's not 20 acres, it's not 10 acres; it's somewhere around five acres. That area is around Pin Oak Road and it is a horseshoe shaped area. Mr. Prickett had a map and offered to share it with Administration and Mr. Hayes if he would like a copy. Mr. Prickett expressed that Joe's recommendation was to do ground spraying because it would be a lot cheaper and could use chemicals that would be a lot more effective. Mr. Prickett expressed concern and asked the Mayor to listen to this and he knows he can do two things at once that you need some kind of a strategy, a priority list, a program like the Department of Agriculture has; they have the forty acres and so many houses involved before spraying. Mr. Prickett advised he is sympathetic to the possibility that if we don't have a basis for spraying that everybody in the world is going to come in and say come spray our neighborhood. The Department of Agriculture has that criteria. If they come in and find the 550 egg masses, that might be the basis for spraying in that area. That's why he would suggest Council provide Administration with a fund of money that they could use to develop a program to address the hot spots. Mayor Patriarca asked Mr. Prickett if he would be funding the money to authorize the spraying of areas or developing a program. Mr. Prickett replied Administration could develop the program without using money but certainly he would like to see the program result in some of these areas sprayed where you would need the money to do that. Mayor Patriarca responded that he doesn't believe we will get a program in place with the criterias and so forth that Mr. Prickett is asking for at this particular day that would satisfy this year's spray and the numbers that the aerial company provided for 30-60 acres were the minimum numbers they would come out to spray. The Mayor continued that Mr. Prickett noted five acres. Mayor Patriarca commented there was something that came through his office that noted 39 acres in that area and he would be surprised if Oak Pines consisted of five acres only. Pin Oak Drive may consist of five acres but .....Mr. Prickett interjected

that is not what he is saying. The hot spot is along Pin Oak and he is fine with the \$3,500 and intent to spray all of Oak Pines but there needs to be a program in place. A way to determine certain mandatory minimum numbers of egg masses and infestation to an area. That needs to be a part of a program; otherwise, people in Pemberton Township might want to have their area sprayed and there might not be enough gypsy moths in their area to spray. There needs to be a criteria. Mayor Patriarca expressed that he does not disagree, and he and Mr. Vaz have discussed this in depth this past week and they agree that will be the result of picking and choosing areas. There will be an influx of calls that will be why not my area, this area was added on, I have gypsy moths, they only have an egg mass of 400 and to them that might be an infestation that they don't want to live with and want that area sprayed. The Mayor asked where do you draw that line; the state chooses five something.....Mr. Prickett interjected and stated we need to use the state; they are the experts. The Mayor responded that if we are going to use the state, the state has already done the work for us and they've already made the decision and we are already at the point where we say we're not spraying because the state has already surveyed and the egg mass is not there along with the other criteria. If we are going to use the state's formula and program and guide it towards our own program, why reinvent the wheel. Mayor Patriarca commented that Mr. Prickett is stating to use the state's but have our own....Mr. Prickett interjected that he would like to work in concert in determining the program. Mr. Prickett conveyed that the Mayor is correct, the state does talk about using helicopters for areas less than 40 acres and.....Mrs. Stinney interjected that we can go on about setting up a program and she remembers Mrs. Forman who is here and can contest to that as well putting together a committee last year. Mrs. Stinney added that she asked if they would put that together and suggested that they could still continue to do that. The priority now is Council willing to make the commitment for the spraying of Oak Pines. Mrs. Stinney asked Mr. Hayes if that is what he is saying. Mrs. Stinney acknowledged Mr. Prickett commenting that there needs to be some type of direction where we need to go. Mr. Hayes asked if some acreage could be borrowed from Rottau Village. The Mayor responded that he doesn't know that there wouldn't be the acreage to satisfy a fly over; it's just what Council elects to fund. If a ground spraying is done on Pin Oak Drive, that's only a small portion of the residents representing Oak Pines and the rest of those residents will ask why is Pin Oak getting sprayed while their yards are filled with gypsy moths. There may not be 500 egg masses but they have gypsy moths and don't want them. Mayor Patriarca still doesn't doubt that Administration will receive those same calls from every resident in Country Lakes that will ask why they weren't sprayed. Mrs. Scull added that Administration will hear from Route 70 and Ridge Road. Mr. Cartier added and also Blue Berry Manor and T&M Homes. Mr. Hayes asked if when the money is being put in or taken out, if Council would consider Oak Pines. While traveling down Magnolia Road, one can see the infestation in the large trees and if they happen to cave in and that is a migration route in the summer time for the Philadelphia folks going to the beach and we don't need a tree in the middle of the road. Mr. Hayes expressed appreciation for Council considering that. Mr. Cartier stated maybe we need a tree down across Route 70 so people would come in and spend some money in Pemberton Township instead of going down to the shore and spending their money. Mrs. Scull noted how it was determined that there is a hot spot on Pin Oak and asked if the state has a list of where the other hot spots are in the Township. Mrs. Scull reiterated that as she stated before it's not that she doesn't want to spray Oak Pines. People in the other areas are on her case because we cut off the gypsy moths last year. Mayor Patriarca replied that he doesn't have that list but Mr. Prickett may have it. Mr. Prickett informed that he

has a map and it is one small section of Pemberton Township that the state photocopied and faxed to him yesterday. The map does cover Oak Pines but the state has a map that covers Pemberton Township and if looking at the map it shows the sampling area where the state sampled for egg masses and also the horse shoe area where they found the hot spot on Pin Oak. The map is in color but it wasn't faxed in color. Mr. Prickett offered the drawing to Mrs. Scull to look at and see where they sampled and the one area they found. Mr. Prickett noted that is the criteria that should be used for spraying instead of spraying.....Mrs. Scull interjected that there has to be some kind of criteria because otherwise there will be everybody and their brother wanting to be sprayed and we'll be back up to \$250,000 again. Mayor Patriarca informed that Administration can request the map from the DEP in its color form and entirety. Mr. Prickett advised it is from the Department of Agriculture. The Mayor stated to see what it entails but it comes down to how much money Council sets aside for this and Administration will use that money in those areas. Mrs. Scull cannot agree to just ground spray that horseshoe curve because as Mrs. Stinney stated, there will be everybody else in Oak Pines angry at Council and everybody all over the town angry because they want to be sprayed. Mr. Hayes noted that they are a wooded Township and that is something that has to be considered because he may have found out why his apple tree has died. If he wanted concrete, he would have moved to Philadelphia but he likes trees. Mrs. Scull agreed with Mr. Hayes and added that the set of woods behind her mothers is ruined. Mrs. Scull noted Mr. Hayes brought up another good point that there are trees in the median that are dead and she is concerned that one of them will fall over the road. Mrs. Scull asked the Mayor if Administration is looking at removing some of those trees on Magnolia Road that have been killed by the gypsy moth. Mayor Patriarca advised that any tree that poses a hazard that is on Township property is being addressed, and the trees are either contracted or are taken down ourselves. Mr. Hayes spoke of the previous comments regarding the mailing costs of the gypsy moths documents and asked if the commercial firms like Acme, CVS, WaWa and Channel 19 could post announcements for our residents. If they are mailed out, can they go out as bulk mail or first class mail. Mrs. Stinney replied it is a state mandate that there has to be a mailing. Mrs. Stinney asked the Mayor if the mailing is going out as bulk. Mr. Cartier responded that bulk mailing is for everybody in that postal area. Mr. Hayes stated there is a difference in the classes of mail, such as business bulk or.....Mr. Cartier interjected that when you do bulk mail it is not specifically addressed to an individual and it is for everybody within that post office area. The way the gypsy moth spraying is going this year, there are four regions and it's not everybody in the Township. Mrs. Stinney thanked Mr. Hayes. Mrs. Scull asked the Mayor if most of the mail is sent out bulk. Mr. Cartier interjected when you want it to be mailed to everybody in the Township. With the gypsy moth suppression.....Mayor Patriarca replied right now the Township is using the cheapest method we can and are actually trying to team up with the schools if we can. The school seems to get a better rate than us because they seem to do a lot more mailing.

**Michelle Forman: 1.** Thanked Council for opening the meeting up to public comments so the public doesn't have to sit through the budget hearing. Mrs. Forman advised her comments are to address all of Council but mostly Mrs. Scull as she is the one that talked about it the most. Mrs. Forman commented that this has been advertised according to the open public meeting act and asked where it was advertised because she didn't see it in the Community News in the last few weeks. Mr. Cartier responded that the Burlington County Times is our official newspaper. Mr. Prickett added and also the Trenton Times. Mrs. Forman advised when she reads the rules for advertising meetings, it seems it should be advertised in a local

community paper and asked Council to look in to advertising meeting notices in the Community News. Mrs. Stinney explained that at the beginning of reorganization each year, the newspapers are selected and the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times are the newspapers that were selected. Mr. Cartier added that the Community News has been tried in the past and it has been found that they don't work. If a meeting has to be scheduled in a hurry, the only way to do that is through the Burlington County Times because the Community News' publication deadline is Tuesday. If Council has to have a meeting on a Thursday, the announcement must be to the Community News by Monday to meet their publication deadline. Mr. Cartier continued that the Community News just doesn't work the way we have to operate. Mr. Vaz added there are also circulation requirements that the newspaper has to have. Mr. Cartier conveyed previous Councils tried to use the Community News and it just didn't work. Mr. Prickett informed that Administration also puts the dates on the website. Mrs. Forman advised that she doesn't have a computer. Mr. Prickett advised that the dates are also posted in the building. Mrs. Forman commented to Mrs. Scull that this is for everybody but mostly her in that she thinks the Council and Administration should have done a little more in letting the public be aware of what was going on with the gypsy moths. Mrs. Forman did take her own steps and write in the Community News but didn't go to the Burlington County Times. Mrs. Forman expressed that Pemberton [REDACTED] sent 500 post cards out in Presidential Lakes if she is not mistaken about the meetings about gypsy moths. Basically Oak Pines have been out to meetings and they have been very supportive for the spraying of gypsy moths in their own community. If everybody else knows gypsy moth season is coming and they haven't come to the meetings to talk about it, and maybe next year it will be different with more advertisements to let people know. Mrs. Forman stated we could go back and forth with this; they'll cry because their neighborhood wasn't sprayed. Mrs. Forman informed she saw Mrs. Scull at the Library who said she didn't understand why Mrs. Forman's neighborhood was put on the list. Mrs. Forman advised it is nothing so unusual that her neighborhood was put on the list. Mrs. Scull commented that she thought it was very good and is glad she was added to the list. Mrs. Forman remarked that some people don't understand and she wants them to know. Mrs. Forman added that Mrs. Scull was not complaining to her. Mrs. Forman continued that in other communities, certain residents have talked to the state feeling they were overlooked and the state admitted they were overlooked so they came back and added them to the list. It is not such an unusual thing. Mrs. Forman thanked Mr. Prickett for doing his homework and trying to help the Bells and the residents in Oak Pines. Mrs. Stinney conveyed to Mrs. Forman that she is welcome. Mrs. Forman also thanked Mrs. Stinney and the Mayor. She would like to know what company will do the spraying with helicopters because she was told by the state Department of Agriculture that not many of them do that. Mr. Vaz informed they are based in Gettysburg, PA. Mrs. Stinney remarked she had asked that the other night, because that is the first time she had heard about the helicopter. Mr. Prickett informed the list is in the packet that he forwarded to Council. Mr. Vaz advised it is Helicopter Applicators, Inc., based in Gettysburg, PA. Mrs. Forman advised the Mayor that is very good. Mrs. Forman thanked all of Council and Mr. Inge included. Mrs. Stinney commented that Council is working very hard for the residents of Pemberton through this budget and she appreciates all of them. Mrs. Stinney remembered when the Township was trying to get the Early Childhood School in Pemberton. It was a long haul and it took years of persistence and she led 52 plus parents to the Department of Agriculture where they stated their case over and over again. Because of that persistence, quite a few years later and a little

bit more money, the Township will now have that early childhood center. She understands Mrs. Scull theory and she hears all of Council and it has been advertised and Mrs. Forman has gone the nine yards and asked for people to come out to the Council meetings where they are talking about gypsy moths. The front of this room and the back against the wall including Mr. Hayes when he came in late and all along the sides, from Oak Pines came for the gypsy moths. She heard Mr. Inge stand here diligently talk about the gypsy moths and then she talked about it and then a gentleman named Steve talked about it. People have to come out. Mrs. Stinney conveyed that she can't get all over Pemberton Township although people may think she is. Council has to rely on what the residents say and Council is here for them. Mrs. Stinney reiterated to be persistent. Mrs. Forman commented if they don't come out, they can't cry that they are not sprayed because.....Mr. Inge interjected and stated they are tax payers. Mrs. Forman commented that she knows what Mr. Inge is saying and she's not saying the hell with them, who cares. She would like to see everybody who has that problem sprayed. Mr. Inge noted there are a lot of people that talk to him on the street and ask why they aren't being sprayed, and he hears this all of the time. In one of the neighborhoods where he owns a house, where he invited her to come out and look, he had to remove so many trees as well as the neighbors right across the street. He has light posts that he can count twenty masses on each post and that area is not getting sprayed. Mr. Inge reiterated that neighbors asked him all the time why they are not getting sprayed. They were hit two years ago so bad it wiped out almost all of their trees. Mrs. Forman expressed she is sorry to hear that. Mr. Inge continued that you're not going to always get residents to come out to the meetings but you have to consider that they are still tax payers just like the people in Oak Pines and the people in your neighborhood. Mr. Inge stated if we're going to go by what the state mandates, then there will be people that comment if the state mandated these areas, why are you spraying in other areas and not spraying in my area. Mr. Inge informed he removed over 300 feet of hedges last year on two sides of his driveway. That area is not going to be sprayed this year. Mrs. Forman stated that is another complication. Mr. Inge reiterated that he invited her to take a look at it. Mr. Prickett remarked that is why the residents need to know that they need to make a request and come to the municipality and make a request to have the Department of Agriculture come out and look at their property. Mrs. Forman stated to Mr. Inge that there is a list and tell them to come and put their name on the list and double check with the Department of Agriculture next year to see if they are on the list. Mrs. Forman informed if Mr. Inge didn't understand her, he can call her and she can explain it better. Mrs. Forman conveyed Mr. Prickett understands it and he can explain it to him. Mr. Inge noted that there are going to be problems with residents that aren't getting sprayed that have serious problems. Mr. Prickett stated there should be a criteria and if we base it with the Department of Agriculture, their expertise coming out and counting the egg masses, that's the standard we need to use. Mrs. Scull reiterated that she wanted it clear that she is not against spraying Oak Pines but she hears what Mr. Inge is stating and they hear it all the time. Mrs. Scull used Mrs. Forman as an example that people could have said to her last year, well we had budget hearings and she should have realized Council would be talking about gypsy moths sometime during that budget hearing and there were people at those hearings. Mr. Vaz commented that is not a hypothetical because they did say that to Mrs. Forman. Mrs. Scull continued that other residents are going to turn around and say they didn't know it was an option to come in and get sprayed like Oak Pines did or they would have taken a petition in their area and brought it to Council too. Mrs. Scull reiterated that she is not opposed to it at all and she is more than happy out of the little bit of money that

