

TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 17, 2010

6:30 P.M.

1. Council President Scull 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

Rick Prickett
Diane Stinney (arrived during first break)
Ken Cartier
Tom Inge
Sherry Scull

ABSENT

Also present: Mayor David Patriarca, Business Administrator Chris Vaz, Township Solicitor Andy Bayer, Township Engineer Chris Rehmann, Township Clerk Mary Ann Finlay

2. Chairwoman Scull called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
3. Closed Session Res. No. 78 -2010

RESOLUTION NO. 78-2010

WHEREAS, SECTION 8 OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 231, P.L. 1975 PERMITS THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM A MEETING IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND
WHEREAS, THIS PUBLIC BODY IS OF THE OPINION THAT SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES PRESENTLY EXIST;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE PUBLIC SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM DISCUSSION OF AND ACTION UPON THE HEREINAFTER SPECIFIED MATTERS.
2. THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE SUBJECT MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED IS AS FOLLOWS:
3. IT IS ANTICIPATED AT THIS TIME THAT THE ABOVE-STATED SUBJECT MATTERS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC WHEN THE MATTERS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.
4. **CLOSED SESSION** (Reference Note: Closed Session minutes are transcribed and filed separately and considered part of these minutes)

Council President Scull recessed the meeting at approximately 6:33 pm for a short break and reconvened the meeting at approximately 7:00 pm.

5. Formal action as necessary pursuant to closed session.

Council President Scull advised there will be no formal action necessary.

6. Public comments on consent agenda items only.

- *7. **Consent Agenda: All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine by the Township Council and will be enacted by one motion. Should a Council Member wish to discuss a consent agenda item separately, that item can be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the regular agenda.**

Council President Scull opened the meeting to public comments on consent agenda items only. There being no members of the public indicating a desire to be heard, Mrs. Scull closed the meeting to public comments.

***8. MINUTES FILED BY MUNICIPAL CLERK**

***a.** Regular Meeting, March 3, 2010.

***9. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 79-2010

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO REFUND MONIES TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS FOR THE AMOUNTS AND REASONS SET FORTH:

CINDY A. BENSON, \$862.10, OVER PAYMENT OF 1ST QUARTER 2010 PROPERTY TAXES, BLOCK 807, LOT 2.

CHRISTOPHER & PAMELA RUSSELL, \$1,019.38, OVERPAYMENT OF 1ST QUARTER 2010 PROPERTY TAXES, BLOCK 854, LOT 66.01.

BANK OF AMERICA, PROPERTY NOW IN TDV STATUS CREATING OVERPAYMENT OF 1ST QUARTER 2010 PROPERTY TAXES, BLOCK 649, LOT 28, \$761.41.

MICHELLE EDNEY, \$25.00, REFUND FOR WINTER PARADE.

KIMBERLY HARRIS-KRAMPEN, \$25.00, REFUND FOR BUILDING RENTAL.

KELLY SCHREINER, \$25.00, REFUND FOR WINTER PARADE

EDISON TAX SERVICE, 56.55, OVERPAYMENT OF WATER BILL, BLOCK 233, LOT 33

RESOLUTION NO. 80-2010

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. ANN JARVIS BE RE-APPOINTED DEPUTY REGISTRAR FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2012
2. MICHELE BROWN BE RE-APPOINTED ALTERNATE DEPUTY REGISTRAR FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2012

RESOLUTION NO. 81-2010

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES ON PROPERTY QUALIFYING FOR A VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 PROVIDES FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN; AND

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE TAX ASSESSOR THAT PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLK 1103 LOT 1, 330 YALE ROAD. OWNED BY JOSEPH W & HILDEGARD E. BEMBRY QUALIFIES FOR A VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AS OF JANUARY 12, 2010; AND

WHEREAS, THE DETERMINATION BY THE TAX ASSESSOR IS THE RESULT OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PERMANENT AND TOTAL WARTIME SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY EVALUATION FROM THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION; AND

WHEREAS, THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO CANCEL PROPERTY TAXES ON BLOCK 1103 LOT 1 AS A RESULT OF THE GRANTED EXEMPTION; AND

WHEREAS, THE TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY FROM JANUARY 1, 2010 TO JANUARY 11, 2010 IS \$92.90; AND

WHEREAS, TAXES LEVIED ON THE FIRST HALF OF 2010 IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,671.83 ON BLOCK 1103 LOT 1, 1ST QUARTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$835.92 HAS BEEN PAID OF WHICH \$92.90 IS DUE, THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO CANCEL BALANCE OF FIRST HALF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,578.93 ON THE PROPERTY, AND ISSUE A REFUND TO HOMEOWNER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$743.02.

WHEREAS, IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE GOVERNING BODY TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES ON SAID PROPERTY AS OF JANUARY 12, 2010.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL 2010 PROPERTY TAXES ON BLOCK 1103 LOT 1 AS OF JANUARY 12, 2010, AS SAID PROPERTY HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO QUALIFY FOR A VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION UNDER N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30.

THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$743.02 AND ISSUE A REFUND TO: JOSEPH W & HILDEGARD E BEMBRY 330 YALE RD, PEMBERTON, NJ 08068

THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR, TAX ASSESSOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AND THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-2010

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES ON PROPERTY QUALIFYING FOR A VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 PROVIDES FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN; AND

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE TAX ASSESSOR THAT PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLK 262 LOT 16, 117 HUNTERS BLVD. OWNED BY DAVID A. MORGAN QUALIFIES FOR A VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AS OF JANUARY 12, 2010; AND

WHEREAS, THE DETERMINATION BY THE TAX ASSESSOR IS THE RESULT OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PERMANENT AND TOTAL WARTIME SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY EVALUATION FROM THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION; AND

WHEREAS, THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO CANCEL PROPERTY TAXES ON BLOCK 262 LOT 16 AS A RESULT OF THE GRANTED EXEMPTION; AND

WHEREAS, THE TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY FROM JANUARY 1, 2010 TO JANUARY 12, 2010 IS \$96.47; AND

WHEREAS, TAXES LEVIED ON THE FIRST HALF OF 2010 IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,577.17 ON BLOCK 262 LOT 16, \$96.47 HAS BEEN PAID BY THE HOMEOWNER, THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO CANCEL BALANCE OF FIRST HALF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,480.70 ON THE PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE GOVERNING BODY TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES ON SAID PROPERTY AS OF JANUARY 12, 2010.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL 2010 PROPERTY TAXES ON BLOCK 262 LOT 16 AS OF JANUARY 12, 2010, AS SAID PROPERTY HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO QUALIFY FOR A VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION UNDER N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30.
THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,480.70.
THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR, TAX ASSESSOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AND THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-2010

