

May 7, 2020

The Township Committee met on the above date via Gotomeeting.com with Mayor Jeremy Liedtka calling the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Following a moment of silence, roll call was taken showing present: Mayor Jeremy Liedtka, Deputy Mayor Lido Panfili, Committeemen Shreekant Dhopte and Michael Russo and Committeewoman Denise Koetas-Dale. Also present John Gillespie Township Attorney, Joseph Hirsh Township Engineer, Chief of Police Kyle Wilson and Caryn Hoyer Township Clerk.

The Open Public Meetings Act statement was read and compliance noted.

AGENDA MATTER(S) REQUIRING RECUSAL(S)

None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – MATTERS APPEARING ON THE AGENDA ONLY

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Mr. Panfili to approve the April 23rd minutes and the Mayor's report. All were in favor.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Hirsh does not have any new updates at this time. He will give a report for Crosswicks Traffic during Discussion.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to introduce Ordinance 2020-6. All were in favor. Roll call was taken: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Liedtka – yes. Public hearing will be May 28, 2020.

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-6**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 142 AND 146 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD, RESPECTIVELY ENTITLED "PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY" AND "PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS"

WHEREAS, public parks and recreational facilities have been repeatedly defaced and vandalized, causing increased maintenance and repair costs for the taxpayers of the Township; and

WHEREAS, much of the recent damage has occurred in connection with the use of recreational facilities by organizations and athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield desires to preserve and properly maintain public parks and recreational facilities for the use and enjoyment of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee thereby now seeks to enhance organizational and parental responsibility as it relates to the use of recreational facilities and public parks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Code of the Township of Chesterfield be amended as follows:

ARTICLE I: AMENDED SECTIONS

1. Chapter 142 of the Code of the Township of Chesterfield entitled "Parental Responsibility" is hereby amended as follows [newly added material is indicated by underlined text]:

[§142-1 to -3 to remain unchanged.]

§142-4 Violations and penalties.

Any parent who shall violate the terms of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to punishment by a fine not exceeding \$500 in the discretion of the court. In addition, if the violation of this chapter results in damage or defacement of public property, the parent shall be charged with the cost of repairing the damaged or defaced property.

[§142-5 to remain unchanged.]

2. Chapter 146 of the Code of the Township of Chesterfield entitled "Parks and Recreational areas" is hereby amended as follows [newly added material is indicated by underlined text, deletions shall be indicated by ~~strikethroughs~~.]:

[§146-1 to -3 to remain unchanged.]

§146-4 Permit for Use of Parks and Recreational Fields and Facilities ~~special events~~.

Permits for special events and requests for the reservation of in parks and recreational fields and facilities shall be obtained by application to the Recreation Director of the Township or other person designated by the Township Committee in accordance with the following procedure:

- A. A person seeking issuance of a permit hereunder shall file an application stating as follows:
 1. The name and address of the applicant.
 2. The name and address of the person, persons, organization, corporation or association sponsoring the activity, if any.
 3. The day and hours for which the permit is desired.
 4. The park, field, or recreational facility or portion thereof for which such permit is desired.
 5. The number of guests and/or participants at the permitted event and their estimated age ranges.
 6. The number and names of any adult supervisors/coaches to be present at any registered event.
 7. An estimate of the percentage of guests/participants who are residents of the Township of Chesterfield
 8. Any other information which the Township Committee shall find reasonably necessary to make a fair determination as to whether a permit should be issued hereunder.

B. Issuance of permit

1. Standards for issuance of a use permit by the Township Committee include the following findings:
 - a. That the proposed activity or use of the park will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public enjoyment of the park.
 - b. That the proposed activity and use will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the promotion of public health, welfare, safety and recreation.
 - c. That the proposed activity or uses that are reasonably anticipated will not include violence, crime or disorderly conduct.
 - d. That the proposed activity will not entail extraordinary or burdensome expense or police protection by the Township of Chesterfield.
 - e. That the facilities desired have not been reserved for other use at the date and hour requested in the application.
 - f. The applicant or applicant organization's prior compliance with this Chapter and the Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of Township Facilities.
2. The Township Committee may refer the application to other official township bodies for study and a written advisory report.