was found to spray Oak Pines. She also realizes that they will have to take the heat when folks come in and say they didn't know they could come to Council and get sprayed too. It's too late now basically for people to show up wanting to be sprayed after the beginning of April because of the permits. Mrs. Scull conveyed that she wants Mrs. Forman to understand and it's not that she was ever opposed to spraying her and she would have liked to have sprayed everybody. Last year it was taken out of the budget because it was too much of a gamble with the budget to have to increase taxes that much money to pay for gypsy moth spraying that we didn't know would even be effective. Mrs. Scull continued that Council made the decision last year and thinks it was a unanimous decision not to spray last year. She is glad there is money in the budget this year and doesn't want any more of our trees to be destroyed. It's very upsetting to see what's happening and Council is aware that there are residents paying out of their own pockets and taking down trees. The state should have helped us a little more in that area. The first year the state gave the Township back half of the money, last year they gave back a quarter and this year we don't know what they'll give us back. Council hears the residents about the gypsy moths and there are not any of them happy about it. Realistically Council has to be prepared for the folks to come and say you sprayed someone else and they didn't get sprayed. Mrs. Scull stated to Mrs. Forman that it's human nature. She is not saying that she's not willing to take their blows for it because she is but it's something Council has to think about. Mrs. Forman stated that is why she is saying Council needs to take more initiative to educate the public whether it's through the Community News or the computer or the letters that are mailed out to everybody so people know what to do and they know to put their names on this list to be looked at more carefully. Mr. Prickett reminded Council that they did vote on this last year but it wasn't on the agenda for discussion and that was a problem. Fortunately this year, the gypsy moth discussion was on the agenda so people were aware that the Council was discussing it. Mr. Prickett knows it was part of the budget hearings last year but people didn't generally know that Council was talking about gypsy moths and Council has learned from those mistakes and that's why it was on the agenda this year and people had more of an awareness about the decision they were about to make. Mrs. Forman commented on Mrs. Yost speaking about the fences and stated the President of the Country Lakes Homeowners Alliance informed her that we now have a professional grant writer that we pay to write grants. Mrs. Forman asked if that is true. Mayor Patriarca informed Administration is trying to fund that in this budget. Mrs. Stinney informed when she first took office as a Council woman and she sang the same song when she was on the school board; grant writer, grant writer, grant writer; they pay for themselves. Mayor Patriarca informed we don't have one yet. Mr. Vaz added there is money in the budget. Mrs. Foreman conveyed to Council that she thinks they should approve that. **2.** Mrs. Forman asked if there are any land sales that just passed or are coming up soon. Mayor Patriarca informed Administration is preparing one now that Council will see shortly. **Christine Kallil: 1.** Thanked Council for the job they are doing and Administration for the budget and looking after the residents' interests and not raising taxes. Thanked Council for considering putting money in the budget for the fence. Thanked Administration for the \$5,000 they proposed. Thanked Mrs. Scull and noted that she is a resident of Country Lakes and knows she will look at that hard. Thanked Mr. Prickett for all of the work he has been doing. Thanked Council President, Councilman Inge and Councilman Cartier and added that hopefully the fence will look nice. Mrs. Stinney thanked Mrs. Kallil and commented that Council doesn't get that very often. Mrs. Stinney shared that she used to say to her parents to not wait until the last minute, to go in and thank the teachers. Mrs. Stinney conveyed

that Mr. Inge does a great job with that. She had his kids and he constantly thanked the teachers before anything happened. Mrs. Stinney thanked Mrs. Kallil for coming forward to thank Council for whatever they are doing thus far the very best that they can do and be the best that they can be. They can't please everyone and they never will, whether it's our children, our spouses, our neighbors or whatever. They all have good intentions. This is a good sitting Council and a good Administration. She is so proud over the last three years of what they have accomplished and done and the respect they give the public. Mrs. Stinney wanted to publicly say to Mrs. Kallil that she thanks her very much for hearing her thank yous that she has offered to Council. Mrs. Kallil added that there is such positive harmony and to keep it up. **Betty Donelson: 1.** Asked if the fence that Council is talking about goes along Wissahickon. Mr. Cartier answered Split Rock, Wissahickon. Mrs. Donelson asked Council if the Township owns the property the fence is going on. Mr. Cartier answered the Township owns the right of way. Mrs. Donelson asked if it will require an application to the Pinelands Commission since it is considered development and asked if there are any wetlands there. Mr. Cartier answered he doesn't know. Mrs. Donelson asked how much is being budgeted and we don't know whether we can actually spend it. Mr. Cartier replied right now it's zero. Mrs. Donelson asked what is proposed. Mr. Cartier answered the Mayor is proposing \$5,000. Mrs. Donelson commented that it doesn't seem like a lot of money but maybe before we go counting on spending or budgeting the money, we find out if we're going to be able to get approval from Pinelands to even erect a fence. Mrs. Stinney thanked Mrs. Donelson. Mrs. Stinney asked the Mayor if he has looked in to.....The Mayor replied he is not going to look in to all of that without the funding. Mrs. Stinney conveyed to not show her the pictures again because she will cry. There being no additional members of the public indicating a desire to comment, Mrs. Stinney closed the meeting to public comments.

Mrs. Stinney advised the public that Council has had their open public meeting session and will move diligently along with the budget now.

#### **PAYMENT OF NOTES DEPARTMENT #925**

Mrs. Stinney informed Council is on page 81 of 91. Mr. Cartier commented there is nothing on this page. Mrs. Stinney replied that's okay it is listed in payments of notes, department 925. Mrs. Scull asked if Council needs to approve this. Mr. Cartier responded no, there is nothing there. Mr. Prickett asked why is it here. Principal note pay and asked if the Township has any notes that there are principal.....Mr. Cartier answered there is but they just intend to pay the interest this year. Mr. Prickett commented that apparently they did that in 2007 and 2008 and he hopes we are not just paying interest. Mr. Cartier advised this is a new note and if you go to page 83 that's where the interest is being paid and this is the first year on any interest payment. Mr. Cartier added Administration is here to clarify that but this is the first year we are paying anything on this. Mayor Patriarca commented it's nice to see that Mr. Cartier looked at the budget. Mr. Vaz agreed that Mr. Cartier is correct, it's on page 83 and shows the interest payment and Mr. Prickett is also correct, it is just an interest payment this year for the note. Mrs. Scull asked if that is because it's the first year and whenever you get a loan they take a huge chunk of interest first before they work on the principal. Mr. Vaz answered it was contemplated to do it as interest only for budget purposes also looking ahead to this year to potentially actually take all of that money in the note and do a permanent bond finding. Mr. Prickett asked if this is an anticipation note. Mr. Vaz replied yes, it was done in the fall for some of the projects that were

already completed or on-going because Mrs. Eden had a cash flow problem so it was necessary at that point to go out and actually borrow the capital funds at that point. Mr. Prickett stated the anticipation note was used for the projects as opposed to taking out of surplus or out of other funding. Mr. Vaz agreed and added that Mrs. Eden is paying the bills as you go out of the bank account, out of cash on hand, and when that got low, it was necessary to actually go out and replenish that with the bond anticipation notes. Mr. Prickett expressed concern that he thought anticipation notes were for a specific purpose. Anticipation notes are to fund capital projects....Mr. Vaz interjected that is all they are doing. Mr. Prickett commented that is what he wanted to clarify because he knows there was a previous capital project that was funded by....Mr. Vaz interjected for instance the lake project at Presidential Lakes, this note is due in large part to that project. Mayor Patriarca explained it does replenish what we have been using out of the bank account for these capital projects that will now come out of the note. They came out of surplus or out of our funds and this money replenishes that. Mr. Prickett expressed concern about that and noted that he is sure the Mayor and CFO are on top of that. Mr. Vaz interjected that this is not borrowing money for current fund operations and it's not like tax anticipation notes where you would actually be borrowing money for current fund operations. This really became necessary at that point in time. Instead of permanently bonding the money.....Mr. Prickett stated because you might not need all of that money. Mr. Vaz confirmed and added this carries you through until you are ready to actually do the permanent financing. Mr. Prickett explained that his concern is with how it was applied not the borrowing of the anticipation note; it was just how it was used. Mr. Vaz conveyed Administration knows in the file what project it is specifically covering. The one that comes to his mind is the Presidential Lakes Dam Project but there were also a couple of others that were also done. Mrs. Scull noted it is \$70,000 less than what last year's budget was. Mrs. Stinney commented that the question was does Council have to approve this page. Mrs. Scull responded that was another page and Council is talking about department 930. Mr. Cartier informed Council was not and that is a totally different subject. Mrs. Stinney advised that is why Council needs to stay focused on this page. Mrs. Stinney asked Council for comments on page 81 of 91. Mr. Cartier responded he doesn't think there is anything that needs to be done with that because it is an unfunded page. Mrs. Scull commented that is why she thought Council was on the next page.

### **BOND INTEREST DEPARTMENT #930**

Council is on page 82 of 91.

Motion by Cartier and Scull to approve Department 930 as presented by the Mayor.

Mr. Prickett asked Mr. Vaz that we have paid off some of these bonds and is that why this has come down \$50,000. Mr. Vaz explained the interest portion of the debt is going down the more years you are in to it. Mr. Prickett added because we have paid the principal. Mr. Vaz answered yes and added when you add these numbers up in the debt service sheet he showed earlier, and then add that interest number to the principal bond payment, it adds up to the amount for the three bonds that are outstanding. Mr. Vaz concurred that Mr. Prickett is right that the interest is going down incrementally as you get closer to paying it off.

Cartier, yes; Scull, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

### **NOTE INTEREST DEPARTMENT #935**

Council is on page 83 of 91. Mr. Prickett stated he would like to get the projects that this was used for and Mr. Vaz is looking in to that and he would appreciate getting that information.

Motion by Cartier and Scull to approve Department 935 as presented by the Mayor. Cartier, yes; Scull, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes.  
Motion carried.

### **STATE AND COUNTY LOAN PAYMENT DEPARTMENT #940**

Mrs. Stinney advised Council is on page 84 of 91. Mr. Prickett asked Mr. Vaz why the interest for the environmental trust fund was budgeted \$10,800 and expended \$13,200 on line item 2-11302. Mr. Vaz informed that he will have to get that information for Mr. Prickett as the information is not broken down on his paperwork. Mr. Prickett replied that he does not want to hold this department up but he would like to have that information. Mr. Cartier asked for projected pay off dates for these loans and he doesn't need them right now. Mr. Vaz responded that he will provide the same sheets to him as Mr. Prickett. Mr. Vaz added that he is looking at \$10,850 number on line 11302 and looking at the amortization and that is actually the amount for 2011 and is not the number that should have been plugged in for last year. Mr. Cartier stated it was probably picked off the wrong number. Mr. Cartier stated Mr. Vaz is working on the answer and asked if Council can move on. Mr. Prickett commented he is agreeable to that.

Motion by Cartier and Scull to approve Department 940 as presented by the Mayor. Cartier, yes; Scull, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes.  
Motion carried.

### **PERS DEPARTMENT #471**

Council is on page 85 of 91. Mr. Vaz explained this is the pension bill for PERS. Mr. Cartier asked if he is correct that we are not looking to defer any of this as was recently allowed by the legislature. Mr. Vaz responded Administration is not recommending it. All of Council agreed.

Motion by Cartier and Scull to approve Department 471 as presented by the Mayor. Cartier, yes; Scull, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes.  
Motion carried.

### **POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENTS DEPARTMENT #475**

Council is on page 86 of 91. Mr. Cartier asked if the Township is required for 100% on all of these now, both PERS, Police and Fire. Mr. Vaz replied yes. Mr. Prickett commented it is another \$140,000.

Motion by Scull and Prickett to approve Department 475 as presented by the Mayor. Scull, yes; Prickett, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes.  
Motion carried.

### **FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS DEPARTMENT #700**

Mrs. Stinney advised Council is now on page 87 of 91. Mrs. Scull commented that this is certainly a good thing. Mr. Prickett asked if this is the Township's cost on the UEZ police, salaries and wages and further asked if the Township will get compensated on some of this. Mr. Vaz explained that the Township does get it

back, but we have to budget it. Mr. Prickett asked if it is about 70% back and if it is 30/70. Mr. Vaz replied he is not sure if it is 70/30 or 75/25. Mr. Cartier expressed he thought it was 80/20. Mrs. Scull commented that whatever it is, it is good. Mr. Vaz answered it is budgeted for what we need to actually pay them and then we'll get it back. Mr. Prickett asked if that will be part of the surplus.