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES ON PROPERTY QUALIFYING FOR A VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 PROVIDES FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN; AND
WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE TAX ASSESSOR THAT PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLK 219 LOT 46, 218 DENNIS AVE. OWNED BY ED & PALMA SANKS QUALIFIES FOR A VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AS OF JANUARY 20, 2010; AND
WHEREAS, THE DETERMINATION BY THE TAX ASSESSOR IS THE RESULT OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PERMANENT AND TOTAL WARTIME SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY EVALUATION FROM THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION; AND
WHEREAS, THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO CANCEL PROPERTY TAXES ON BLOCK 219 LOT 46 AS A RESULT OF THE GRANTED EXEMPTION; AND
WHEREAS, THE TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY FROM JANUARY 1, 2010 TO JANUARY 20, 2010 IS \$180.31; AND
WHEREAS, TAXES LEVIED ON THE FIRST HALF OF 2010 IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,706.89 ON BLOCK 219 LOT 46, 1ST QUARTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$853.45 HAS BEEN PAID OF WHICH \$180.31 IS DUE, THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO CANCEL BALANCE OF FIRST HALF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,526.58 ON THE PROPERTY, AND ISSUE A REFUND TO HOMEOWNER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$673.14.
WHEREAS, IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE GOVERNING BODY TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL + NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:
THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL 2010 PROPERTY TAXES ON BLOCK 219 LOT 46 AS OF JANUARY 20, 2010, AS SAID PROPERTY HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO QUALIFY FOR A VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION UNDER N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30.
THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$673.14 AND ISSUE A REFUND TO: ED & PALMA SANKS, 218 DENNIS AVE, BROWNS MILLS, NJ 08015
THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR, TAX ASSESSOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AND THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-2010

WHEREAS, SINCE AT LEAST WORLD WAR I, CANINES HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT AND OFTEN LIFESAVING ROLE IN AMERICA'S WARS; AND
WHEREAS, BEGINNING WITH A DOG NAMED STUBBY, THE "GREAT DOG OF THE GREAT WAR," AMERICA'S SOLDIERS HAVE RELIED UPON THE SKILLS AND BRAVERY OF THOUSAND OF DOGS, MANY OF WHICH DIED IN ACTION; AND
WHEREAS, IN WORLD WAR I, DOGS WERE USED TO DETECT DEADLY MUSTARD GAS AND SEARCH FOR THE WOUNDED; IN WORLD WAR II, THEY WERE USED AS COURIERS TO CARRY AMMUNITION, TO PULL SNOW SLEDS CARRYING THE INJURED, TO LEAD FORWARD PATROLS AND GUARD OUR BASES; IN KOREA AND VIETNAM, THEY DETECTED TRAPS AND WARNED OF AMBUSHES; AND IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ THEY LOCATE DEADLY MINES AND SEARCH FOR HIDDEN ENEMY POSITIONS; AND
WHEREAS, DURING WORLD WAR I, NEARLY 7,000 DOGS WERE KILLED IN ACTION; MORE THAN 10,000 DOGS WERE IN HARM'S WAY IN WORLD WAR II; 300 DOGS SERVED IN KOREA AND 3,500 SERVED IN VIETNAM; 125 DOGS WERE USED TO DETECT HIDDEN MUNITIONS CACHES IN KUWAIT IN THE GULF WAR; AND 500 DOGS ARE SERVING IN THE CURRENT WAR ON TERROR; AND
WHEREAS, AFTER 9/11, THE DEFINITION OF WAR DOGS HAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE POLICE DOGS, SEARCH AND RESCUE DOGS, CUSTOMS DOGS, FBI DOGS AND A HOST OF OTHERS THAT SERVE OUR COUNTRY'S SECURITY; AND
WHEREAS, THROUGH THEIR SELFLESS SERVICE, LOYALTY AND BRAVERY, AMERICA'S DOGS OF WAR HAVE SAVED COUNTLESS LIVES AND RENDERED HONORABLE AND LARGELY UNAPPRECIATED SERVICE TO THE ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL HEREBY MEMORIALIZES RECOGNITION OF K9 VETERANS DAY ON MARCH 13, 2010 AND EXPRESSES GRATITUDE FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF AMERICA'S DOGS OF WAR AND IN HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CANINE HEROES.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-2010

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION UNDER THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5310 GRANT PROGRAM
WHEREAS, NJ TRANSIT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 APPLICATION PROCESS, WHICH INCLUDES TWO YEARS OF FEDERAL FUNDING, FOR FULLY ACCESSIBLE VANS AND MINIBUSES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES THROUGH THE FTA SECTION 5310 GRANT PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY; AND
WHEREAS, THE GRANT PROCESS IS COMPRISED OF FOUR STEPS. IN THE FIRST STEP, AN AGENCY AND/OR ORGANIZATION REQUESTS AND THEN COMPLETES AN APPLICATION. SECOND, NJ TRANSIT REVIEWS THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED. BASED UPON ESTABLISHED CRITERIA A NUMBER OF THE APPLICATIONS ARE SELECTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE FEDERAL GRANT. THE THIRD STEP IS THE FEDERAL REVIEW AND GRANT APPROVAL PROCESS. FINALLY, AFTER RECEIVING THE FEDERAL GRANT APPROVAL, NJ TRANSIT GOES OUT TO BID FOR THE VEHICLES. ONCE THE VEHICLES ARE DELIVERED, NJ TRANSIT WILL ENTER INTO A NO-FEE AGREEMENT WITH THE APPROVED APPLICANTS; AND
WHEREAS, THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR THIS GRANT UP THROUGH VEHICLE DELIVERY TYPICALLY TAKES 18 – 24 MONTHS; AND
WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON PROVIDES AN ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION SERVICE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES; AND
WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP OPERATES AND MAINTAINS TWO SENIOR BUSES THAT REQUIRE MORE AND MORE MAINTENANCE AS THE VEHICLES AGE; AND
WHEREAS, THE MAYOR INTENDS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SEEKING FUNDS TO PURCHASE TWO NEW HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE MINI-BUSES THROUGH THE FTA SECTION 5310 GRANT PROGRAM IN ORDER TO EVENTUALLY REPLACE THE TOWNSHIP'S EXISTING MINI-BUS FLEET.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK, IF NECESSARY, ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION UNDER THE FTA SECTION 5310 GRANT PROGRAM.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Applications submitted for memberships, licenses, permits:

*1. Used Car Dealerships: Herb's Used Cars
Danley's Used Autos
Mull Auto Sales
Pine View Terrace
Lakeshore Mobile Village
Hilltop Mobile Village
Dee Auto Sales

* 2. Fire Company Memberships: (Council confirmation/acknowledgement of new members): Browns Mills Vol. Fire Company: Kristie F. VanBramer

*13. Approval by Council required for payment of vouchers on bill list dated 3/15/10.