C. Appeal

1. Within 35 days after receipt of an application, the Township Committee shall appraise an applicant, in writing, of its reasons for refusing a permit, and any aggrieved person shall have the right to appeal to the Township Committee to reconsider its decision by serving written notice thereof on the Clerk of the township within five days of said refusal.
2. A copy of said notice shall also be sent by the Clerk to any of the official township bodies referred to by the Township Committee for study and a written advisory report prior to its action to refuse to issue a permit. The Committee shall reconsider the application under the standards set forth under Subsection B hereof and sustain or amend its decision within 35 days from the receipt of the appeal. The decision of the Township Committee on appeal shall be final.

D. A permittee shall be bound by all park rules and regulations and all applicable ordinances fully as though the same were inserted in said permits.

E. The person, corporation, association, or organization to whom the permit is issued shall be liable and responsible for all violations of this Chapter by their guests, participants, and visitors. In addition the permit holder is solely liable for loss, damage or injury sustained by any person whatever by reason of the negligence of the person or persons to whom such permit shall have been issued. The Township Committee shall have the right to require any permittee to submit the evidence of liability insurance covering injuries to members of the general public arising out of such permitted activities in such amounts as may be from time to time determined by the Township Committee prior to the commencement of any activity of issuance of any permit.

F. Revocation. The Township Committee shall have the authority to revoke a permit upon finding of violation of any rule or ordinance or upon good cause shown.

G. The person, corporation, association, or organization to whom the permit is issued shall be responsible for the oversight and supervision of the permitted event. In the event a guest, participant, or visitor shall violate this chapter or damage or deface public property the Township shall take the following actions:

1. For a first offence, the permit holder, the offender and, if applicable under §142, the offender's parents, shall be held jointly and severally accountable for the cost of repairing any defacement or damage of public property committed by guests, participants, or visitors of the permit holder and shall receive a warning.

and referred to as 21 Buttonwood Street; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the historic significance of the name Buttonwood to this location in the Township, the Township desires to re-designate this portion of the road by extending Buttonwood Street two hundred and fifty feet (250') South of Front Street; and

WHEREAS, Buttonwood Street will now end two hundred and fifty feet (250') South of Front Street at 21 Buttonwood Street instead of 15 Buttonwood Street, at which point Bordertown Crosswicks Road will then begin.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, the following:

ARTICLE I. Buttonwood Street Extended. Buttonwood Street shall be extended two hundred and fifty feet (250') south of Front Street, of which extension, as a result, the property formerly identified as "21 Bordertown Crosswicks Road" shall now be known as "21 Buttonwood Street."

ARTICLE II. Records and Maps To Be Corrected. Upon adoption of this Ordinance, the records of the Township, including, but not limited to, the Township's Tax and Street Maps, and any other official documents which appear, or are maintained, by the Township, shall reference the street extension and correct address as set forth. The United States Postal Service authorities, and County Emergency Management Office, and County Dispatch shall also be notified of the change.

ARTICLE III. Repealer, Severability and Effective Date.

D. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

E. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Committee hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.

F. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect six months after proper passage in accordance with the law.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Mr. Panfili to approve Resolution 2020-5-1. Roll Call was taken: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Liedtka - yes.