Motion by Scull and Prickett to approve Department 700 as presented by the Mayor.

Mr. Cartier commented that there are two departments numbered the same. Mrs. Scull asked how that can be. Mrs. Scull noted it is because they are both federal state grants and Council has to look at page two, 88 of 91. Mr. Vaz explained it is just a two page department. Mr. Prickett asked Mrs. Scull if she is going to withdraw her motion. Mr. Cartier commented they are all unfunded on the second page. Mayor Patriarca advised the bottom line is the same. Mr. Prickett noted there is a motion on the floor and he wanted to point out since there is a second that we should be getting back from the state \$123,976.00 or thereabouts. Mr. Cartier asked from where. Mr. Prickett replied from the UEZ and added that is pretty good and it's a lot of surplus. Mrs. Scull conveyed that's good and we can count on it. Mr. Cartier thanked Council for the clarification.

Scull, yes; Prickett, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

#### **DEFERRED CHARGES DEPARTMENT #870**

Council is now on page 89 of 91. Mrs. Scull commented final payment, she likes that. Mr. Prickett asked if there was anything in the supplemental book. Mayor Patriarca answered in reference to the \$70,000 they were raising for the last five years for Springfield Road for the 2004 flood. The Mayor noted it stated 2008 but it is 2004. Mr. Prickett commented that he is sure Council remembers that well.

Motion by Cartier and Scull to approve Department 870 as presented by the Mayor. Cartier, yes; Scull, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

#### **UNCOLLECTED TAXES DEPARTMENT #899**

Mrs. Stinney advised Council is now on page 90 of 91. Mr. Prickett expressed concern for the record as he asked the accountant at the last meeting, what happens when you raise taxes and how does that influence uncollected taxes so we will know next year at this time if this goes up, whether the 9.4 cents or whatever it is, affects this and he truly hopes that it doesn't. Mrs. Scull relayed that it is liable to go up anyway just because of the economy. Mrs. Stinney commented that you have to look at the whole complete picture and she understands where Mr. Prickett is coming from...Mr. Prickett agreed and stated that this is a big part of it though. Mrs. Stinney continued that people are looking at layoffs every single day and she is a recipient and she does understand. Mr. Prickett noted that Council also has to look at how many people are losing their homes; the foreclosure rates.

Motion by Cartier and Scull to approve Department 899 as presented by the Mayor. Cartier, yes; Scull, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

#### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND DEPARTMENT #902**

Mr. Prickett asked Administration if there is anything in the book for the capital improvement fund. Mayor Patriarca answered no, this is the down payment and he was trying to recall with Mr. Cartier as to where he brought this up.....Mrs. Stinney interjected and informed it is page 91 of 91, Capital Improvement Fund, Department 902. Mayor Patriarca conveyed it might have been at a Council meeting when it was asked and he is not sure exactly where it was but capital for this year was discussed and he had made a comment that Administration's intention was to just pursue the road program with \$1 million a year on the road programs and this would assist with the down payment of that program. We don't have the road program and are looking at a five year projected road program and this would only fund one year if we do \$1 million a year. Mr. Prickett asked the Mayor if it is correct that we haven't done the 2008 road program yet. The Mayor replied Mr. Prickett is correct. Mr. Prickett expressed there was a problem with the previous Council and road programs not getting completed and we're still.....Mrs. Stinney interjected patches.....Mr. Prickett continued we're still finishing up and it's not as easy as some of us might have thought it was to get these projects done. Mrs. Stinney asked the Mayor where we are with the programs and some of the stimulus and she knows we are screaming and hollering. Mayor Patriarca conveyed if Mrs. Stinney can figure out anything that is going on with the stimulus, she'll be the first one in the state of the New Jersey to understand it because he has yet to hear anybody give an explanation as to where this money is going, how it is going to be divided and who is going to have the authority to disburse this fund. That includes the Governor and the Mayor has sat with him where he explained this and he had no clue. Mrs. Stinney remarked one of the initiatives was a road program. Mayor Patriarca conveyed we put in our programs and are waiting. Mr. Vaz noted that one thing we have picked up on is despite the fact that everybody was asking for the list of shovel ready programs, projects, is that at some point there is still going to be an application process to somebody. Administration is on top of that and he asked Mr. Rehmann to make sure that the list of projects either isn't going to require an application or if it is, under what agency or what department so that we can stay on top of that. As far as other stimulus grants, we are actively pursuing the Department of Justice grants and there are several of them. A \$56,000 grant was brought up during a previous Council meeting, and Mr. Vaz has participated in some telephone conferences on that. The other grant is the cops hiring program where they will fund at entry level salaries, a number of Police Officers. The only thing we need to determine in the near future is the number of officers we are going to apply for because one of the requirements is that you maintain that table of organization for at least twelve months past the three years. Mrs. Stinney commented she read about that. Mr. Vaz informed Administration is on top of the Department of Justice grants because that is the one area they actually know something about because that is the one area they put out all of the information. The capital projects are a whole different story that they just don't know. Mrs. Stinney noted if it comes in, it comes in and the better off it will be for us. Mr. Prickett mentioned Scammel. Mr. Cartier informed there was a storm sewer that was collapsing. Mr. Prickett commented it is that cheap corrugated stuff and asked if that is just one road. Mr. Cartier advised it was actually an intersection and confirmed this with the Mayor. Mrs. Stinney asked if there was an emergency block off to that. The Mayor advised there are a number of issues in that development and Administration will address them as they come up for now and we should probably look to video that storm water system out there to see what condition it is in because it is failing. Mr. Prickett expressed it sounds like that is the appropriate thing to do to video tape them and asked if that is corrugated steel that is in there now. The Mayor confirmed it is. Mr. Prickett

asked if the Mayor spoke with the engineer regarding putting inserts in to the corrugated material. Mayor Patriarca responded that it was one of the options that was discussed to realign what was already there. Mr. Prickett asked what is the .....The Mayor responded to realign, replace and depending on the pipe and what we find if we get in to this. It was discussed to possibly purchase our own system and start videoing all of our pipes and determining what is cheaper to contract having it done or purchasing our own. Mayor Patriarca remarked the MUA might already have a system and Administration is looking in to a shared service with them. Mr. Prickett commented that wouldn't have anything to do with realigning and it would just be to determine.....The Mayor indicated that it would not determine the type of repair that we do; it would determine where we need repairs and then the engineers can make recommendations in what type of situation.....Mr. Prickett asked if this is a situation where the road actually collapsed and there had to be road work as well as pipe. Mayor Patriarca confirmed and added that we had to dig up a section of the roadway and were concerned because the water line and storm water line both run there and we were afraid we were going to lose the water line if we dug it up. We were successful in replacing the damaged piece without causing any additional damage. Mr. Prickett asked the Mayor if he had a priority for videoing the storm water system out there. Mayor Patriarca informed it is a concern and he is not going to say it is a priority because we do have some roads that are failing quicker than that particular area. We are looking at those roads as our priority but it is certainly on the radar and it is something we believe we should be looking at in a proactive perspective so that we don't run in to these sink hole situations and have to do the emergency appropriations. Mr. Prickett asked if that takes place mostly around the intersections where he would imagine there are drainage areas. Mayor Patriarca advised it could occur anywhere there is a connection but this was in an area that wasn't actually near the culvert per say where the connection was. It was approximately a quarter size hole where it worked its way through the top of the pipe and as a result it continues to draw sand and silt down through that hole until there is nothing above it and then you get the collapse. This was not actually at a connection. Mr. Cartier confirmed that it wasn't; it was in the middle of the intersect between two inlets. Mayor Patriarca advised there is another situation out there at a connection but they have been able to stabilize that currently and are dealing with that. Mr. Prickett asked if the \$150,000 is the down payment for the \$1 million Administration is proposing for the road project. Mayor Patriarca replied they will be able to use that as a down payment towards the project. If the projects didn't go, that would be capital funding that Council could re-appropriate somewhere else throughout the year if needed also. The object is to pursue the road program.

Motion by Cartier and Scull to approve Department 902 as presented by the Mayor. Cartier, yes; Scull, yes; Prickett, no; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Cartier reminded that Recreation and Senior Services were skipped. Mrs. Stinney conveyed that Council will get to those departments and asked Mr. Cartier if he wanted to go there now. Mr. Cartier answered yes, because Council is now to the point where they will enter a different budget.

### **SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT 371**

Council is on page 60 of 91.

Motion by Prickett and Scull to approve Department 371 as presented by the Mayor. Prickett, yes; Scull, yes; Inge, yes; Cartier, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Scull commented our seniors will be very happy as they were very concerned that they were shorted money last year and were afraid they weren't going to get it this year and she is sure they will be thrilled. Mr. Prickett commented it is a great investment. Mrs. Scull agreed. Mrs. Stinney wanted to make it known as many didn't see it that Freeholder Chris Brown came in and donated \$1,000 from his family for transportation for the seniors. They were short funding last year. Mrs. Scull confirmed they were short \$1,000 last year. Mr. Prickett expressed that he is glad there are other people out there that are willing to make donations to the Township and they are blessed that they can do that. Mrs. Stinney conveyed that some people are blessed in that way that they have that ability. In this economic form that we are in, they really truly are. Mrs. Scull added it's not judgmental of people who can't. Mrs. Stinney agreed.

### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT #370**

Council is now on page 57 of 91. Mrs. Stinney advised there is information in the supplemental book. Mayor Patriarca replied it is an informational log. Mrs. Stinney expressed it is great and she likes it. Mrs. Scull noted it shows how many people participated and she likes it. Mr. Prickett commented that the recreation report was asked for last year and hopefully this is.....Mrs. Scull interjected that it looks like it. Mrs. Stinney commented it came in last week. Mr. Inge asked what the registration fees for sports programs covers. Mrs. Scull asked if that is for each because there are different fees for different kinds of programs. Mr. Inge replied every department has a different fee and where does that fee go and what does it pay for. Mrs. Stinney informed her grandson just registered and that covers his uniform and.....Mr. Inge interjected there is a different fee for uniforms; there is a \$30.00 fee. Mrs. Scull answered she paid \$80.00 and it covers the uniform and you get tickets to sell and you can keep the money and if you work at the other thing, but that's through that program and that doesn't go in our Rec Dept., baseball holds on to that. Mrs. Stinney stated that is their department itself. Mrs. Scull noted that registration fees for as an example Tumblin Tots, they base that on how much they are going to pay the person that does that and asked Mr. Vaz if that is how that works. Mr. Vaz replied yes, in part. Mrs. Scull conveyed that we are not making money on this; it's just to cover the expense of whatever the program is. Mr. Inge asked if the registration fee for each different registration covers the cost of that organization. Mr. Vaz replied that would generally be true. Mrs. Scull commented with the waffle ball tournament, that covers the cost of whatever the prizes are and for t-shirts and whatever else they get. Mrs. Scull commented that she agrees and with baseball that is a lot of money to put out all at one time. Mr. Vaz advised there is another report where one can actually see for the program what is coming in and what is going out. For instance, looking at waffle ball it shows \$780 coming in and expenditures of \$685. Mrs. Scull commented that the other costs are helping to pay for the secretary and whatever else has to be done, the office. Mr. Vaz agreed. Mr. Prickett asked Mr. Vaz if this is going to be an on going collection and organization of data. Mr. Vaz advised that Recreation does this on a regular basis and it might actually get easier with the new program. Mr. Prickett added for Council as well as Administration and when Council goes to appropriate funds, Council needs to be accountable to the public. Mrs. Scull added and that way Council knows how many people are participating and maybe it's something Council shouldn't fund and put that somewhere else where it might be

more productive. Mr. Prickett expressed concern with the winter holiday appreciation day. He doesn't know if there is a way of finding out how many participants attended. Mr. Prickett acknowledged it was a wonderful parade and a lot of great activities but he doesn't know that the participation, the attendance was as good as it could have been and he doesn't know whether changing the day or.....Mrs. Stinney asked Mr. Prickett if he is talking about the winter parade. Mr. Prickett asked if Council should consider doing it sooner than later. Mr. Prickett reiterated that attendance was down this year. Mr. Cartier noted that the big problem with that is that Medford holds their Dickens Festival on the same day every year; it's always the first Saturday of December and that has a lot to do with it. Mr. Prickett remarked that the judging stand was also moved and he heard some comments but that shouldn't have had any impact on attendance. Mrs. Scull conveyed that it was well attended the year before and the weather was kind of rough this year. Mr. Inge noted it was his understanding that you pay several fees; a registration fee and a uniform fee. Mrs. Stinney informed that she didn't think so and thinks that is all grouped up. Years ago, you had to pay for a registration fee and then the uniform. Mr. Prickett commented that he doesn't remember whether the previous Council initiated registration fees or not but he knows they have increased over the years. Mr. Prickett relayed Council has been here for three years and certainly has the opportunity to decrease them or change them and Council has not done that as of yet and maybe Council needs to take another look at them as Mr. Inge is doing. Mr. Prickett commented he thinks they are too high as well. Mrs. Stinney advised that baseball has already started. Mrs. Scull added that they have to pay insurance and it's the insurance that killed them. Mr. Vaz asked if Council is talking about the independent leagues. Mrs. Scull and Mrs. Stinney replied yes. Mr. Cartier informed that the independent leagues charge their own. Mr. Vaz added that the Township has nothing to do with that. They get their contribution and we don't control the registration fees or anything like that. Mr. Cartier explained the thought behind that is that it is cheaper for the independent leagues to operate with a contribution from the Township than it would be for the Township to run the league itself. Mrs. Scull agreed and commented that years ago they were doing softball and what really killed them was the insurance costs kept going up so much and that's probably the same with baseball and football and those insurance costs are probably pretty high. Mr. Prickett asked Mr. Inge when he was talking about registration fees he was talking about all activities. Mrs. Stinney replied he said all activities. Mr. Prickett commented that it's not part of the budget, but maybe Council needs to take a re-look at those costs and make sure they are in line with current circumstances. Mrs. Stinney expressed there are many organizations that come by including her family and they have been doing this for years; sponsoring a student through registration. Actually one of the young men that they sponsored and paid registration for years ago is now coaching as well so they have learned to give back. Mr. Prickett suggested that as a Council, Council should take a look at the registration fee schedule for the whole town. It might benefit all of the residents. Mrs. Stinney stated to get with those coaches to see.....Mr. Prickett stated hopefully it will be on the agenda so Council can consider that. Mrs. Stinney suggested getting it on the agenda and maybe having the coaches come in and sit down and talk with them. Mr. Prickett suggested first doing a review; bring out the fee schedule for the sports and activities and take a look at it. Mrs. Stinney commented she doesn't know what is involved in it and would think that Council would want to sit down with the coaches to see what is feasible and what is in their registration fees so that we don't .....Mr. Prickett conveyed he is talking about the rec fees for programs in general not just sports. Mrs. Scull remarked that is a different subject and that is