Motion by Cartier and Stinney to approve the Consent Agenda. Cartier, yes; Stinney, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Stinney thanked Mrs. Scull for Resolution 84-2010 recognizing the K9 Veterans Day on March 13th. Mr. Cartier noted it is not just for K9's but rather it is for all working dogs.

10. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

a. ORDINANCE NO. 3-2010 (Title Read By Mrs. Scull)

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Motion by Cartier and Stinney to introduce Ordinance No. 3-2010 with a public hearing to be held on April 7, 2010. Cartier, yes; Stinney, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Selection of dates for Council budget hearings.

The Mayor informed it is required that Council receive the budget by Friday. Mr. Vaz pointed out that the Local Finance Board specifically stated that they expect many municipalities will not meet the deadlines because of the circumstances of getting information from the state very late. Mr. Vaz expressed hope that Administration will receive the needed information from the state tomorrow. Mayor Patriarca commented that the State provided March 31st as the date Council is required to introduce the budget. Council agreed to March 30, 2010 at 6:30 pm and March 31, 2010 at 6:30 pm for budget meeting dates.

b. Review of revised draft ordinance amending property maintenance chapter of code concerning snow removal.

Mr. Cartier commented that the draft ordinance contains all of the details expressed by Council at the last meeting. Mr. Prickett asked if the ordinance can be placed on line so the public can have two weeks to review it and then introduce it at the next meeting after hearing from the public. Mr. Vaz confirmed he will place the

draft ordinance on the website. Council President Scull confirmed the ordinance will be listed for introduction on the April 7th meeting agenda.

12. NEW BUSINESS

- b.** Review of draft ordinance from Mullica Township requesting Pinelands Commission to adopt regulations that would permit the installation of solar arrays and wind energy systems as a primary use in Rural, Agricultural and Forest Land Management Areas.

Mr. Prickett relayed that the Pineland's Commission is reviewing this topic and may have some amendments to address solar cells and wind energy in the Pinelands. The Governor through Executive Orders 2 and 3 have held up any forward movement on those amendments until they are reviewed by his panels. He would like to see what the Pinelands has in mind for this source of energy and suggested that once Council has had an opportunity to read what the Pinelands has in mind, Council could write a resolution to support if they agree with the amendments or direction the Pinelands is going. He expressed that Pemberton Township does have a lot of agricultural land, and he can imagine at some point seeing solar cells throughout that land and commented on having to think about any contamination associated with the cells that can get in the soil and controlling the growth of plants underneath the solar cells. Administration has been receiving a number of inquiries looking to do this. A substantial part of Pemberton Township is in the Pinelands that does have an issue. There is only a small area of the Township that is not in the Pinelands where this is not an issue. Mayor Patriarca expressed concern that there is currently no way to acquire ratables from this type of development of this property. Although the property may not be developable anyway because it's in the Pinelands and there are very limited development activity that goes on there. However, this does afford some type of development. He expressed it helps the environment in a sense that they are adding something to the system that would have to be generated by other sources that they are all trying to cut back on. It has been expressed as a form of farming; farming the sun and farming energy. If there is an individual that is not using that property for that purpose currently, this would serve that purpose and it seems like this would be the easiest way to revert that property back to a farm if that were the case where someone wanted to turn it in to a farm by removing this type of structure from that facility. The Planners are attending tonight's meeting and not all of the Planners are current on alternative sources of energy, especially solar panels. Mr. Ragan is up to date on them and could provide ideas on how it works and could help with the resolution. Mr. Ragan informed he would be happy to work with the Mayor and Administration to come up with an ordinance. Getting a rateable out of solar is clearly not a taxable event under the state law. There is a possibility if the ordinance is written and it's in a farm land, they could ask for some de minimis form of a pilot possibly. Mr. Ragan stated the State has passed a law that says solar is inherently beneficial use and should be permitted in almost every situation. There are some items that need to be clarified for example some communities are trying to say that solar is an impervious coverage issue which he disagrees with. He noted they don't want to claim it an impervious coverage. Other towns have tried to create different set backs with set backs to roads and side yards which if they are reasonable is fine but one community, Upper Deerfield, has created unreasonable setbacks of 500' and 1000' in essentially a farm community and they are being sued because of the unreasonableness of those standards. It would seem to him to create some reasonable standards that would be of assistance