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD  
RESOLUTION 2020-5-1**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF TWO (2) POLICE VEHICLES IN EXCHANGE FOR PURCHASE OF, AND CREDIT AGAINST, ONE NEW VEHICLE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township has authorized the purchase of a 2019 Chevy Tahoe 9C1 No. 332 for the municipal police department, at a cost of Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$49,944.60), inclusive of parts and labor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is in possession of two (2) other police vehicles, each identified as “14 Charger #331302/135,098” and “14 Charger #351546/96,763”, with an estimated values of \$950.00 and \$1,200.00 respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township’s purchase of the 2019 Chevy Tahoe includes a credit of \$1,950.00 for the two (2) older police vehicles to Mall Chevrolet as part of the transaction for the purchase of a new vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(7) allows a governing body “by resolution [to] include the sale of personal property no longer needed for public use as part of the specifications to offset the price of new purchase”; and

**WHEREAS**, in soliciting quotations for the 2019 Tahoe, the Township did determine that the older two (2) vehicles were no longer needed for public use, and were offered as a set-off against the price of the 2019 Tahoe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(7), the Township hereby authorizes the Township Clerk and/or Chief of Police to convey to Mall Chevrolet, the two (2) older police vehicles described above as consideration for the purchase of the 2019 Chevy Tahoe 9C1 No. 322.

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Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to approve Resolution 2020-5-2. Roll Call was taken: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mayor Liedtka – yes.

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD
RESOLUTION 2020-5-2**

**RESOLUTION INSTITUTING A GRACE PERIOD CONCLUDING ON JUNE 1, 2020 FOR
THE PAYMENT OF SECOND QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey issued Executive Order 103 on March 9, 2020, declaring a Public Health Emergency and a State of Emergency due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, said Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency continue to exist; and

WHEREAS, property taxpayers may be suffering from financial hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, including, but not limited to, loss or drop of income or unexpected expected due to necessary healthcare; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67(a) fixes a “grace period” which can be afforded by a municipality, as its discretion, of ten (10) days following the date upon which tax

payments are due to the municipality, and after which they become delinquent, which, for the Second Quarter of this year, expires May 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey issued Executive Order 130 on April 28, 2020, authorizing municipalities to establish a grace period extension to no later than **June 1, 2020**, for payment of Second Quarter property taxes, and that any provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-66(a), 4-66.1(a), and 4-67(a) inconsistent with Executive Order 130 were suspended for the duration of the Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is the governing body of the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield to adopt a Resolution authorizing the extended grace period to **June 1, 2020** for the payment of Second Quarter property taxes, to help those taxpayers of the Township of Chesterfield who are not able to meet the May 11, 2020 payment date.

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

1. The Township Committee does hereby institute a grace period of **June 1, 2020** for the payment of Second Quarter property taxes for properties in this municipality, in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 130, for those property owners who are not able to meet the May 11, 2020 payment date.
2. Second Quarter Taxes are not paid on or before June 1, 2020 shall be deemed delinquent, and shall bear interest retroactive to May 1, 2020 at the rates previously established by Resolution 2020-1-5.
3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within the Department of Community Affairs within three (3) business days of the adoption of this Resolution.
4. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector, Chief Financial Officer and the Acting Township Administrator.

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## **DISCUSSION**

Pond Maintenance – Mr. Dhopte asked Ms. Koetas-Dale to give an update from the Environmental Commission. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated Public Works has been working on getting the pumps working in the ponds. The Environmental Commission received the write up from Kyle Wilson and they agree with the recommendation. She stated they are happy with what Troy Ulshafer was doing. Rita Romeu, Chair Person of the Environmental Commission sent a memo to the Township Committee on what they discussed for the spraying of the ponds. Mr. Dhopte asked if they discussion the proposal by Black Lagoon for maintenance. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that was not discussed at the Environmental Commission meeting. Mayor Liedtka stated it did come up and that the EC was going to review and let us know what plan they were comfortable with then get back to the Township Committee. The Township Committee said they did not receive a copy of the memo from Ms. Romeu. She will resend it. Mr. Dhopte would like to move ahead with treatment and not wait. He asked if this was for only Recklesstown Way. Mayor Liedtka stated the proposal was for those on Recklesstown however he believes the number of ponds will increase. Mayor Liedtka plans to ride around with Troy tomorrow and make a list of what is left to be done. Mayor Liedtka stated that all of the fountains are in and working except one that should be going in