part of the budget. Mr. Prickett continued that as far as what the individual sporting groups charge is not within Council's domain. Mrs. Stinney informed that is what Mr. Inge was asking; he was asking what is included in that. Mrs. Scull added the summer program for Nesbitt that a lot of the school employees donate money or sponsor a child because of the costs for the rec program but if Council lowers that or takes that out, Council would have to do away with the program or add additional funds in the budget to cover the cost of that and she doesn't think Council is willing to do that at this point. Mr. Prickett noted that he doesn't know if Council can do it this year but think it would be something to review this year for next year. Mrs. Scull interjected that down the road it would be wonderful if we could if we get some rateables. Mr. Prickett commented that he doesn't know how long it's going to take for that senior development to get the million dollar rateables that the planner talked about. It might take a lot of years. Mrs. Scull indicated that she is talking about a ShopRite and an Olive Garden. Mr. Prickett asked where that would go. Mrs. Scull answered Route 206 and North Pemberton Road. Mr. Prickett stated Route 206, and he can't wait. Mr. Vaz informed there is a correction on the salary sheet for the Recreation Coordinator line, there is a 4% longevity in September from \$38,804 to \$39,204. Mr. Cartier asked what that does to the bottom line and it's a difference of \$400. Mr. Prickett asked if that is a request from Administration asking for this to be changed; a correction. Mrs. Scull and Mr. Cartier informed it is a correction. Mayor Patriarca informed it is a result of a contractual issue. Mr. Cartier informed there should be plenty of room and the bottom line shouldn't change. Mr. Vaz responded that Administration added \$400 to it. Mr. Cartier noted it will only make the salaries \$26,504 and there is \$267,000 there so it shouldn't change the bottom line. Mr. Vaz agreed. Mr. Prickett stated to Mr. Cartier that he doesn't understand his logic with that and asked how it changed the bottom line. Mr. Cartier remarked the column labeled 2009 Requested that stated \$265,104; it would increase by \$400.00 but when carried down to the salaries and wages, there is no reason to increase the salaries and wages because there is already \$1,900 built in there. Mr. Cartier informed on page 57 of 91 he had requested some revenue information concerning the summer programs, the elementary and the middle school summer programs. He has done some quick math and last year we brought in revenue for these two programs totaling \$34,000 and expended in salaries alone \$66,000. It seems like there is a huge difference in there and that's not including what equipment and supplies they needed to operate these programs. There is a \$22,000 difference in there and they are requesting \$71,500 in salaries this year for that program. Mr. Cartier noted they are probably excellent programs and he doesn't have kids involved in these and doesn't know if Council has dealings with anybody that has kids in these programs, but there's a disparity somewhere. Mrs. Scull commented we are picking up half of the costs so we would have to increase the registration fees if we didn't want to do that which would probably limit which children could participate. Mr. Inge commented he doesn't think Council could do that. Mrs. Scull didn't think so either and asked if there is good participation. Mr. Inge noted they ran in to a lot of problems because they stopped it short last year and there were a lot of parents scrambling with what to do with their kids because school started later. Mrs. Stinney confirmed school started two weeks later. Mrs. Scull remarked it was because of the holiday. Mr. Cartier responded that he is sure there are a lot of other residents in the Township and the Township is not a daycare. Mrs. Scull agreed that the Township is not a daycare. Mr. Inge remarked that Council will have to keep it in there because there are a lot of tax payers that need somewhere for their children to go so they can work. Mr. Inge stated that we're putting money out for a fence and for spraying gypsy moths so residents won't have to spray their

own yards.....Mr. Cartier interjected with as he does.....Mr. Inge continued that it is very important to keep this in. Mrs. Stinney remarked that she agrees with Mr. Inge and she knows the importance of children not more so with babysitting but more so with keeping the children active in active programs....Mrs. Scull interjected with and having a safe place .....Mrs. Stinney agreed with the safe place....Mrs. Scull interjected that Council needs to ask Administration to ensure the Recreation Director is checking to make sure the students hired are well trained and are really being supervised. She doesn't want to take summer jobs away from kids, but wants to make sure that programs are staffed safely and not overstaffed. Mr. Cartier added also ensure that they are actually Township residents that are utilizing this program. Mrs. Scull agreed and added to make sure they are Township residents working in the program. Mr. Cartier disagreed and stated sometimes it might be tough to staff a program like this and his concern is it is very cheap daycare at \$35.00 a week. Mrs. Stinney wanted to echo that over the years she has heard some of the parents comment and she knows the training that goes on for the staff members and she can say kudos to them that the training is excellent. Mrs. Scull relayed that for a lot of the school staff, that is their summer job because they don't make enough to support a family and they do work during the summer but she just wants to make sure that it is staffed well because she has had complaints about nobody watching the kids on the outside. Mrs. Stinney asked if that is why her daycare center stayed full. Mrs. Scull suggested looking at raising it a couple of dollars because \$35.00 a week for daycare is mighty cheap. Mr. Inge asked if it went by income. Mrs. Scull replied that she doesn't know. Mr. Cartier answered it's based on the rec trust and asked where the revenue from those programs.....Mr. Inge asked if it is based on your income. Mrs. Scull, Mr. Cartier and Mrs. Stinney all answered no. Mrs. Stinney added it's first come, first serve. Mrs. Scull added that it might be something to look in to. Mr. Inge conveyed that would be discriminating against.....Mr. Cartier interjected with you are.....Mrs. Scull added that she is not saying discriminate but she thinks there can be something of that nature. They do that all the time. Our after school program is based on income. Mr. Inge answered he doesn't think that is fair though. If you are a resident you should be able to receive the same thing that your neighbor receives no matter if your pay is different than theirs. Mr. Cartier asked when was the last time there was an increase in this program. Mrs. Scull replied it's only a couple of years old. Mr. Vaz asked Mr. Cartier is he is talking about the after school program at Nesbitt. Mr. Cartier replied no, he is talking about the summer program. Mrs. Scull added the program that is run at Crichton. Mr. Prickett conveyed the Township has had this program for at least six years. Mr. Cartier remarked it's more than a couple of years; the state brought it. Mrs. Scull corrected herself and stated it was in firehouses. Mr. Prickett added six years ago it was consolidated in to that complex. Mr. Inge remarked it is not a real high class thing and when you go in there those kids are hot and sweating but at least the parents know where their kids are at. Mrs. Stinney commented it's a safe haven. Mr. Inge continued that it's not that much of a luxury thing but parents know for a few hours a day their kids are going to be safe. Mrs. Stinney agreed and added they will have something to do. Mrs. Scull added and supervised. Mr. Prickett reported that when he has been there, the kids seem to be having a very good time. Mrs. Stinney commented that they always do and children love to get out. Mr. Prickett conveyed that this program has had a good six years and he's only ever heard good things about it. Mr. Cartier noted that he is not doubting that it's an excellent program, but what he is saying is that we could double the cost of this program and still be a lot cheaper than sending a kid to a summer camp for one week. Mrs. Stinney commented not right now. Mrs. Scull stated that we might

have to look at it seriously next year but she is not willing to raise costs on the Nesbitt Center program. Mr. Prickett noted that we are already raising costs with the tax increase and compound that. Mr. Cartier expressed that he hears Council and those are his concerns. Mrs. Stinney advised that Council is now on page 58 of 91. Mr. Cartier asked for a better accounting as to the amount of money that those programs actually utilize because he knows there are supplies and things like that involved with those. Mr. Prickett advised he has a question regarding background checks for Administration. Initially in 2007, there was either appropriated or spent \$4,078 on line 206502 and last year we budgeted \$10,000 and \$5,000 was expended, fifty percent of it and this year Administration is only asking for \$3,000. Mr. Prickett asked if this is because the program has been in effect for going on the third year and most of the people that are involved that need background checks have had their checks. We talked about this being a staggered kind of a program so that we wouldn't have to deal with the costs all at once. Mrs. Stinney commented that there isn't a breakdown of that. Mr. Prickett remarked that in the book it just says volunteers and doesn't provide any information. Mr. Prickett asked what a background check costs. Mr. Vaz explained that what happened is and we're still not out of it at this point is that the rules of the game were changed on us before we were able to get our program solidly in place and what is happening now is this is no longer performed locally. You have to make an arrangement through an on line scheduling system to go to a private contractor that the State Police hires. You have to pay as the applicant, directly to the company and it's kind of turned the whole system upside down. For a period of time, when the system was being implemented by the State, we weren't doing any background checks. There was a lot of push back from the Leagues because of how the system changed and it affected how we were doing business with the Kanka Foundation, the reimbursement and the whole nine yards. It was probably only about a month ago that Mrs. Redmond stated she thinks that all of the kinks have been worked out but it's still going to put a bigger burden on the applicant. That part we can't change but we've gotten the Kanka Foundation part of this resolved. Mrs. Kanka was in the process of trying to find a way to pay the contractor directly rather than making the applicants foot the bill. The reduction in this amount that is in the budget is because of the changes that are taking place right now with the state wide system of background checks. Mr. Prickett asked how much it is per individual. Mr. Vaz replied it was in the \$75.00 range. Mr. Prickett asked where Council can access the changes. Mr. Vaz informed the State Police website.....Mrs. Stinney replied through the State. Mr. Vaz continued it's not just for the Leagues, it is the whole system of criminal background checks for employment related stuff and the whole thing has changed. You have to use this company and they are placed throughout the State. Mr. Vaz advised Administration is trying to see if they were going to have some sort of mobile set up like a trailer where they can go in to different towns and that didn't work itself out either. The closest place is Mount Laurel or Cherry Hill. Mr. Prickett asked if the finger printing is done there. Mr. Vaz answered yes, everything is done there. Mrs. Stinney asked if cost effectively, if they came out to the residents, would it be a little less on the volunteer.....Mr. Vaz replied they are not coming out. The applicants have to go to them, the private contractor. Mrs. Stinney confirmed and asked what the hardship on the coaches sounds like. Mr. Vaz replied he is being told it is a big burden because now these individuals have to take time out of their schedule and it's not a matter of getting there, it's a matter of scheduling the appointments. The on line system is the way they encourage people to do it and they put a few road blocks in front of you if you need to do it by phone. He has heard complaints that they are so far behind if you try to schedule something today,

you might not have an available appointment for four weeks. Mrs. Stinney commented that puts a burden on us for the volunteer coaches when it's time for.....Mr. Vaz interjected that it has turned the entire system upside down and in fact Mrs. Redmond and Mr. Balas had reviewed the ordinance and there are ordinance changes that are going to need to be made as well to be consistent with the new system. Mrs. Scull had a question on line 2-02401, Maintenance of Parks and Beaches and the geese chasers. As she brought up before, there are cheaper ways to deal with the geese whether it's the shadow of the wolf or coyote or the noise .....Mrs. Scull asked Mr. Cartier why he is shaking his head no as she is talking. Mr. Cartier responded he will pull the article out of the Burlington County Times with the shadow of the dogs standing next to the lake and the goose just standing there staring at it and it doesn't work. Mrs. Scull continued that there is something else that was seen at the League of the Municipalities and she brought it back and gave it to the Mayor where it pulls along behind a car and can be moved from one beach to the other. It puts out a sound similar to the dogs chasing them and it supposedly works. There is a one time fee to buy it instead of \$10,000 a year and she would like Administration to look in to this and see if it's feasible. The shadow devices were suggested from a resident. Mayor Patriarca stated to not confuse the title of the line with the cause. It doesn't mean this will be Geese Chasers, Inc., that will be hired. This is just a method of chasing geese so they may be chased with a sound or a sign and this is not to say that we're hiring Geese Chasers, just something to chase geese. Mrs. Scull acknowledged what the Mayor stated and added that not that she has a problem and they did do a wonderful job; however, if we can get a cheaper, effective way to do it then good. Mr. Prickett asked if the Township did have Geese Chasers last year and if they were hired. Mayor Patriarca replied we did use them for a portion of the year last year during the prime swimming season. Mr. Vaz commented that the Mayor sent him a note that he might not have been clear enough that the burden on the coaches for the leagues with the background check change includes them having to front that fee. Mrs. Stinney commented she heard and that's why she asked the questions. Mrs. Stinney confirmed they have to put the money up front. The Mayor added that they have to put the money up front and that puts an additional burden on the coaches getting volunteer coaches having to put that money up front. Mrs. Stinney confirmed and stated who has that kind of money. Mr. Prickett asked if they are compensated afterwards. Mr. Vaz replied that is the plan and the latest information is that the Kanka Foundation is doing something with the company that maybe the foundation can pay directly to the company so they are waiting to see how that works out. Mr. Vaz expressed that it has been finalized but we have not had to do this yet since it's been finalized. Mr. Prickett asked if our coaches have not had to put the money up front just yet. Mr. Vaz answered there were those that were already affected by it. Mrs. Stinney responded there are from this past football season. Mr. Inge commented that the old system was where they would come here and asked if we couldn't go back to that system. Mayor Patriarca responded no, and added that the State Police is not allowing municipalities to do it on their own. Municipalities have to use the scanned version, the live scan of fingerprints which we have here. It's a private company now and asked if somebody knows somebody who started this private company now and gets all of those applicants to come to them. The Mayor added that's what it sounds like to him and it's kind of like the Department of Motor Vehicles Inspections all over again. Mrs. Stinney agreed. Mr. Cartier advised he had a question before Council received the package from Recreation that he addressed with Mr. Vaz and that was for the first aid medical supplies. Mr. Cartier questioned why it was going up so much but he understands now that the Township is getting three defibrillators for the beaches.