to the community would be great but in general, solar is great for the environment and under the state's rules, there must be a meter upon which to plug solar in. The notion that one is just going in to the grid has not yet been agreed and approved by the board of public utilities. That is another hurdle that the developer of solar has to go through and that makes it a little more complicated. Placing solar next to or adjacent to users is the easiest way to get solar actively used in today's world. However, there are those including himself who are lobbying the board of public utilities to allow them to go in to the grid. In Pennsylvania, you go in to the grid here and take it out over here and there is a line charge but no substantial loss in energy. That has not yet been adopted by New Jersey. They are looking to make that a reality. Mr. Ragan noted he has solar at his home and there are REC credits, solar Renewable Energy Credits, that accrue to the developer of the solar field or to one as a homeowner. REC credits on a 10 kilowatt system which is what his house is amounts to \$5,000 a year. It is a substantial way of paying for solar. Mr. Ragan encourages everyone to do it for their buildings and other buildings and would be happy to work with the Township to make it a reality because he doesn't want to pay for mid-east oil. Mr. Prickett confirmed with Mr. Ragan that it is better to have the solar collectors closer to where the users are as opposed to sending it down long lines. Mr. Prickett expressed concern regarding any heavy metals associated with the solar collectors. Mr. Ragan replied it is not a problem and the silicon wafers are within the glass. It is a silicon wafer and crystal and is very contained. He did not know the make up of each of the crystals but to his knowledge there have been no activity of heavy metals coming out of that and doing anything to the ground. One is not farming underneath of them and normally they sit on an array of four panels that go from about one foot to sixteen feet in the air with four panels in a line. They have to be about sixteen feet apart in order for the shade of one not to hit the shade of another one. Essentially, one is creating rows of panels. Mr. Prickett asked how the rows are maintained where the panels are and are not located. Mr. Ragan explained it allows grass to grow and mow it or put gravel down. The maintenance is almost virtually free because the rain and snow clear the panels off and the level of maintenance is de minimis. Mr. Ragan informed the federal government is giving everyone 30% upfront from now until 2015. If your system cost \$100,000, the government will write you a check if it's for a commercial use for \$30,000. For personal use, it's an investment tax credit in the following year's tax return of 30%. In addition, if you apply to the state, you get a 17% grant. That is 47% that you are not paying. Then there are the SREC, solar renewable energy credits. For a 10 kilowatt system, that equals \$5,000 a year. The life of paying it off is anywhere from five to eight years if done right. Mrs. Scull commented that they definitely need to look at this for their municipality. Mr. Inge commented on a project in Philadelphia. Mr. Prickett clarified the ordinance would cover agricultural areas as well as residential areas. Mr. Clark conveyed that the Administration proposed to adopt a resolution which would be sent to the Pinelands encouraging it to allow solar panels in Pinelands areas. Mr. Clark noted that Mr. Ragan and the Council got off on a different issue which was the town could zone certain areas to allow solar panels. Mr. Inge noted the Pinelands covers basically the entire Township. Mrs. Scull remarked the resolution would encourage the Pinelands to allow it. Mr. Prickett indicated the Pinelands has considered this or has already considered it for a period of time and they may have some amendments that they want to move forward on but because of the two Executive Orders by the Governor and those two panels having to review those things, that stymied the progress on that. Mr. Prickett suggested contacting the Pinelands Commission to see what they are up to. Mr. Prickett stated they might help move this forward by cooperating with them. Mr. Inge

commented that would cost the 30% just trying to go through Pinelands. Mr. Cartier and Mrs. Scull commented it is a great idea. Mr. Inge stated residential and commercial properties in the Township should be included. Mayor Patriarca replied currently Pinelands does not prevent that but they do prevent the use of forest management areas, rural areas and agricultural areas from installing solar panels. They currently consider industrial use. Several companies have proposed putting some of the largest solar farms in our town in the state of New Jersey and possibly the East Coast. They do have some farms that are sizable in the Pinelands that may be used for other things. A sod farm is not the most environmentally friendly type of farming and with solar energy the ground underneath may get a chance to regenerate itself and then at least we are producing a product that is more friendly to the environment. The resolution Mullica is proposing that Administration would support is only for the areas that the Pinelands currently restricts that type of use. The other types of use they are looking to incorporate is already allowable. Mr. Prickett noted Mr. Ragan stated these on private properties would not be taxable ratables. Mr. Prickett continued that the MUA owns hundreds of acres and that's where they deposit their sludge. It appears that would be a source of income for the town if those solar collectors could be put along with the sludge at the MUA farm. The Mayor explained it is possible it would interfere with the disbursement of the sludge and then the sun may be necessary to activate the sludge to reprocess it into the soil so they actually could be hampering that process. They do not want to lose their ability to dump their sludge on the MUA farm. There are only a few farms in the Pinelands area that would apply. Some are currently production farms that may opt to go in to solar farming. The ratable issue is only on the developable part of the property; the development that occurs and not the land itself. The Township would still receive the taxable income from the land. Mrs. Scull suggested bringing this discussion back at the next meeting. Mr. Prickett asked Mrs. Scull since she is a member of the MUA, if she could bring this up with the MUA. Mrs. Scull replied she is not going to be at the next meeting but will look in to it.

c. Review of draft rental control ordinance.

Council President Scull remarked that it was agreed a few months ago to check in to a rental control ordinance. Council wants to ensure it is fair to everybody; a property owner as well as the renters. Mrs. Scull noted Council has a sample but is not ready to move forward on it. Mrs. Scull advised she would like to see a committee put together to work with this. Mrs. Scull noted she has asked a resident, Sharon Troia, to serve on the committee. Mrs. Stinney stated she would also like to see a committee put together. Mrs. Stinney added that Council has heard quite a few residents come forward and express their concerns. Mr. Vaz reported the draft ordinance that Council has does not include any input from Council as to its contents. Mr. Prickett stated this seems to be the typical way to deal with problems between landlords and tenants and asked if there are other mechanisms besides the rent control ordinance. Mr. Prickett commented he is not necessarily opposed to this but would like to see if there are alternate ideas and he would also like to see this on the website so the public can read it and come up with suggestions. Mr. Prickett thanked Jim for getting an ordinance on rent leveling which just has to do with trailer parks. The ordinance that was presented to the Council involved not only trailer parks but all kinds of units. Mr. Inge stated he would like to listen to the tenants and landlords. Mr. Inge also commented that he will be abstaining. Mrs. Scull asked Mr. Inge for his input as he has expertise in that area and she values what he has to say. Mr. Cartier asked if comments can be

solicited from landlords by mailing them the ordinance for their review. Council President Scull suggested scheduling a meeting in April after the budgets. Mr. Inge asked if this will be put on the website. Mrs. Scull agreed but clarified this is not necessarily something Council is in favor of and is not presenting or proposing and would like it noted that there is discussion going on. Mr. Inge would also like it stated on the website that any suggestions would be welcome. Mr. Cartier suggested that for those without internet access, to make it available to the public in the Clerk's office. Mrs. Stinney suggested having the landlords come in during the business meetings and provide comments. Mrs. Scull remarked the next meeting is March 23rd at 6:30 and there should be a separate meeting for this. Mrs. Scull reiterated that Council did not come up with this draft ordinance and are not proposing this as final. Several individuals have come forward and provided draft ordinances from other communities as well.