tomorrow. He believes someone is turning two of the fountains off. Those two have external switches. All the other fountains are internal and cannot be accessed. Mayor Liedtka stated he is working with Troy to see if that switch can be changed. Ms. Koetas-Dale said that Troy attended the Environmental Commission meeting and was impressed by the thoroughness of the report he submitted the next day. She would like to commend him for doing a great job. Mayor Liedtka will forward that message on to Troy.

Old Municipal Building – Mayor Liedtka spoke to Realtor Paula Wirth Lemunyon regarding the sale of the old municipal building. She stated she would recommend listing it between \$300,000 to \$350,000. He stated that since we are not moving forward with the grant, how long do we want to carry the vacant building. He believes we should move forward with the subdivision. Mr. Dhopte would like to see the subdivision proposal again since it has been a while. Mr. Liedtka asked Mr. Gillespie how we go about selling the building. Mr. Gillespie replied it would be a public auction and we could do an RFP for a Real Estate Agent. It would still go to bid but the realtor would help market it. He stated it is not a redevelopment area. Mr. Panfili asked the process of the subdivision and potential redevelopment. Mr. Gillespie stated we need to look at the permitted uses and see if that is a good enough list. Mr. Dhopte asked if there was something in mind for that use. Mr. Panfili stated no, just want to know what we are looking for and if we would have to service it. Ms. Koetas-Dale and Mr. Dhopte asked if we can still look into sub-dividing the property. Mr. Gillespie replied that we would need to apply to the Planning Board for a subdivision. Mr. Panfili asked how the property is zoned. Mayor Liedtka replied that it is zoned commercial. Ms. Koetas-Dale would like to make sure the building cannot be torn down since it is in the historical district. Mr. Dhopte agreed.

Unemployment – Mayor Liedtka stated the Township is self-insured for unemployment. He stated not sure if we just take the hit or look into changing now. Mr. Gillespie stated the Township is in a position where we are funding to some degree our own unemployment. We have about \$60,000 in the fund. He stated that gets used up and then it goes to the state fund. He guessed this started when there were only a few employees at the time and doesn't ever come up unless it is used. Mayor Liedtka stated that we currently have received six unemployment notices. That amount totals to about \$15,000. He stated a few are from the summer program, a plumbing inspector that filled in for someone for about a month, a police officer who resigned and crossing guard. Ms. Koetas-Dale was surprised you can get unemployment if you resign. Mr. Liedtka stated the unemployment law is really relaxed. They look at how long the employee has been with the employer. He believes Wendy has filed or is going to file appeals on some of them. If we change, we would need to look at what we would need to put in budget compared to what we do now. Mr. Panfili stated this was put on the books when we were much smaller and think we should look into going into the State system. Mr. Gillespie asked who our insurance broker is. Ms. Hoyer replied it is Steve Walsh from EJA Insurance Co. After much discussion, the Township Committee agreed to look into going to the State system.

Summer Mentoring Program – Mayor Liedtka spoke with Ms. Wulstein regarding the Summer Mentoring Program. She is asking why we are continuing to move forward with the program since it is no benefit to the Township. Mayor Liedtka stated the Township runs the program and doesn't get any help from the school other than them hosting it. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that it covers the cost of other services to the community such as music in the park. She agrees it should not be done this year but wants to look into other ideas before we make a decision about applying in the future. Ms. Koetas-Dale asked if

Ms. Wulstein and the Alliance can put together a report regarding the Summer Mentoring Program and give it to the Township Committee for their review. Ms. Hoyer stated that the grant is currently frozen due to Covid-19.