Mr. Cartier noted that is line item 2-14400. Mrs. Stinney confirmed Council did not have any other questions on page 59 of 91.

Motion by Cartier and Scull to approve Department 370 as corrected by Administration. Cartier, yes; Scull, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Stinney recessed the meeting at approximately 3:33 pm for a short break and reconvened the meeting at approximately 3:43 pm.

### **WATER DEPARTMENT #500**

Mrs. Stinney advised there is information in the supplemental book on this department. Mr. Prickett asked if there are any corrections on the salaries. Mr. Vaz informed Mr. Scull is moving into 8% longevity which will change his salary to \$51,646.40. The total for salary and wages will change to \$534,850.00; an increase of \$50. Mr. Cartier added the department total will be \$575,050. Mrs. Stinney informed Council is now on page 2 of 12. Mr. Prickett asked where the vehicles are and noted it is account 500.025. Mrs. Stinney asked what line item Mr. Prickett is on. Mr. Prickett answered he is not sure and then added 2 has vehicle parts so somewhere above it should be vehicles. Mayor Patriarca asked Mr. Prickett if he could just get to the point and further asked if he is looking to see where Administration is purchasing vehicles for the Water Department. Mr. Prickett responded exactly. The Mayor answered that's easy. Mrs. Stinney commented if it's not on that page, then move over to the next page. Mr. Prickett remarked the print is so small, he doesn't want to miss the page and then not have an opportunity.....Mrs. Stinney informed we are going page by page and if .....Mr. Cartier asked Mr. Prickett when has he never not had an option to talk about something. Mrs. Scull agreed. Mr. Prickett conveyed he has nerve and always takes the option to talk about it. Mr. Prickett wanted to know that the vehicles are not on page 2 of 12. Mayor Patriarca asked what vehicles. Mr. Vaz informed Mr. Prickett is looking at the supplemental book. Mrs. Scull replied vehicles for the water department. Mrs. Stinney commented that she doesn't see them on there. Mr. Prickett commented that he doesn't see the numbers in the budget and maybe they are not here. Mrs. Scull stated purchase of vehicles, 5100 and if you go across, there isn't anything there. Mrs. Stinney asked if there are any questions on page 3 of 12. Mr. Prickett informed he has a question on page 3 of 12. Mr. Prickett stated to Administration that he would like to know, the Water Department requested \$65,000 in the purchase of vehicles and Administration has requested no money for that and asked why. Mr. Prickett continued he knows their vehicles have been old over the years and knows they have been replaced slowly. Mr. Prickett stated he would imagine these must be for the water readers. Mr. Prickett remarked last year there was \$65,000 expended. Mayor Patriarca informed last year we bought a backhoe. Mr. Prickett informed the supplemental book lists eight vehicles. The Mayor informed that is maintaining eight vehicles and it's line 2500. Mr. Prickett noted then there are parts for eight vehicles. The Mayor asked Mr. Prickett what line number he is on. Mr. Prickett stated as long as they don't need more vehicles and as long as there aren't vehicles in the budget, he doesn't have a question. The Mayor explained they had asked for a small dump truck but after we got in to cuts, they cut the small dump truck. Mrs. Scull asked if they needed their small dump truck and added there is a difference between want and need. Mayor Patriarca agreed with Mrs. Scull and informed we could probably use a small dump truck but not this year. Mrs. Stinney asked Mr. Prickett

if that answered his questions. Mr. Prickett informed yes. Mrs. Stinney noted that Council is now on page 4 of 12.

Motion by Scull and Cartier to approve Department 500 as presented by the Mayor. Scull, abstain;

Mr. Cartier commented that Mrs. Scull can't even move it. Mrs. Scull stated that other people did that the other time and she thought that she shouldn't do that but.....Mr. Cartier remarked to Mrs. Scull that she shouldn't be moving that. Mrs. Scull stated that is fine with her. Mr. Cartier stated to Mrs. Scull to withdraw her motion and added that she doesn't need any more hassles on things like that. Mrs. Scull stated she is withdrawing her motion. Mrs. Scull commented to look and see if somebody didn't do that recently.

Motion by Cartier and Prickett to approve Department 500 as presented by the Mayor. Cartier, yes; Prickett, yes; Scull, abstain; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor questioned how Council moves and votes on Department 110. Mrs. Scull agreed with the Mayor. Mayor Patriarca continued if that is not a direct involvement in a department, how do.....Mrs. Scull interjected that it has to do with the majority. Mrs. Stinney asked the Mayor if it's the Council's department that he is talking about. The Mayor stated to Mrs. Scull that she played it safe. Mrs. Scull replied she usually does. Mayor Patriarca commented it's less print in the paper. Mrs. Scull noted if somebody is going to have a problem, they're going to make one up anyhow. Mrs. Scull continued that she is getting all kinds of calls and empathy and sympathy and they are really getting angry at the folks.

#### **LEASE PAYMENTS DEPARTMENT #504**

Mr. Prickett remarked Council is on page 5 of 12. Mr. Prickett questioned line item 2-11304 where \$22,575 was budgeted last year and \$10,180 was expended and now \$21,037 is being requested. Less than half was used last year. Mr. Prickett continued that the next line, 2-11305 is the same. Thirty three percent of the \$75,569 that was budgeted was used. This year the Mayor is also requesting another \$75,570 for line 11305. Mr. Prickett asked if there is a basis for these numbers, and we're talking about a lot of money. Mr. Vaz informed he is looking at the service schedule again and he is not showing any of these numbers so he is going to have to check with Mrs. Eden on that. He is showing numbers on the schedule but he is not showing anything that comes close to those interest and principal payments on the schedule for 2009. The numbers are very different than what's here so he will have to check with Mrs. Eden. Mr. Cartier asked if that is their share and if these are combined with the municipal lease payments. Mr. Cartier asked if it was the 2004 lease, the municipal and the water together; they are not two separate leases; it was all one lease. Mr. Vaz answered he can't tell because it's just describing all of the Burlington County Bridge Commission debt in accordance with the year that it was bonded. Mr. Vaz located it and explained there is not a caption on it and that's why he didn't see it. Mrs. Scull remarked it probably should be still from the one well. Mr. Cartier asked Mr. Vaz according to his amortization schedule, what is the total amount due for interest. Mr. Vaz replied in 2009, it looks like it should be \$21,000 and change. There are two separate lines and each one is \$10,518 and double that is \$21,036. Mr. Vaz remarked he cannot answer Mr. Prickett's question. Mr. Vaz continued that there were two payments due and the only thing he can think of is that and it's not really

a logical answer but it was actually paid in the beginning of 2009 because it still should have been charged to 2008 so he is not sure and has to ask Mrs. Eden. The two payments in 2008 for the water was almost \$22,000 and that is what was budgeted. Mr. Vaz continued that he is going to ask Mrs. Eden why we spent half of what we should have. Mayor Patriarca was speaking to Mrs. Eden on the telephone and informed the principal pays are locked in by contract. The Bridge Commission has been able to make adjustments on the interest payments because of what we have and have not used. That's why there is less expended but the number that is budgeted for is what is anticipated and we don't know that we'll get any other reduction this year. We can certainly try and work if we haven't used it all to try and get a reduction on the interest payment but this is what we would owe on that payment. Mr. Prickett asked if this causes the water rates to go up. The Mayor replied that it's not that it causes the rates to go up; the water rates are factored in to the total amount already, the current rates are factored in to the expenses within that department that we have already incurred. Mr. Prickett asked if this number were dropped, would water rates go down. Mrs. Scull commented that it's doubtful. The Mayor replied theoretically they could but he didn't know if he really wanted to explore that because our water rates are from what he understands very reasonable and you would be basically rolling the dice that by reducing this you would be able to get that reduced interest. Mr. Prickett commented that the rates are good to begin with and he understands that. Mr. Prickett then asked if the water rates have gone up this year and then stated Council would have to approve that. Mrs. Scull noted Council has not approved that. Mayor Patriarca relayed that our water department has actually been on the return.....Mrs. Stinney interjected that it has not gone up since she has been here. The Mayor continued that not only have they been able to maintain the rates, but they have also been able to increase the surplus in that department. They've been managing that department without addressing surplus to balance the budget and managing that department by pulling all of those out of that department that were once listed in there as salaried employees, partial salaried employees and that department represents that department right now and not the other people that contribute to it. Mr. Prickett asked the Mayor what it represents. The Mayor replied the individuals within the water department and not a part of payroll or the cashier, they always assess to that because they do work for the water department and legally you can charge the water department for that but they are trying to build capital up in the water department so that we can fund capital projects through the water department without having to bond for it. Mr. Prickett commented that at least the way he is seeing it at this point is that it is not going to cause the water rates to go up. It's just there as protection and if it's not used, it goes back in to surplus. Mayor Patriarca agreed that it would go back in to surplus and added that it's there as not so much protection but what you're obligation is. If we are able to reduce that obligation, then we will do that of course but that's currently what we are obligated for.

Motion by Scull and Cartier to approve Department 504 as presented by the Mayor. Scull, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Prickett, yes; Stinney, yes.  
Motion carried.

### **WATER OP. CAPITAL OUTLAY DEPARTMENT 512**

Council is now on page 6 of 12. Mr. Cartier asked Mrs. Stinney to explain the water distribution notes on line item 2-05503. The Mayor responded that these are the new lines that we are doing to raise capital projects. These are lines and some of them run behind houses and are going to be brought out in front of houses in the

roadways. These are all raise capital projects. Mr. Cartier asked if Stackhouse is not on public water. Mrs. Scull responded this is public water. Mayor Patriarca informed it is the tank out there. Mrs. Scull commented there is a well out there. The Mayor advised that Stackhouse is scheduled for a new water meter along with one of the mobile home parks. One was done in Belaire and actually received a complaint from the owner because it almost tripled the fee for water and here they were getting over off of a faulty meter for quite some time. Mrs. Scull commented that is why those meters were a good idea. Mr. Prickett asked what are we doing here for this and if we are putting in new lines. Mr. Cartier answered two new lines on Crescent and Ivy, clean and inspect the water storage tank, and two new water meters, one for Stackhouse School and one for Lakeshore Mobile Village. Mr. Prickett asked if they are both water meters. Mr. Cartier answered yes. Mr. Prickett then asked if that would be for the whole area, the \$25,000. Mr. Cartier responded that there is only one meter going in to the development of the Mobile Home Park and then they pay a share of that cost. Mr. Prickett asked if that one meter cost \$25,000. Mr. Cartier answered that is the purchase and install and asked the Mayor. Mayor Patriarca responded that is what Mr. Williams submitted as the cost to put that meter in. Mr. Prickett noted that is not in .....Mr. Cartier interjected with no, there is nothing in there for capital. Mr. Prickett then asked how about for Stackhouse. The Mayor responded it would be the same cost. Mr. Prickett noted one big meter.....Mrs. Scull interjected for all three schools. Mr. Prickett asked if the other two are to extend water lines and asked how many houses. The Mayor responded it is not to extend water lines but it is to relocate water lines. This is making adjustments and Mr. Williams informed some of these run through the back of properties as opposed to up front where they can perform maintenance on them so they are trying to relocate lines. Mr. Cartier asked if the residents are going to be responsible for relocating their tap ins. Mayor Patriarca answered no, there is no additional hook up charges when we do work to the mains. Mr. Cartier then asked if we are going to relocate the mains and relocate their hook ups as well because now if they are behind the properties, the hook ups run out to the back of the property and if we move them out to the front of the houses, the hook ups need to be relocated too. The Mayor answered that we would have to make the adjustments. Mr. Prickett asked what kind of road are we going to be tearing up in the process. Mr. Cartier replied Crescent probably needs repaving as it is. It's off Juliustown Road and he doesn't know where Ivy is. Mayor Patriarca informed Ivy is off of North Lakeshore. Mr. Prickett asked what is the purpose for doing these two. He acknowledged that the Mayor explained it is to take the line from the backyard to the front yard but he asked what is the advantage. Mr. Cartier stated there must be an easement back there that we probably had to purchase at one time to be able to run the lines back there. Mr. Vaz spoke regarding Ivy Street and Crescent that Mr. Williams described it as installing new water main and water services on Ivy Street; existing water main is undersized and outdated; street is a source of yellow water complaints and frequent water main breaks; new water main and services will provide quality water and up to date fire protection. Mr. Cartier commented that we will be replacing not relocating. Mr. Prickett asked if it will stay in the easement in the back. Mr. Cartier and Mrs. Scull both replied no. The Mayor responded no; Ivy may not be in the back and there was one Mr. Williams brought to his attention that he wanted to bring to the front of the house and it might be something that was done this year. Mr. Prickett commented that it's nice to know up front what Council is approving. It makes a lot more sense now than down the road. The Mayor remarked this represents what Administration has been doing with Mr. Williams' budget to maintain capital so that he is able to fund these projects throughout the system.