REDEVELOPMENT ZONE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Cartier stated the Planning Board held their special meeting last night as directed by Council for the redevelopment zone. The planners made their presentation and the Planning Board did adopt a resolution. Mr. McCabe stated the Planning Board reaffirmed the existing redevelopment area and to look in to additional areas to the south of Mirror Lake and to the North on Juliustown Road. The Planning Board re-evaluated the plan and affirmed it. The existing redevelopment area that was designated in 1993 by the Planning Board and adopted by the governing body in January of 1994. The new areas are about 17 acres. They did find areas of plight in those areas; specifically criteria A, C and D. Mr. McCabe commented the Planning Board adopted a resolution finding those facts and have forwarded it on to Council earlier today. The next step would be for Council to adopt a resolution accepting those findings and then the Planning Board would amend the redevelopment plan that was adopted in 1995 and needs to be updated to current market trends and existing conditions. Mr. Prickett asked if that document would then come to the Council in the form of an ordinance for approval; the finalized reviewed redevelopment plan. Mr. McCabe answered yes. Mr. Clark clarified there are two steps to the process. One step is by resolution; the Council determining that this area remains a redevelopment area and that the additional properties also qualify as a redevelopment area based on the Planning Board's hearings, testimonies and recommendations. The resolution given to Council today directs the Planning Board, if Council decides to accept those recommendations and agree that it's a redevelopment area, to go back and do a redevelopment plan which would address updating the old area and expanding the plan to include the new properties. As Mr. Prickett stated, that document once it came from the Planning Board as a plan would come before Council and be adopted similar to any zoning through ordinance. Mr. McCabe added the redevelopment plan resides with the governing body; the preliminary investigation report is prepared by the Planning Board. Mr. McCabe explained the redevelopment is specific and provides eight criteria to find within a redevelopment area. Mr. Clark stated finding one out of the eight criteria is enough. Mr. McCabe remarked that the existing area discussed in 1993 was determined as the area to be redeveloped by Planning Board. In January it went before the Council who agreed that area be redeveloped. During the master plan revitalization plan as well as the Burlington County plan, the official areas that have been identified as possibly being redeveloped. That was brought to the attention of the governing body and the planning board and Council instructed to look in to these areas to see if they do meet the criteria Council President Scull asked if this is the same redevelopment area as in the Live Where You Work

Program. Mr. McCabe's response can not be heard. Mr. Prickett noted in yesterday's paper there was an article regarding the \$60 million dollar redevelopment plan is on hold in Wrightstown. Mr. Prickett asked how that bodes for Pemberton Township. Mr. Ragan stated they can't believe everything they read in the newspaper. He continued that Wrightstown is doing extremely well and there are some minor hiccups. At the back of the article, Mr. Costa is quoted as saying this is only a minor bump in the road and there are great things coming. Mr. Ragan stated if he had been there, he would not have allowed the Mayor to make those comments to the newspaper. Having them being made, Mr. Ragan will put on the record that Wrightstown will overcome this little bump in the road and be very successful and will meet the timeframes that were originally established of March 2011. There are also things not written in the newspaper that are even more exciting than what is proposed. Mr. Ragan states from inside information that Wrightstown will do extremely well. It bodes extremely well for Pemberton Township because once the area for redevelopment is reaffirmed and they come back with a redevelopment plan, the time is taken to do the preplanning necessary to make some new commercial development happen in Pemberton Township in a way that makes sense and that works with the people and businesses and in such a way that everyone is a winner. Mr. Ragan conveyed that their goal is to make everyone successful in Browns Mills and make it a hallmark. Just as they are working in Wrightstown to make their community a success, they have the same goals in Pemberton Township. Mr. Ragan stated they have the fortunate ability to have a marketing company brought on board that will be examining our disposable income and what type of tenants they can attract in town. It will determine the amount of retail that they can afford to put in now and give the tenants, recommendations on tenants, the kind of tenants that will come in and how they can make money. If they can take that out to the market place, they are going to be way ahead of the game. Mr. Ragan commented he is excited about Browns Mills and Wrightstown as they are going to be the success stories of the state. Mr. Cartier confirmed with Mr. Ragan that step 2 has just been completed with the planning board and asked for the cost of step 3. Mr. Ragan explained fortunately we have been working for almost two years on the Browns Mills study and will dovetail the redevelopment plan and the Browns Mills study so that as opposed to going out and creating an entirely new redevelopment plan, they will just take the plan we have and dovetailing in the redevelopment plan so it shouldn't cost very much money on the next phase. Mr. Vaz commented that one of the items that Administration requested an appropriation out of the federal budget is for Browns Mills redevelopment. One of the requests was specifically for redeveloping downtown Browns Mills for a request of \$5 million. Of course, they probably won't get \$5 million but it comes out of a separate budget account than the other things requested. There is a very good opportunity for them to get some large sum of money out of that. Mr. Prickett asked if that is the earmarks to which Mr. Vaz answered yes. Mr. Prickett confirmed Mr. Vaz met with Congressman Adler last week and asked if he provided some assurance that they would get that funding. Mr. Vaz replied no one is giving any assurance but they have received support for their projects. Mr. Prickett noted there has been a lot of controversy regarding that and recently the democrats and republicans are battling back and forth on how to reduce the number of earmarks.....Council President Scull interjected and noted to Mr. Prickett that is not on the agenda. Mayor Patriarca asked Mr. Ragan how he is so informed about Wrightstown's project. Mr. Ragan responded he is the planner for Wrightstown and he sits on their economic development committee as chair just as he chairs the strategy meetings in Pemberton Township. Mayor Patriarca conveyed that project has been going on for twelve years and it took them

that long to reach the point they are at. Pemberton Township has accelerated because they are riding on their coat-tails. Mr. Ragan responded Pemberton Township has accelerated. Mr. Ragan informed we have obtained a TCDI grant for \$32,000 for the benefit of Browns Mills which will be going in to the planning stages to get us to phase 3 and beyond. Mr. Ragan has reached out to the NJ Development Authority who has \$250,000 that they will permit for seed money and getting things started. It is a loan at 3% and it can go from two to three years. There is also over \$1 million available through EDA depending on whether it is still available based on the governor. They want to get to a point where they are looking at implementation money down the road. In terms of the next stage, the planning stage, that is covered. Mr. Inge relayed that he spoke with other business owners on Lakehurst Road that were not included in the new redevelopment and they feel that there is a disadvantage to them growing as far as being able to receive funds. Mr. Ragan notified during the master plan process, it was clarified areas that were for retail and recommended neighborhood commercial for areas that would protect their retail businesses. Didn't really go down that far on Lakehurst Road for a redevelopment area because they didn't think a spot approach was a sound approach for redevelopment. It doesn't mean they can't still go after grant money. It doesn't mean they can't pursue something on their behalf. The main focus has been Browns Mills. Mr. McCabe explained the main focus of the current investigation and why those properties were included is they have the sense and appeal of the Browns Mills town center area. As they go further along Lakehurst Road, it's a different field. If Council wants them to look into the additional areas and create a separate redevelopment area for those areas for GCLI redevelopment designation. Mr. Inge stated it was also brought up that some of those properties were UEZ businesses. Mr. McCabe acknowledged and stated under the UEZ they still qualify under the UEZ program for improvement monies; grant monies that Mr. Jones can help them obtain.