DPW Yard – Mayor Liedtka reported the brush recycling area is scheduled to be milled this coming Monday and then paved on Wednesday. He believes we will be able to open it prior to putting up the fence. Mayor Liedtka would like to have set days of the week and hours that the yard will be open. He stated that DPW recommends Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8-12. He would also like someone to man it in order to prevent landscapers and non-residents from dropping off their brush. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated that is not long enough. Mayor Liedtka asked Mr. Gillespie if the yard is essential. Mr. Gillespie stated it is not essential. Mr. Gillespie suggested we follow what the County is doing. Mr. Gillespie asked where the landscapers are taking their brush. Mayor Liedtka replied that they go to the landfill and other places where they have to pay. Mayor Liedtka stated that as soon as the DPW yard is paved a decision can be made on the days and hours of operation. Ms. Koetas-Dale asked to have signage and cameras at the DPW yard in order to enforce. Chief Wilson replied enforcement is very difficult for cameras to identify the vehicles and license plates. The only way would be to watch 12 or more hours of video. Chief Wilson said that the cameras need to be upgraded at the DPW site. The best enforcement is to have someone there. Maybe they can work a rotation where someone would have off during the week so that they could man it on a Saturday. Grass clippings were discussed and no decision was made. There may be a program through the County for grass clippings. Ms. Hoyer will get more information and report back to the Committee. Mayor Liedtka stated that Troy is getting quotes for the upgraded cameras. Mr. Liedtka stated that Bordentown Township is interested in an Interlocal agreement for leaf pickup. He also stated that DPW Foreman wants the DPW to look more professional and will be having uniforms. This will clearly identify our DPW workers. This will all fall within the existing budget. Mr. Panfili thinks this is a great idea and that all the employees should be identified somehow. Mayor Liedtka asked Mr. Gillespie about the Executive Order and brush recycling. Mr. Gillespie read the order that stated that all NJ residents shall remain home except for medical attention or assistance from services, retail services. The Municipal Government continues. If it is ok, do you want to move forward? Chief Wilson stated he can reach out to the prosecutor's office to see if it falls under what is essential. Mr. Gillespie stated it may not be essential for the cleanup but it may be essential to keep it out of the street and our storm water system. Mayor Liedtka thinks we should consider opening if we can. Ms. Koetas-Dale wants to see DPW do the adjusted work schedule to cover Saturday. Chief Wilson stated that should be up to Troy as he is in charge of public works and that may put him further behind. Mr. Gillespie will work with Chief Wilson and report back to the committee. Mr. Dhopte is ok with opening and discuss further at the next meeting. Mayor Liedtka asked everyone to think about the hours it should be open for the next meeting.

Crosswicks Traffic – Mr. Hirsh had emailed a memo to the Township Committee on May 4<sup>th</sup> and he reviewed this with them. Mr. Hirsh reported that he had a conference call with the Chief of Police and Mike Nei from Burlington County this past week to discuss the traffic study report and results as they relate to a list of suggestions or proposals to improve the traffic situation in and around the Village of Crosswicks. He stated the County has Main Street scheduled for improvements in 2022 and portions of the improvements may be able to be included in that project.

1. Engine braking ordinance - The Township may choose an ordinance for prohibiting engine braking. The County will adopt resolutions in line with our ordinance.
2. Extending lower speed limits - As far as lower the speed, the speed date does not support a reduction in the speed limit.
3. Mountable island installation at Main/Church – An island could be installed to force the vehicles turning left from Church Street onto Main Street. This would force the vehicles to maintain their lane and not “cut the corner”. Mayor Liedtka asked if they would extend the sidewalk. Mr. Hirsh stated that is the goal. Mr. Wilson stated they need to make sure they can do it first, otherwise crosswalk will remain as it is.
4. Welcome to Crosswicks Sign over the roadway – This would require an agreement with the County but the cost would be absorbed by the Township.
5. Pedestrian crossing in crosswalk at Main/New – There does not appear to be a benefit in relocating. Additional signage can be done.
6. New Street becoming one way traffic – No benefit.
7. Church Street between Main and Front becoming one way – No benefit.
8. Crosswalk between Brick Alley and Osteria – This could be part of the 2022 County improvement project. Mr. Wilson added that it would be dependent on verifying there is adequate site distance.
9. Recessed light reflectors on Main Street – This is standard and would be included in the County’s 2022 improvement project.
10. Permanently mounted “your Speed is” sign on Main Street – The County is not opposed but the Township would bear 50% of the cost.