Mr. Prickett asked if both of those are for a larger line, it will improve the ability of the fire companies to draw water and it will provide better water pressure but he doesn't understand the yellow water part and asked if there is a loop on that or will there be a loop on the system so that the water gets circulated. When there is a dead end, the water tends to sit there and you get the rust in the water. Mr. Prickett then asked if that is part of this as well. Mr. Vaz responded that Mr. Williams did not state that but he understands what Mr. Prickett is saying and it sounds like a good explanation. Mr. Cartier stated to Mr. Prickett that he answered his own question. Mr. Prickett commented that he is not sure that he did and he needs confirmation from the water department. Mayor Patriarca informed the age of the piping also contributes to that; what the inside of the line is like. Mr. Prickett stated there is \$25,000 for soft costs and asked if the water department is going to install these things and soft costs are usually for engineers, lawyers and those things. Mr. Prickett asked what the \$25,000 in soft costs is needed for. Mr. Cartier responded the project still needs the engineer. Mr. Vaz answered it is for plans, specs and bid specifications. Mr. Prickett stated the water department isn't actually going to do the work, they are going to bid it out and have somebody else do it. Mr. Cartier replied that they may replace the lines themselves, but they still have to have an engineer. Mr. Prickett noted that would be to design the work and he wasn't sure and maybe the water company could just dig the holes and put the lines in. Mrs. Stinney asked if Mr. Prickett had all of his questions answered. Mr. Prickett answered he thinks so.

Motion by Cartier and Prickett to approve Department 512 as presented by the Mayor. Cartier, yes; Prickett, yes; Scull, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes.  
Motion carried.

#### **WATER BOND PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT #520**

Council is on page 7 of 12.

Motion by Cartier and Prickett to approve Department 520 as presented by the Mayor. Cartier, yes; Prickett, yes; Scull, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes.  
Motion carried.

#### **INTEREST ON BOND DEPARTMENT #522**

Council is on page 8 of 12. Mr. Prickett asked what bond this is for. Mr. Vaz replied that per the amortization table, the total principal payment on the two bonds this year is \$186,103 and that is covered in department 520. The amount due is \$19,854.62 and we may want to increase that a couple of thousand. That is for a 1993 bond and a 1996 bond. Mr. Prickett asked what the 1993 and 1996 project was. Mr. Vaz replied the 1993 was a refunding bond and the actual bond was probably even before 1993. That is showing that this is one of the bonds that will be retired this year. Mr. Cartier added that is why it is not fully paid. Mr. Vaz indicated Mrs. Eden must have a pay out figure in the office and that's why it is \$17,698. The second one is from 1996 and on the amortization, there is no project description. Mr. Prickett asked Mr. Vaz if he is requesting or correcting.....Mr. Vaz replied no and that Mr. Cartier's point is on the money and Mrs. Eden must have the final payout figure in the office and that's why it's less than what he is showing on his chart.

Motion by Prickett and Cartier to approve Department 522 as presented by the Mayor. Prickett, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Scull, yes; Stinney, yes.  
Motion carried.

### **WATER OP I/F WATER CAP DEPARTMENT #525**

Mrs. Stinney advised Council is on page 9 of 12. Mr. Prickett asked what is OP I/F. Mrs. Stinney answered water operating expense for water cap. Mrs. Scull stated that makes sense and added that we don't have to spend anything and that's great. Last year we spent \$8,700 and this year nothing and that's great. Mr. Cartier remarked that Council said that last budget too and we ended up spending \$8,700. Mrs. Scull commented that's true. Mr. Vaz responded it looks like it is an inner fund. Mr. Cartier asked what does that mean. Mr. Vaz explained that is where capital is loaning money to the current expense and then paying it back later. Mr. Prickett asked if that means that the amount that was expended from the water department was paid back. Since they expended \$8,700.....Mr. Vaz interjected that it looks like the \$8,700 was to pay back on the current fund side because it's charged to this water capital. Mr. Vaz located the detail information and he is looking over the department now. Mr. Vaz explained that most of it was used for workers comp and there was an inter-fund transfer for workers comp. Mr. Prickett asked if that is for the entire Township or just water department employees. Mr. Vaz responded only for the water department. The Mayor added that we charge a portion to the water department to the workmen's comp. Mr. Vaz reiterated it was workmen's comp related. Mr. Prickett asked where did the money come from and wouldn't there be a transfer from somewhere, \$8,700 in. Mayor Patriarca noted there would be nothing coming in to the water department and this would be paying back the workmen's comp. If someone is on workmen's comp, we can charge the water department if they work for the water department and we can take and charge the surplus of the water department. Mr. Prickett asked the Mayor if that came from the surplus in the water department. Mr. Vaz responded that it definitely came from the water department but the water cap in the description, he was saying water capital and it is showing as water capital as well. It looks like it came out of water capital and went to comp. Mr. Prickett remarked this expended for workmen's comp within the water department. Mr. Vaz answered yes. Mr. Prickett thanked Mr. Vaz. Mrs. Stinney commented Council needs to authorize this. Mr. Cartier stated no, there are no expenditures. Mrs. Stinney commented for the record, Council will move over to the next department.

### **SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT #541**

Council is on page 10 of 12.

Motion by Scull and Prickett to approve Department 541 as presented by the Mayor. Scull, yes; Prickett, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes.  
Motion carried.

### **UNEMPLOYMENT COMP. INSUR. DEPARTMENT #542**

Mrs. Stinney advised Council is on page 11 of 12.

Motion by Cartier and Prickett to approve Department 542 as presented by the Mayor. Cartier, yes; Prickett, yes; Scull, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Prickett asked if this is a trust fund. Mrs. Stinney moved on to Deferred Charges, Department 870, page 12 of 12 and asked Mr. Prickett if that is what he is talking about. Mr. Prickett answered no, he is referring to page 11 of 12, unemployment compensation insurance and again asked if there is a trust fund for this. Mayor Patriarca advised that Council is past discussion and Council has

already voted. Mr. Prickett commented to the Mayor that he doesn't know the answer right off hand. The Mayor answered it is a line item and is not a trust; it is a budgeted line item where the line is kept active. If we have to pay unemployment, we have to put money in there and charge that line. We don't anticipate paying unemployment for that department. Mr. Prickett asked when do you pay that. The Mayor responded when someone is laid off or if someone is released possibly fired and penalized and then start....Mr. Vaz interjected that would not come out of this line it would come out of the unemployment trust. Mayor Patriarca commented he stands corrected. Mr. Vaz remarked this is just to keep the line open and he is having dejavu and asked if this was covered already and perhaps he and the Mayor asked Mrs. Eden when they had their internal budget meeting. Mr. Vaz noted something else with this unemployment line had come up. Mayor Patriarca noted he thought this was in there because it is a separate department; it is the water department and is not under the regular budget so this line is kept open and this would be the unemployment for the water department. Mr. Vaz agreed. The Mayor commented it's deferred charges.

### **DEFERRED CHARGES DEPARTMENT #870**

Mrs. Stinney advised Council is on page 12 of 12. Mr. Cartier conveyed there is nothing there. Mrs. Scull stated this is just the explanation period. Mr. Cartier noted this is the totals for the total water budget. Mrs. Stinney noted the overall grand total. Mrs. Scull asked if Council needed to approve department 870. Mr. Cartier answered no, there is nothing in it.

### **CONSTRUCTION CODE TRUST FUND #23**

Mr. Cartier asked if there are any corrections. Mrs. Stinney asked if there are any corrections on salaries. Mr. Vaz answered no. Mrs. Stinney advised Council is on page 2 of 3. Mr. Cartier questioned demolition. Mrs. Scull stated that is a salary settlement and they got the retros. Mr. Prickett stated he knows what it is but questioned where it came from. Mr. Cartier asked if demolition was some place else. Mr. Vaz replied there was \$10,000 in DPW. Mr. Cartier asked if this is the remainder of that. Mayor Patriarca advised this is where most of the demolition will be directed from so Administration figured they would charge this department as this official will direct most of it. By the time the DPW has to do a demolition, they need some funding. Mr. Vaz commented that when Imagination Kingdom had to be removed that would have been charged to the demolition line in DPW. Mr. Cartier asked if there is any furniture being proposed to be purchased for this department. The Mayor responded their bookshelves are fine this year. Mr. Prickett if this is the UCC fund. The Mayor replied yes. Mr. Prickett commented this isn't part of the tax rate. Mayor Patriarca commented this is charged to the fund. Mrs. Stinney asked Council for any questions on page 2 of 3 and 3 of 3.

Motion by Cartier and Scull to approve Department 1035 as presented by the Mayor. Cartier, yes; Scull, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Cartier asked where the gypsy moths are in the book. Mr. Vaz replied he thought it was in DPW, Buildings and Grounds. The Mayor advised it is on page 49 of 91. Mr. Prickett added line 2-20400, miscellaneous.

Motion by Cartier to increase line 2-20400 to \$65,000.

Mrs. Stinney stated to wait a minute and make sure everyone is on the same page. The Mayor commented that's what a vote does. Mr. Prickett asked if any transfers are being made. Mr. Cartier commented it will be from the stuff that Council has already removed. Mrs. Scull agreed and added Council has removed almost \$20,000. Mr. Prickett noted he would like to consider another situation and that is the purchase of another police car. Mr. Cartier asked to finish with his motion first. Mr. Prickett remarked that Council needs to look at the whole package. Mrs. Stinney stated to do one at a time. Mr. Prickett asked if he can talk about the purchase of a police vehicle. Mr. Cartier responded not while there is an active motion on the floor. Mr. Prickett replied there is no second. Mr. Cartier responded to Mr. Prickett that he's not giving anybody a chance.

Motion seconded by Scull.

Mr. Cartier thanked Mrs. Scull and asked Mr. Prickett what his discussion is. Mr. Prickett replied that he didn't have anything to discuss on this motion other than he would prefer to move funds from one place to another instead of increasing the overall budget. Mr. Cartier responded that Council is not and they are decreasing the budget. Mr. Cartier continued that Council just removed almost \$20,000 from the budget. He understands that it's not much, but Council is not increasing anything. Mr. Inge asked Mr. Prickett what department he wanted to move from. Mr. Prickett remarked that he would have preferred to have taken that from lake management and transfer it to gypsy moths to increase it that way. He would also consider taking it from the capital down payment, the \$150,000 for the million dollar road project. The Township hasn't even started the 2008 road program yet and questioned why put a million in there this year when there is a 9.4 cent increase. In Mr. Prickett's past experience on Council when there was a tax situation like this, Council wouldn't be going out for a million dollars for roads, \$800,000 for roads. Mr. Prickett thinks we could certainly take from this capital down payment and transfer some of it over. We're talking about \$5,000 and he would like to see some other things going to this as well such as a police car. Mr. Prickett expressed that Council needs to add another police car to the budget at a cost of \$22,500. All in all, Council might be reducing the \$150,000 down payment to maybe \$135,000 or \$130,000. Mrs. Scull asked Mr. Prickett which line item he is talking about. Mr. Cartier replied the capital....Mr. Prickett answered the capital down payment, line item 2-11299, and it should be on municipal budget. Mrs. Stinney advised page 91 of 91. Mr. Prickett confirmed page 91 of 91 and added it is the first line, 2-11299. Mr. Prickett suggested to fund the police car, the gypsy moths and the fencing in Country Lakes and it be taken from here. Mrs. Scull stated that last year, \$150,000 was expended and there are road projects and other things going on and she doesn't think Council needs to touch this money and our road projects are minimal as it is. Mrs. Scull informed that she does not want to cut the roads that Council has already told people and approved to have done. Mr. Prickett informed this is the 2009 project and Council hasn't approved anything for 2009. Mrs. Scull asked if Council has approved that yet. Mr. Prickett responded no. Mrs. Scull asked Mr. Vaz if this is capital down pay budget. Mr. Vaz replied the \$150,000 is the capital improvement, the down payment fund. Mr. Vaz continued that is for 5% of what we intend to bond. 5% of a million is \$50,000 so that gives the ability to spend for a capital program, \$3 million. Mrs. Scull asked what we have in the capital improvement budget for this year. Mr. Prickett commented that Council hasn't seen it yet. Mayor Patriarca stated Administration was waiting on a three or five year road program from the engineers and are anticipating only a three year program at this rate. Part of the