Motion by Cartier and Stinney to add Resolution No. 86-2010, A Resolution Determining That The Browns Mills Town Center Redevelopment Area And The Expanded Study Area Are An Area In Need Of Redevelopment Under The Local Redevelopment And Housing Law And Directing The Pemberton Township Planning Board To Prepare A Redevelopment Plan For The Browns Mills Town Center Redevelopment Area And The Expanded Study Area, to the agenda. Cartier, yes; Stinney, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-2010

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE BROWNS MILLS TOWN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT AREA AND THE EXPANDED STUDY AREA ARE AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT UNDER THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW AND DIRECTING THE PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD TO PREPARE A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE BROWNS MILLS TOWN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT AREA AND THE EXPANDED STUDY AREA

WHEREAS, ON FEBRUARY 17, 2010, THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON (THE "TOWNSHIP COUNCIL") ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 70-2010 AUTHORIZING THE PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD (THE "PLANNING BOARD") TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION IN ORDER TO CONFIRM THAT THE AREA KNOWN AS THE "BROWNS MILLS TOWN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT AREA" (AS MORE PARTICULARLY IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE "EXISTING BROWNS MILLS TOWN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT AREA BLOCK AND LOT LIST" ATTACHED HERETO) CONTINUES TO MEET THE CRITERIA OF AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT UNDER THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET. SEQ. (THE "LRHL") AND TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHETHER CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING BROWNS MILLS TOWN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT AREA, AS MORE PARTICULARLY IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE "AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT TO BE STUDIED BLOCK AND LOT LIST" ATTACHED HERETO (THE "EXPANDED STUDY AREA"), ARE ALSO AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT UNDER THE LRHL (THE BROWNS MILLS TOWN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT AREA AND THE EXPANDED STUDY AREA ARE COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO HEREIN AS THE "STUDY AREA"); AND

WHEREAS, ON MARCH 16, 2010, THE PLANNING BOARD HELD A DULY-NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION AS TO WHETHER THE BROWNS MILLS TOWN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT AREA CONTINUES TO SATISFY THE CRITERIA AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT UNDER THE LRHL AND AS TO WHETHER THE EXPANDED STUDY AREA ALSO QUALIFIES AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AND, AT THAT HEARING, THE PLANNING BOARD CONSIDERED THE REPORT PREPARED BY RAGAN DESIGN GROUP AND HEARD TESTIMONY AND PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE ISSUES PRESENTED THROUGH THIS PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION; AND

WHEREAS, ON MARCH 16, 2010, THE PLANNING BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #P-15-2010, MEMORIALIZING ITS

FINDINGS WITH REGARD TO THE STUDY AREA AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL DETERMINE THAT THE STUDY AREA BE DESIGNATED AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT UNDER THE LRHL; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL HAS REVIEWED THE PLANNING BOARD'S MARCH 16, 2010 RESOLUTION AND HAS DETERMINED THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO DESIGNATE THE STUDY AREA AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT UNDER THE LRHL FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH BY THE PLANNING BOARD WITHIN THAT RESOLUTION.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT:

1. THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL HEREBY INCORPORATES AND ADOPTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING BOARD, MEMORIALIZED WITHIN PLANNING BOARD RESOLUTION #P-15-2010, WHICH FIND THAT BOTH THE BROWNS MILLS TOWN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT AREA AND THE EXPANDED STUDY AREA, MEET THE CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATING "AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT" PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5(A), (B), (C), (D) AND (G).

2. THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL HEREBY AFFIRMS THAT THE BROWNS MILLS TOWN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT AREA CONTINUES TO BE AN "AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT" PURSUANT TO THE LRHL AND FURTHER FINDS THAT THE EXPANDED AREA ALSO IS AN "AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT". THE EXPANDED AREA SHALL HEREAFTER BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE BROWNS MILLS TOWN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT AREA.

3. THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES AND DIRECTS THE PLANNING BOARD TO PREPARE A NEW REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE BROWNS MILLS TOWN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT AREA (AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A. PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD
- B. STATE COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
- C. TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR
- E. RAGAN DESIGN GROUP
- E. GLUCKWALRATH LLP

Motion by Cartier and Stinney to approve Resolution No. 86-2010. Cartier, yes; Stinney, yes; Prickett, yes; Inge, yes; Scull, yes. Motion carried.

Council President Scull recessed the meeting at approximately 7:08 pm for a short break and reconvened the meeting at approximately 7:19 pm.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Council President Scull opened the meeting to public comments. Those indicating a desire to be heard were: **Ray Wells:** 1. Reminded that the School Board election will take place next month and it will be the first time the Boro and the Township as a combined system will have an election. There are nine positions with five people running for three available seats. 2. Commented on the spring choral group last Friday night which involved seven of their eleven schools. He provided a list of activities at the schools to Council President Scull for distribution to Council. 3. Provided a fact sheet to Council President Scull regarding the school budget. Mrs. Scull noted the fact sheet is also available to the public on the Pemberton Township School website. Mr. Wells read the following memo from Dr. Gorman addressed to the School Board members:

We are holding our breath until next week when the State Aid figures are to be released for 2010-2011. At this point we could be "Held Harmless" which still requires a reduction in our expenses, and as I mentioned in our February meeting, we are not renewing any positions which are vacated, but would also require some Reductions In Force (RIF), better termed layoffs. However, everything to remain Hold Harmless is enrollment related, though there are some minor program implications, these are things we would choose to do regardless of finances. If we lose the money that was attributed to the Stimulus Package we would have more than \$7M in reductions, and that reflects a great number of positions and some significant program implications. Please note that we did not know that \$7M of our 2009-2010 budget was Stimulus money until after the fact. Governor Corzine took the Federal money and applied it to the state funding gap to keep schools at flat funding. Should the governor reduce our funding by the projected 15%, which is \$12M, we would have to make even greater cuts into program, class size, and certainly our quality control and professional development