Mr. Hirsh stated they looked into installing chicane treatments to slow the speeds coming into the Crosswicks. There are multiple ways to do this. They could be part of the 2022 County project for Chesterfield-Crosswicks Road but Ward Avenue and Ellisdale Road would be a cost to the Township. Mr. Liedtka asked how much lead time the County needs for their project. When would the County need a decision from the Township on what we want? Mr. Hirsh stated probably by the end of this year. Mr. Wilson stated we could potentially piggyback on their bid for the Chicane part with an agreement with the County.

Ms. Koetas-Dale would like to ask the residents where to put the crosswalks. She doesn’t think a crosswalk at rick Ally & Osteria will be used. Mr. Wilson stated that last year when Mr. Panfili was speaking to the Crosswicks residents, that was one of the areas they said another crosswalk was needed. It is a relatively inexpensive project.

Mr. Wilson stated the stop pedestrian sign near Church/Main & Ward. That will be changed out to avoid confusion.

Re-Development – Mayor Liedtka stated that at the request of Brian Kelly, Planning Board Chairman, Mayor Liedtka met with Mr. Gillespie, Brian Kelly, Jon Davis and the Planning Board Planner. Mayor Liedtka reported that at that meeting it was proposed to have a new area west of the Turnpike on Ward Avenue. He stated Mr. Kelly wanted to be proactive instead of reactive with the redevelopment requests. They want the Township Committee to consider this area and send to the Planning Board to consider it an area for redevelopment. Ms. Hoyer displayed the zoning map for the Township Committee to see the properties being considered. Mr. Panfili recused himself because his grandparents' estate has a small parcel in that area which is now owned by three family members who do not live in his house. Mayor Liedtka stated most of the properties are in the OP zone. Mr. Dhopte stated it makes sense to send to the Planning Board for review. Mr. Russo and Ms. Koetas-Dale agreed as well. Mr. Gillespie stated that usually redevelopment is asked by someone and they would foot the bill. In this case, it is internally motivated and is going to come out of the Township budget. He suggested to put on for discussion at the next meeting and potential resolution. He can get our RFP and discuss at the meeting. Mr. Liedtka was to move forward with RFP. Ms. Koetas-Dale wants to know the cost. Mr. Gillespie stated he can report back at the next meeting and have a resolution prepared if the Township Committee wants. He stated that we will have a number of planner's proposals to choose from. Mr. Panfili returned to the meeting.

Uniforms – Mr. Panfili wants the Township Committee to consider having all employees of the Township to wear a Township shirt or name tag on a daily basis. He asked to put this on for discussion for the next meeting. Ms. Koetas-Dale said that she is fine with everyone wearing name-tags in the office but for shirts she would like to get input from the staff. Mr. Panfili does not believe this is a staff decision and would like everyone to look the part.

Township Administrator – Ms. Koetas-Dale asked where we are with the Township Administrator Position. Mayor Liedtka stated the committee was supposed to get back to Ms. Hoyer after the last meeting with any changes to the job description. Ms. Koetas-Dale thought we approved and wanted to move forward. All agreed to move forward with posting the job.

Barrier over counter – Chief Wilson stated that when the Township opens up to the public we will have a temporary plexi- glass over the counter for safety until we have a more permanent fixture. He stated it appears that FEMA will be cover 75% of the cost and the balance from the building funds remaining. He reached out to Vince regarding making a permanent structure. DPW will be able to make a temporary structure if needed.