2008 road program is going to have to be dropped back to the 2009, 2010 and 2011 program because if Council recalls, Administration used funding from the 2008 to do some of the projects that came up such as Woodbine Street and so forth that reduced the amount of roads that we were anticipating doing in the 2008 road program. Those roads still reflect the worse roads that need repairing and we have to still address those roads that didn't get addressed from the 2008 program that got bumped off the list. They would bump in to the 2009. The plan would be to do at a very minimum and he would prefer a five year but at the very minimum a three year program to start addressing these roads. Mrs. Scull asked if it is a \$3 million dollar project this year. The Mayor replied that it would be over a course of three years. Mrs. Stinney stated one million per year, down payment. Mr. Cartier asked why the down payment is needed this year for all three years. Mayor Patriarca replied you don't. Mr. Prickett stated there is \$100,000 there that can be taken out of this budget. Mrs. Scull commented that she didn't know about \$100,000. Mr. Prickett continued that it could be used for something else in the budget. Mr. Cartier noted that sounds better. Mr. Prickett stated he would like to see a penny come out of this budget. Mrs. Scull commented that will cost you two pennies next year. Mr. Cartier stated he didn't think Council could get a penny. Mr. Cartier asked the Mayor if he is proposing one million this year, one million next year and one million the following year for roads. Mr. Vaz added there are also other things besides roads that are capital projects that Council.....Mr. Cartier interjected that is what he is saying, Council is not seeing a capital budget, Council is only being told a million dollar capital budget to include one million dollars worth of roads. Mr. Vaz agreed. Mr. Cartier asked what else is there. Mrs. Scull asked if there is anything in there to address the municipal building. Mr. Prickett asked why Council doesn't have the capital budget yet. Mr. Prickett continued that this could be the last day and Council hasn't seen the capital budget yet. Council usually gets that in advance. Mr. Vaz conveyed the idea was definitely the roads and to have the down payment money there because the capital budget can be amended during the year. It's unlike the operating budget which you can't amend. Part of it is, they are waiting for the engineer to do the roads and he also has a wish list from the fire companies and EMS that they haven't been able to get through yet. One of the fire companies needs a new roof but they're in the process of getting quotes for instead of a new roof which was about \$90,000, to do repairs. The idea was to at least have some down payment money to cover that in the event that down the road, you could do that through an amended capital budget. Mr. Cartier asked how many of those roofs does the Township actually own. Mr. Carter answered not one and added that in other words, the Township would be funding something for them that they would be repaying. Mr. Vaz replied that they have not even gotten that far in the discussion and right now that particular fire company wanted Administration to know that it is a very bad situation for them; they don't have \$90,000 and they are going to work to see what it will cost. Instead of a new roof there is some type of foam roof or something that they are looking in to. Mr. Prickett stated \$90,000 for a new roof is a lot less than \$1 million. Mr. Vaz informed he was talking with the Mayor earlier that the 150 doesn't have to be the number. The other request was the EMS organizations are having issues with their ambulances. The ambulances are getting old and there was a request for at least one new one this year. They were asked to do what the fire companies did which was get together as a group and look at all of their assets and come up with a fleet plan like the fire companies did a few years back that got the fire companies in to the new truck. Those squads are working on that. Mr. Vaz expressed that the down payment fund gives you the ability to amend your capital budget through the year. Does it have to be \$150, no and that's what he

was talking with the Mayor about. If you just go with the fifty and anticipate that, all you will do this year is roads and go down that road as well and he doesn't know if that is the best thing to do and doesn't know if Administration will be comfortable with that but it is in Council's hands at this point. Mr. Inge asked what roads were pulled off the 2008 budget and put on the 2009 road program. Mayor Patriarca answered that would be almost all of them. Those roads have not been addressed because we had to use money for Norcross and Woodbine which consumed most of that funding. Mr. Cartier stated Council approved a project list in December and .....Mr. Vaz interjected that part of it is that we know we're getting some of that money back because two of them were DOT grants but we haven't been reimbursed yet. That will go back in to the pool of available capital to be applied towards this program; the one that was approved in December. Mr. Prickett asked if that money came from the 2008 road program. Mr. Vaz answered yes. Mr. Prickett then asked if we went out to bond for 2008 yet and if we didn't how can we have that money to go in to another program. Mr. Prickett asked if those were anticipation notes. Mr. Vaz stated that Council approved those projects. Mr. Prickett replied but we didn't go out to bond for the money. Mr. Vaz explained it was probably not necessary because Linda probably had the cash flow to be able to pay for those as we went along. That's the difference. Mrs. Scull commented that is what we asked to have done. Mr. Vaz continued that we had the down payment money in the budget in the down payment line and then Mrs. Eden was able to go out and pay for the project. Mr. Prickett expressed that the problem he has with that is it is nice to pay for things as you move along but there's a road project and he knows there were three votes to pass the 2008 road project but we're taking a quarter of that road project which is \$260,000 to do a road that isn't paved at the moment and is way far away from most of the Township and most of the Council will not have the opportunity to vote on that with a bond ordinance. It takes four votes to pass a bond ordinance. Mr. Vaz asked Mr. Prickett if he is talking about Norcross and Woodbine. Mr. Prickett replied he is talking about Whitesbog Road; the 2008 road project. Mr. Vaz responded that Council approved the list and down the road there has to be an ordinance to do these roads. Mrs. Stinney commented that Council just agreed to the listing as the priority of roads that need to .....Mr. Vaz interjected that just because it will be in the 2009 capital budget doesn't mean we can just run out and get it done. Council still has to approve it through approving the capital ordinance to authorize the projects and that will be the time to formally get in to the idea of which roads are going to get done. Mr. Cartier expressed he thought that is what that list was and that was his impression. Mr. Prickett noted that he keeps hearing things were paid for with the 2008 project but wondered where that money came from. Mr. Vaz noted that saying things were paid for out of the 2008 project is not accurate. Saying it was paid for out of the 2008 capital is better. Mr. Prickett agreed and added that he has been brewing about this since the engineer brought this up a couple of meetings ago and he wasn't at the last meeting and he wanted to ask him. Mr. Prickett conveyed that Mr. Vaz brought it up now and it gave him the opportunity to get it clarified. Mr. Cartier asked Mr. Prickett where the other police vehicle is coming from. Mr. Prickett explained it is coming from what he believes is needed in the Police Department. Mr. Prickett expressed that he has always supported five vehicles a year for the Police Department and now it's three vehicles that are being recommended and Council needs to provide them with at least another one to make it four. If the need isn't there and he believes it would be there and he hasn't talked to anybody about this but it is something that he has done for seven years to propose adding enough police vehicles in there with his experience of what is needed. If it's not needed, that money will become surplus.

Mr. Prickett reiterated the money should be there in the event that it's needed and he believes that it is and Council needs to supply the Police Department with five vehicles a year; four vehicles maybe and three vehicles we are leading down the road where the cars have a lot of mileage on them and are older and shouldn't be the front line vehicles. Mr. Cartier asked how many front line vehicles there are now. Mayor Patriarca replied that he doesn't have the list with him. Mrs. Scull asked if a lot of police vehicles were cut out from their requests or did they only request three. The Mayor recalled that Administration only reduced it by one. Mr. Prickett commented that would bring it up to four if this vehicle is added and he thinks Council should. Mr. Vaz noted it also has the affect of replacing one of the older vehicles but those older vehicles then become part of our general fleet where we try to use it for another 100,000 miles. Mrs. Stinney commented that is a good thing and Mrs. Scull agreed. Mr. Cartier noted that eventually somewhere on the tail end of that, there are three vehicles now but four are proposed to be eliminated from the fleet. Mr. Vaz agreed and stated that somewhere down the end of the list four vehicles will go to auction. Mrs. Scull asked where Administration is at with the court room and knows we are waiting on the architect but which budget is that coming out of. Mr. Vaz replied 2007. Mayor Patriarca commented municipal improvements, complex improvements and we are actually waiting for the architect to come back. The architect was in the other day and brought a bunch of the ideas forward. Most of the ideas conformed with what the state is regulating the Township to implement. Mrs. Scull stated that her point is that money is there. Mr. Vaz replied there is money there and the architects have their ideas of how things should be built and Administration has their less expensive ideas of how things should be built. Mrs. Stinney added and then we have our mandates. Mr. Vaz agreed and continued that there is a budget of mandates and somewhere in the middle Administration will have the number in the next couple of weeks. Mrs. Stinney commented that she doesn't want to get too far off with this.....Mr. Cartier interjected that it's all related. Mrs. Stinney asked Mrs. Scull if she had anymore questions. Mrs. Scull commented that the we haven't been able to get the work done at the Senior Center that we.....Mrs. Stinney interjected and asked if Mrs. Scull is talking about the third floor. Mrs. Scull continued that it is the second floor and added that she doesn't mind taking money out of this but doesn't want to leave us to where we can't get done what has to be done. The Mayor expressed this wouldn't have anything to do with that project as that project was approved in another budget and funded through another budget. Mrs. Scull stated she just wanted to make sure because so were the roads. Mr. Cartier asked if there is a reason why Administration does not want to turn Split Rock Road in to a capital project. Mayor Patriarca replied he doesn't want to pay for it for ten or fifteen years and it's something that we can do with cash on hand. Mrs. Stinney agreed. Mr. Cartier commented that makes sense to him but he still has issues with a chain link fence. Mr. Prickett stated day to day activities. The Mayor advised that the residents are not complaining that we're putting up a chain link fence and he personally thinks a four foot vinyl chain link down that road will look fine. Mr. Cartier commented it will last two weeks if that. Mayor Patriarca responded that he doesn't know that it will only last two weeks as it is a residential area, it's an open area, it's a well lit area and doesn't know that anybody is just going to.....Mr. Cartier interjected with not at 2:00 o'clock in the morning it's not. Mrs. Stinney informed Mr. Cartier that the residents in that area volunteered to come forward and put together whatever means they could for protection to see that this fence would work and not to say that somebody will be out there too and she doesn't know, maybe they will get in and organize and take turns and take pictures like Council saw. They agreed to work together to make this work. Mrs. Scull

remarked that whether it's a chain link fence or not, something needs to be done. Mrs. Stinney agreed that something needs to be done. Mrs. Scull added that the Township is going to end up being sued. Mr. Cartier interjected that he is not arguing that point that it's not an issue that has to be addressed but chain link fence is not the answer. Mrs. Scull expressed she is sure Administration will check in to all options. Mr. Cartier interjected that as the Mayor knows while spending plenty of nights on the roads driving around before he became a detective that a lot can happen between midnight and 5:00 am in the morning. Mayor Patriarca informed that he doesn't think we'll see this fence getting torn down to gain access because they would have to tear it down every time they gained access. If they tear it down, are they coming out that way and planning to go back in that way. If it's fenced and properly posted, we would have compliance. Mrs. Scull asked if our vehicles are out there or did the company take back their four wheelers. Mayor Patriarca answered that we still have the four wheelers and he would prefer that our guys weren't out there chasing four wheelers. It would be a lot cheaper to put a \$5,000 fence up than to have guys on four wheelers chasing guys and then we have an accident and somebody gets hurt in a four wheeler; either our guy with workman's comp or the other person could turn around and sue us. Mrs. Scull pointed out there needs to be enforcement too and there needs to be enforcement of some of these ordinances. Mrs. Scull knows personally some of the troubles down at the train station and some of them weren't our residents but some of them were who should have known better. Mayor Patriarca relayed that it's in many areas of the town and even with this solution for this particular spot, we are only going to be pushing this in to another spot but if we can stop it on Wissahickon, it will probably push itself out towards Spring Lake.....Mrs. Scull interjected that it's already there. Mayor Patriarca continued that now they are going to have to go down to the curve and we may end up putting a piece there and at what point are these guys going to continue to drive through the development to get to these locations. The Mayor did not know and could not answer that. Our Police Officers will attempt to stop those driving through the streets but they are not going to chase them in a police vehicle through the woods he would hope and there is difficulty chasing them on a quad. Mr. Prickett asked if Council is in agreement to take money from the capital budget, the capital improvement fund and down payment, line 2-11299 on page 91 of 91 and transfer some of that money to purchase a police car for \$22,500 for line 240-2-05100 on page 32 of 91. Mrs. Scull asked the Mayor if there is anywhere else to add money to pay for registrations or insurance because there is another vehicle on the road. The Mayor replied depending on how much that line is being reduced, he could certainly use a couple of low end vehicles if Council wants to purchase a couple of general use vehicles. They run in to a problem when they continue to take the hand me downs and end up assigning individuals 150,000 – 200,000 mile vehicles which are somewhat unsafe. We always run into situations where someone has to go somewhere from other departments and we don't have a vehicle for them. He has spoken with Mr. Vaz regarding this for a while but have not been able to find the funding and we really should have a small fleet if not two to four vehicles of small type vehicles that are economy vehicles to be given to employees to go out and do some work in the Township such as the Tax Assessor. There are times when we have employees that need a vehicle; the Township Clerk needs a vehicle to check the polling places and if we don't have the one Jeep that Administration uses available, there is no vehicle available for that individual because we don't have that pool set up. Mr. Prickett stated to the Mayor that he didn't answer Mrs. Scull's questions regarding lighting, putting radios and computers in the other vehicle. Mayor Patriarca responded that information is in Council's package and

he has been able to find the price of the vehicle. The Mayor continued that he knows Mr. Prickett knows the rest of the numbers go along with that and if he is proposing that then propose the whole packet. Mr. Prickett commented that was the Mayor's question and that's what he needs to answer. Mr. Prickett added that he doesn't know that he does know the breakdown for that. The Mayor deferred that question to Councilman Prickett. Mr. Prickett commented that is a bit unfair because if he doesn't get it exactly right, then it won't happen and he was hoping there would be some cooperation from Administration on this. The Mayor commented that he doesn't know that it's not fair and Mr. Prickett found the cost of the vehicle easy enough. Mr. Vaz remarked that he is looking at the supplemental pages in the supplemental book, maintenance of vehicles, line 25 and a new set of graphics to detail the new car is \$250. Mr. Cartier asked Mr. Prickett what his total proposal is; he has a police vehicle and what else. Mr. Prickett informed a police vehicle, the fencing for Country Lakes and the additional money for the gypsy moth program. Mr. Cartier asked how much for the fencing and gypsy moth. Mr. Prickett replied the car itself is \$22,500. The Mayor was recommending \$5,000 for the fencing and also approximately \$3,200 so he figured go with \$4,000. Mr. Cartier interjected that \$5,000 for that and he figured it out at 39 acres at \$117. Mr. Prickett conveyed \$5,000 for gypsy moths, \$5,000 for fencing and at this point \$22,500 towards the vehicle and \$250 for the graphics. Council also needs to know what it would cost to take the lighting off one vehicle and the computer and electronics and put it in the new vehicle along with the camera system. Mrs. Scull remarked if Council takes out \$35,000 that should cover everything. Mrs. Stinney agreed and added it is \$32,000. Mr. Prickett commented that Council needs to put it on a line. Mr. Cartier remarked that is all well and good but he is not completely sold on \$5,000 because he doesn't believe fencing is the answer. Mrs. Scull asked Mr. Cartier what he thinks the answer is. Mr. Cartier replied he doesn't know and he doesn't have those numbers. Mrs. Scull asked numbers for what, whatever it is. Mr. Cartier replied yes, something other than a chain link fence. Mrs. Stinney noted that Council talked about cement block and those round things. Mr. Prickett asked the Mayor if it is found in fleet to move the lights and the computer. Mayor Patriarca informed that in the Police budget under line 5100 for the three Crown Victorias at \$22,500 it equals \$67,500 and there is \$72,600 in there. Mr. Prickett asked if that includes installing the equipment cameras, etc.,. The Mayor replied as it states, correct. Mr. Prickett remarked that comes to \$24,200 per vehicle. Mr. Vaz advised installation is \$1,650. Mr. Prickett asked if Council added \$24,200 would that cover those costs. Mr. Vaz reported it is \$1,700 plus the \$22,500. Mrs. Scull informed the three crown victories and installing equipment cameras and computers ending up costing \$24,200 for each vehicle and it seems to her that \$24,200 would need to be added to that line item for the fourth vehicle. Mr. Vaz advised that is \$1,700. Mr. Prickett reported there is an additional \$250 for the graphics which is on line 34. Mrs. Scull agreed and added there are other lines. Mr. Vaz informed it would be \$24,450. Council and Administration discussed the total amounts to be transferred for the police vehicle.