4. Thanked Mayor Patriarca for his visit with the third graders. Mr. Vaz stated Administration is monitoring what is going on with the school budget and although they often perceive the school taxes as not directly impacting their budget although it does impact the tax payers, it does impact the municipal budget because if the

school has to raise the tax levy, it is going to hit their reserve for uncollected taxes which is the amount that they would have to raise for that particular line in the budget. That could be very substantial for the municipal budget depending on what the end result of the problem that Mr. Wells was talking about. Mr. Wells noted for the past twelve years, the taxes have only gone up once and that was \$400,000. Council President Scull expressed their taxes have been very stable for their schools for twelve years and any previous tax increase was directed by the state. Two years ago when they went to the Supreme Court and wanted the Abbott decision reversed, they decided Pemberton Township's fair share was in reality \$17 million; not \$10 million. That would reflect a 70% increase in their school taxes alone. She noted they are in the Pinelands and can't do that. Mrs. Scull remarked she had a meeting with Addiego and Rudder last week and pressed that point. Mrs. Scull also sat with the County Superintendent honoring their teachers of the year and made sure he understood that the Pinelands restricts their ability to raise taxes. The majority of those school taxes are on the property owner and a 70% increase in school taxes will be devastating. They can't do that and will continue to fight. The school district does have an Abbott Attorney and the educational law center will be out there fighting for their children. Their schools have drastically improved over the years and they are not willing to go back to 37 children in the kindergarten class. Mrs. Scull assured Mr. Wells that the Board of Education will be continuing that battle. It is something that can be very detrimental to their community as they are trying to sell houses in the Live Where You Work Program to get their numbers up. A lot of the cuts over the past few years have been dictated by the loss of students and that's fine because they don't need as much staff if they don't have as many students. However, these cuts will go into the programs and into people that have a direct impact on the students. Mrs. Scull encouraged everyone to pay attention to what's going on. **Mary Ann Drinkwater:** From University Park Apartments. Complained that she has sent two letters to the Board of Education in reference to the fence behind the building at the end of the street where the school ends and University Park Apartments begins. A tree fell down on their property on to her property and bent the fence. The fence has still not been repaired. Mrs. Scull noted she is sure Mr. Wells will take that to the School Board meeting tomorrow night. Mrs. Drinkwater commented on the ordinance for rent control. She is very familiar with rent control and knows Council will be reviewing it. Mrs. Drinkwater suggested Council go to Lindenwold, NJ on Gibbsboro Road and look at the apartments on that road which she had the privilege to be there when it was all built. Today they are almost in bankruptcy, not only the apartment complexes but the town as well because of rent control. They only breed the worse thing you can imagine plus your assessment will go down 20% as soon as the ordinance is passed. Mrs. Drinkwater suggested Council call the Mayor in Lindenwold, Frank DeLuca, who would be glad to give information. **Richard Dennisar:** Is a landlord in town and is quite distressed over the consideration of any rent control. There are so many variables in rents in the way a person owns the property, it is ludicrous to even suggest to a landlord that you will control what rent they charge; the market easily does that. If the Township wanted to offer low interest loans which he highly doubts they will do in lieu of deciding what rent to charge that would be one thing. Mr. Dennisar has a mortgage on the free market and charges rent on the free market. He expressed that so often Council decides to pass an ordinance or law and they are unable to take all of the different variables into consideration and expressed that if 15% of the people affected by the law come forward and then they are told they are sorry that there's nothing they can do and this was the rule that was passed. Mr. Dennisar reiterated that Council can't possibly take all of the variables into

consideration. Mr. Dennisar commented if one of his tenants felt he charged too much rent or raised it to much, they have every right to take him to court and the judge will decide whether or not it was reasonable. Mr. Dennisar has commercial loans and his bank reviews his books every year and expects to see reasonable increases. He tries to go against his bank to some degree because when he has tenants that are taking care of the property he doesn't want to raise their rent. When they move out, he will raise the rent then. Mr. Dennisar conveyed if Council is going to tell him what he can charge in rent then he is going to ask Council to guarantee he receives the rent he charges. Council President Scull asked Mr. Dennisar to define variables. Mr. Dennisar explained there are so many variables and as an example a gentleman owns homes for thirty years and are paid off, he can charge a lower rent. Mr. Dennisar noted it is generally assumed that rentals are not some of the nicer homes and that is not the case. He actually built brand new homes that he rents out. There are a lot of people that might have had a medical problem in their family and are good people and both have jobs but lost their home and are so happy to come in to one of his homes. **David and Jim Diamond:** Both are landlords in Pemberton Township. Commented that some tenants have come forward and stated they are having problems but there are also a lot of landlords that are having problems. There are a lot of people that are going through foreclosure and renting their homes out and that is driving the rents down. One can only get what the market will bear. It is not fair if everything is going up such as the sewer, water and trash but rents are not going up, and it's not fair to take advantage of the landlord. Mrs. Scull relayed that is not Council's intent. Mayor Patriarca clarified that the Township is not raising water and trash. Mr. Diamond commented if the property is vacant, he still has to pay the water, sewer and trash. **Michelle Forman: 1.** Commented that the Mayor stated the water is not increasing. Mrs. Forman continued that new wells are being installed and that is increasing the water bills for a lot of residents. She used to pay \$39.00 a quarter and now pays on average \$200 to \$210. The Township may not be raising the price of water but they are installing new meters in a lot of the homes. **2.** Remarked on a newspaper article of February 25, 2010 that was a letter to the Editor by Mr. Prickett. Mrs. Forman encouraged the residents to read Mr. Prickett's letter to the Editor. Mrs. Forman commented on Mr. Prickett's statement that the Township's general ledger has been broken five out of the last six years and apparently that is illegal. It was also mentioned that currently items over \$2,000 have to be approved by Council and Administration wants to increase that limit and eliminate a long list of items that are currently approved by Council. This change would eliminate Council oversight and public transparency. Mrs. Forman stated the article was very informative and it is great that Council members speak out about things that are not right. It is not right to have a general ledger that is broken for five years and that leaves the residents wondering what is going on. Spoke of the Township not receiving stimulus money. Noted that Governor Christie stated they are not just going to hand municipalities stimulus and federal money when the municipalities are not being transparent with the money they have. Mrs. Forman asked who is ultimately responsible to make sure the ledger is done correctly this year. If the state sees that our ledger is not done correctly and that there is a lack of transparency, we may not be getting funding. Mrs. Forman stated Council members should be talking about this and asking who is going to make sure this is not going to happen again. She understands it was a mistake and attended the meetings when it was stated the employee went on medical leave. Mrs. Forman asked who is going to make sure this isn't going to be happening again. Mayor Patriarca responded to Mrs. Forman that there is transparency in the Township and nothing is being hidden. The Mayor continued that Mrs. Forman is