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to approve the bills list. All were in favor.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Panfili to open to the public. All were in favor.

Belinda Blazic - 228 Bordentown-Chesterfield Road - stated there is nothing regarding Animal Control on the Chesterfield Township website. She recently found out that in Chesterfield she needs to contact the police regarding animal control. Ms. Blazic

recommended adding a drop down box for Animal Control on the website. Ms. Blazic asked why residents cannot contact Animal Control directly instead of contacting the Police Department. She would also like to see a link for information on other animals as well. She has seen a lot of posting on Nextdoor and Facebook about litters of kittens in Chesterfield. Ms. Blazic would like the Township to educate the residents and add something on the website about the importance of having your kittens spayed and neutered. Ms. Blazic asked if the dog and cat licensing can be electronic so that it can be uploaded on the website. She believes this would make the process more user friendly.

Dale Walton - 179 Chesterfield-Crosswicks Road – He has observed the additional dirt being dumped on Mt. Chesterfield and concerned it is increasing and it is an eye sore. He stated he is aware we have tried to get it removed. He wants to see it gone. Said that the dirt pile behind the municipal building is an eye sour and he would like to see it removed. Ms. Koetas-Dale agrees that we need to remove the dirt pile and would like to make it a priority. Mr. Panfili agrees and stated there is no market for it right now. He said that we need to find a source. He asked Mayor Liedtka if he is aware of anyone looking for dirt because we need to do something with it. Mayor Liedtka stated that he has offered to take it before and stayed out of it. He stated his company is slow right now and they can haul it back to the pit. He can do this for free but concerned someone would have an issue. He would not be doing it as a profit. It would actually cost him to have it removed. The Committee agreed we need to get rid of it. Mr. Dhopte wanted to know how we can make it public to residents that Jeremy is doing this for free. He should be recognized for the donation. Mr. Gillespie will work with the Clerk on getting something posted on the website. Mr. Gillespie asked about how many loads of dirt are there. Mr. Liedtka replied about 600-800 loads. Mr. Panfili stated he has paid \$9,000 to have 65 loads removed a similar distance. Mr. Gillespie stated that given that, the savings to the Township is roughly \$90,000.00. Mr. Liedtka recused himself at this point. Mr. Panfil took over the meeting and asked Mr. Gillespie how we should proceed. Mr. Gillespie recommends someone makes a motion authorizing Mayor Liedtka's company to remove the dirt to their site and acknowledge the waiver of charges of \$60,000 - \$90,000 in savings to the community. Mr. Dhopte asked if this can be acknowledge as a donation. Mr. Gillespie will look into that. Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte that Herman Liedtka Trucking remove the dirt pile, which is an eyesore, free of charge at a savings to the community as outlined above. All were in favor. Roll call was taken: Mr. Dhopte – yes; Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Russo – yes. Mayor Liedtka returned to the meeting and said that he will remove the dirt pile as soon as possible.

Kathy Herity - 79 Recklesstown Way – She stated she has not seen any beavers lately. However, one of the first places along Harness Way where wire was put around the trees, the trees are now growing in to the wire. She asked the Committee to have the wire removed and replaced. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated said the chicken wire that was put on the trees to prevent the beavers from chewing on them. Mayor Liedtka will drive around with Troy tomorrow to have the wire removed. Ms. Koetas-Dale stated the Environmental Commission can redo the wire or paint the trunk like they did before. Rita Romeu, Environmental Commission Chair Agreed.

Hedl Brick - 25 Bordentown-Crosswicks Road - She stated she missed the Buttonwood Street Ordinance. Mayor Liedtka stated the Township Committee already voted on that ordinance and her address is staying as is. Mrs. Brick thanked Mayor Liedtka and the Township Committee and said that she is happy to hear that.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Mr. Panfili made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to close public comment. All were in favor.

Mr. Panfili made a motion seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC  
Municipal Clerk