Mrs. Stinney recessed the meeting at approximately 5:05 pm for a short break and reconvened the meeting at approximately 5:10 pm.

Mr. Prickett stated since there is a motion still on the floor and Council had a discussion, he would suggest if he had made that motion he would pull that motion back so that Council can get the whole package together and vote it at one time. Mr. Cartier stated the difference is he wants to replace that money from the money

that Council has taken out of the budget already, whereas Mr. Prickett wants to take money from another line. Mrs. Scull commented more money. Mr. Prickett agreed. Mr. Cartier commented that's the question. Mr. Cartier advised that he will withdraw his motion at this time and is curious and wants to hear the final numbers of Mr. Prickett's proposal. Mrs. Stinney agreed and added so that Council can have an understanding dialogue. Mr. Cartier expressed that he thought Council was. Mrs. Scull interjected that Council has been having good dialogue and she is impressed. Mrs. Stinney notified that she is impressed. Mr. Cartier commented that he is waiting to hear what the final numbers are. Mrs. Stinney confirmed that Mr. Cartier withdrew his motion. Mr. Prickett remarked that the police vehicle is \$24,200. Mrs. Stinney stated it is \$24,450. Mr. Prickett informed \$250 of that is on another line for vehicle parts. Mr. Prickett conveyed this is a workshop and as far as he knows the \$250 for graphics is on line 2-03400 which is vehicle parts and A/C on page 32 of 91. The purchase of vehicle, department 240, line 2-05100 for \$24,200. Gypsy moth is on page 49 of 91, department 310, line 2-20400 Miscellaneous for \$5,000. The next item is on page 43 of 91, department 290, line 2-05804 Highway Road Repairs. Mr. Prickett suggested that Mr. Cartier might want to change the number from \$5,000. Mrs. Stinney conveyed to the Mayor that Mr. Cartier is not too comfortable with the chain link fence and asked if there are any other options. Mayor Patriarca commented that there are certainly other options. Mrs. Scull stated that we don't know that they would necessarily cost more than \$5,000 yet and we know the guardrail is out of the question because of the expense. Mrs. Stinney agreed. Mrs. Stinney asked Mr. Cartier what he would feel comfortable with in that area. Mr. Cartier responded that the number was take \$50,000 from the capital improvement and bring the transfers up to \$50,000, so he is saying \$20,000. Mrs. Scull asked Mr. Cartier if he wanted to do that. Mrs. Stinney confirmed that Mr. Cartier is saying the balance of that money will go towards the fence or whatever they can purchase with the balance of that money. Mrs. Stinney asked Mr. Prickett for his comments on that. Mr. Prickett expressed that is a lot of money but it is certainly better than leaving it in the line that it is in. Mrs. Stinney asked Mrs. Scull if she had any questions. Mrs. Scull replied that it is fine with her as long as it is done as economically as we can. Mrs. Stinney asked Mr. Inge if he had any problems with that. Mr. Inge replied no. Mr. Cartier agreed. Mrs. Stinney reported that Council agrees. Mr. Cartier noted line 2-05804 would have a transfer amount of \$20,000. Mrs. Scull asked if Council is sure there is enough money for the new vehicle in all of the line items that it needs to be in. The Mayor reported he would like to hear it again as he thought there was a shortfall. Mr. Cartier informed it is department 240, page 32 of 91, line item 2-03400, line 5100 would increase by \$24,200 and line 3400 would increase by \$250. The Mayor responded that is incorrect. Mr. Vaz advised that one needs to be \$1,325. Mr. Cartier questioned that amount for decals. Mr. Vaz informed that we don't know and that's the problem. He just took half of what was there. Mayor Patriarca noted that should be divided by four. Mrs. Scull noted on 02500 also needs money there for the graphics. Mr. Prickett and Mrs. Stinney advised that is what they are working on now. Mr. Vaz advised for the motor vehicle parts should be \$660 for the 3400 line and line 2500 would be \$250 more. Mrs. Stinney remarked that Council will now move to the fence, page 43 of 91. Mr. Prickett noted that money should be for that line and not just for that project. Mr. Cartier stated to have a note added in for that line and not just for the project. Mr. Prickett continued that it will have to come before the Council anyway for authorization so if it's less and that money can be used for guard rails or something else and other parts of the Township, it should be made general enough that it can be used. Mr. Cartier expressed that he does not have a problem

with that. Mr. Vaz stated Council added \$5,000 for gypsy moth so brings it up to \$50,000 and a few bucks and that will come out of the down payment fund and confirmed this with Council. Mrs. Stinney answered yes. Mr. Cartier noted that capital down payment will go to \$100,000 instead of \$150,000. Mrs. Scull agreed. Mr. Prickett asked how much the highway road repairs was increased. Mr. Vaz advised it went up to \$26,000. Mr. Cartier interjected that it was increased \$20,000 up to \$26,000. Mrs. Scull commented that we are missing \$110. Mr. Vaz answered that we'll make the numbers work. Mrs. Stinney asked Council if they were all okay. Mr. Cartier and Mr. Inge were both okay. Mrs. Scull replied that she is ready for Mr. Prickett to read this. Mr. Prickett remarked that he doesn't have any questions but wants to make sure that the numbers are correct and the motion is made correctly. Mrs. Stinney asked Council if there is a motion on the changes from the \$50,000 down payment fund to transfer over to the departments of the Police fund of 251110, the gypsy moth of \$5,000 and the fencing from the department of highway and repairs 290. Mayor Patriarca cautioned that Council may have to do individual motions to move \$25,000 from this line to that line and a motion to move \$5,000 from this line to that line and he doesn't know if Council can do a bulk motion. Council agreed to do one at a time. The Mayor continued that Mr. Vaz is getting the book now to check and Council would be much safer doing it individually.

Motion by Prickett and Scull to transfer from Capital Down Payment, line 0902-2-11299, \$24,200 to the Police Department, #240, line 2-05100 for the purchase of a fourth police car. Prickett, yes; Scull, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Prickett and Scull to transfer \$660 from Capital Down Payment, Department 902, line 2-11299 to the Police Department, #240, line 2-03400 for vehicle parts and air conditioning. Prickett, yes; Scull, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Prickett and Scull to transfer \$250 from the Capital Down Payment Department 902, line 2-11299 to the Police Department #240, line 2-02500, maintenance of motor vehicles and machinery. Prickett, yes; Scull, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Prickett and Cartier to transfer \$19,890 from Capital Down Payment, line 11299 to Streets and Road, #240, line 2-05804. Prickett, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Scull, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Prickett and Cartier to transfer \$5,000 from Department 902, line 2-11299 to Buildings and Grounds, #310, line 2-20400 miscellaneous expenses for gypsy moths. Prickett, yes; Cartier, yes; Inge, yes; Scull, yes; Stinney, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Prickett expressed that he would like to see a written format of the capital improvement plan, and he would like to be able to review that. Mr. Vaz responded that Administration will do that. Mrs. Scull asked if Council is ready to introduce the budget. Mr. Prickett remarked that he would not be ready to introduce until he saw the capital budget. This will be Mr. Prickett's seventh year and every year Council has had the capital budget for a number of days to review. Mr. Vaz asked if Council is planning to introduce at the next Council meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> and Administration will provide the capital budget by the middle of the week. Mrs.

Scull informed there is another budget meeting scheduled for Wednesday. Mrs. Stinney confirmed it has been advertised for. Mrs. Stinney suggested to conclude with the budget hearing for Wednesday as scheduled. Mr. Vaz reiterated that the capital budget is not a problem for Monday but he would like Mrs. Jarvis to provide the portion of the minutes with the changes made for the CFO, Mrs. Eden to change the sheets so that the actual short form of the budget document that Council will be introducing can be done. Mr. Vaz informed Administration can provide the capital budget by the end of Monday. Mr. Cartier agreed with Mr. Prickett that he has never not seen a capital budget but he is highly disappointed that Council has to come back on Wednesday. Mr. Vaz advised that Council does not have to come back on Wednesday and can introduce the budget at the next regular meeting. Mrs. Scull stated if Council introduces on April 1<sup>st</sup>, then the budget hearing would be on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the final budget adoption. Mrs. Stinney replied no. Mr. Prickett advised the hearing won't be first. Mr. Cartier informed the final adoption probably won't be until June. Mr. Vaz explained if all that Council will do on Wednesday is introduce.....Mrs. Scull interjected and asked that Council doesn't have to have a hearing and vote on it in April. Mr. Vaz and Mrs. Stinney answered no. Mrs. Stinney expressed that it is the consensus of the Council to return on Wednesday after reviewing the capital budget from Administration. Mrs. Scull stated that Mr. Cartier doesn't want to come back on Wednesday and she thinks the budget is what the budget is and the capital budget is another ball game. Mrs. Scull is satisfied with what Council has done. Council would have liked to have found money and cut taxes but after listening to the auditor, realistically that would just put us in more straits next year. Mrs. Stinney asked Council if the consensus is to return on Wednesday. Mr. Vaz informed Administration is going to be giving Council the road program that they approved in December. Mr. Cartier asked Mr. Vaz if there were any other capital projects planned. Mr. Vaz answered they are not planned and if something comes up like the.....Mrs. Stinney interjected that it will have to come before Council anyway.....Mr. Cartier interjected like Scammel or Woodbine.....Mr. Vaz agreed and added because Council has left in tact another \$50,000 in the down payment improvement fund and you can amend the capital budget during the year. Mr. Cartier asked if Administration intends on putting anything from EMS as far as.....Mr. Vaz interjected not at this stage and as long as we are covered with the down payment money.....Mrs. Stinney conveyed that is what we will be seeing under the capital improvement plan, just the roads. Mr. Vaz confirmed and reiterated that if something comes along in June or July, Council can amend the capital budget. Mr. Vaz advised that the fire company is still working on getting quotes and Administration won't have that by Monday. A new box style ambulance costs approximately \$90,000 - \$110,000. Mrs. Scull commented that it is a good idea to buy an extra police car this year while we are where we're at because next year we might not be able to even buy three. Mrs. Scull noted to Mr. Prickett that it was a good idea. Mr. Prickett responded that it was in cooperation with the five Council members and Administration as well. Mr. Cartier relayed that Administration informed about the capital and asked Mr. Prickett where that leaves him now. Mr. Prickett responded that he wants to see a plan. Mr. Cartier commented that Administration doesn't have anything other than the roads that were approved from last year. Mayor Patriarca remarked that Administration will push the engineer to get what they have asked for. The Mayor continued that the engineer is working on the plan. Mr. Cartier asked Mr. Prickett if he wants to see the road plan. Mr. Prickett indicated that he wants to see something for the \$2 million that we have the 5% for in the budget. Mr. Cartier conveyed that Administration has informed that it's \$1 million roads and whatever might come

up as emergencies. Mr. Vaz explained that the capital improvement program is different than the capital budget; it's two separate things. The five year plan is something different than what we know right now we would propose for roads and the capital budget for 2009. The capital budget for 2009 is going to be the road program that was approved in December. If there is a recommendation to change that in August to add something, the capital budget for 2009 can be amended and we can be covered by that extra money in the down payment on that. On Monday, at a minimum, Administration will provide the 2009 road program. Whether Council wants to come back on Wednesday or not, is up to Council but that is what they will see and Council has already approved that. Mrs. Scull conveyed that shows that Council is being careful with the money and not projecting to start a lot of projects right now and she is happy to hear that. Mrs. Stinney asked Council for a consensus and if they wanted to come back Wednesday. Mr. Cartier responded no, there is not a need to. Mrs. Scull replied Council doesn't need to now. Mr. Inge stated no, not if that's all that is going to be available. Mrs. Scull asked Mr. Prickett if he thinks Council needs a Wednesday meeting. Mr. Prickett responded that he has pretty much said what he thinks that he needs to see a capital budget but it's fine if Council wants to introduce now. Mrs. Scull remarked that she is not talking about introducing now. Mr. Vaz expressed that he thought Council would introduce at the next regular meeting so that Council would have Administration's capital budget on Monday and the final numbers that Mrs. Eden will change based on the meeting minutes and then introduce on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Stinney asked Mr. Prickett if he is comfortable with introducing on the first. Mr. Prickett replied that he is comfortable with waiting until the first for introduction. Mrs. Scull commented that Council will get the capital plan before with the roads. Mrs. Stinney asked the remaining Council members if they are comfortable with no meeting on Wednesday and Council will introduce the budget on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Council agreed. Mrs. Stinney commented that she is truly grateful that Council was able to work out through the workshop budget. It says a lot for Council and Administration for their on going support in being here.

Motion to adjourn at approximately 5:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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