welcome to come forward and ask any question and Administration will produce any document and show where anything was appropriated and what was spent. The Mayor reiterated that nothing is being hidden. Mayor Patriarca stated to Mrs. Forman that someone is mis-informing her of that information and he has always found that everything they read in the newspaper is not always factual. Mrs. Forman asked the Mayor if he is stating that it is not true that the general ledger has not been broken and that it is a lie. Mayor Patriarca responded he would not refer to the general ledger as being broken and noted that Mr. Vaz will be able to further explain the problems with the general ledger as it has been an inherent problem and has received an enormous amount of attention by the department that is responsible for it. Mr. Vaz replied that ultimately the Chief Financial Officer is responsible under her license and statutory duties. It started out for many years the town did not have a general ledger and one is required. The CFO goes to the point where there was one and then there were deficiencies in the way it was put together. The CFO has been working very hard over the last year to make sure that is not something that gets identified in the next audit. As far as they can tell, the CFO is on target for making that a reality. The issue with regard to the resolution the Council adopted at the last meeting, they referred to them as purchases over \$2,000. Now purchases that are \$3,150 or more would require Council approval before a purchase order is approved. For all purchases under that amount, purchase orders are approved everyday, the purchases are made and departments sign off that they received the items. Council approves the purchases after the fact on the bill list. The one thing that did change was the threshold to bring something to Council for approval increased by \$1,150. The amount of \$3,150 is where they are statutorily required to obtain quotes anyway and they were trying to keep it consistent because it becomes a nuisance in house to try and keep track of the various thresholds. Mr. Vaz pointed out that to his knowledge the one item added to the resolution as something that is excluded of having the prior approval is the DMV because they don't take purchase orders. It is very difficult when they receive delivery of a vehicle to have to wait sometimes three weeks in order to have a check because they have to physically bring a check to motor vehicles. Mr. Vaz conveyed that is the only new thing that was added to a list that previously existed of 10 or 11 other items which are of the sort that the CFO has to be in a position to be able to cut checks because of the nature of the goods that are being purchased. As the Mayor stated, anyone can come in at any time and often times Council members do, to get back up information on various things. We needed a little more flexibility because the \$2,000 turned out to be a low number because it has not increased as the quote threshold has increased over the years. Mayor Patriarca commented on the idea that there are possibly hidden things that are going on that are kept from the public or Council and stated that Council still sees the bill list that includes all of the purchases that are made under the request threshold. Council approves the appropriations during the budget process and monitors the spending throughout the year and receives the bill list prior to every meeting. The bill list has all of the expenditures in it that Council will be approving. Mrs. Forman appreciated the Mayor and Mr. Vaz' explanations to her and added that is what she liked about Mayor McCullough; he always gave the other side of the story whenever there was a problem. Mrs. Forman commented that the trailer park had a problem with the water and shut down well #11. Mrs. Forman asked the engineer if the water for Newcomb Drive comes from well #11. Mr. Vaz responded that all of the water at some point gets mixed in to the system. Mrs. Forman asked if there were wells for certain areas and if well #11 was shut down because of the contamination, the water got to everyone and they were drinking contaminated water. Mayor Patriarca stated everyone in Browns Mills

and the systems are separate. There is a system in Browns Mills, Pemberton and a small system for New Lisbon. The Mayor replied anyone in Browns Mills received that product; it is not considered the best of things to receive. Mrs. Forman asked if that well is shut down, where the water is coming from. Mayor Patriarca informed there are other production wells on line providing water. Mrs. Forman asked the Mayor if he is sure she is not getting well #11 water. The Mayor responded it doesn't mean she won't get well #11's water in the future and they will do their best to try and not give her any contaminated water. As it is tested, they will take action. Mr. Rehmann commented that well #11 that had some contamination and well #13 that does not have contamination and mix those would reduce the amount of maximum contaminate levels and eliminate some of the issues. There is radium in the water at very, very low concentrations, parts per billion. It is a long term impact to people's health and if it is taken off line or mixed, and that is one of the treatment options to put another well and a different aquifer that doesn't have radium in it and mix it before going in to the system, are all things being looked at now. It is a long term impact. The well is off now and will not be put on line unless there are significant demands and if it rains like this, they may not turn the well on at all. **Brian Baskin:** Is a landlord in the Township. Commented on the possibility of increasing property taxes and possibly limiting the landlord's ability to meet those additional expenses. That will not work and the Township will end up with property taxes going unpaid and owning more property in the Township and less ratables. Mr. Baskin suggested some type of oversight board to review everyone's expenses as to how much they are bringing in and expenses. Mr. Baskin stated it is a "no brainer", and he will reserve the rest of his comments for if this goes any further.

There being no additional members of the public indicating a desire to be heard, Council President Scull closed the meeting to public comments.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Dave Clark: Nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Chris Rehmann: **1.** Was at the Presidential Lakes dam today and the lake is full. Normally they expect anywhere from three to six inches of water over the spillway and there is approximately twelve to fifteen inches so there is a substantial amount of water below the emergency spillway. They did not detect in any areas along the tow of the slope, along the areas associated with any of the overflow piping, leaks or anything to so far consider in danger. The contractor has done a good job. **2.** Will have a preconstruction conference on May 24th for the section of Lemmon Avenue that is under contract for construction. They are working very hard on the water system and there are some concerns regarding those issues. ARH has been meeting with the Mayor on a regular basis to evaluate the systems and make sure ARH can come back with a reasonable cost effective way to correct some of the issues they need to address. **3.** The cultural resource study was done for North Whitesbog Road and there is no impact associated with the proposed construction on any of the cultural resources in that area. There is an issue that has recently come up regarding the pine snake and whether or not that particular snake will now be in jeopardy. It is a cold blooded reptile and they come out on the road to get the benefit of the heat and they get the detriment of car tires. ARH is looking at snake habitats in this area. Mr. Inge commented that residents have been asking questions regarding the levels of the lakes since they've had a lot of rains. Mr. Inge asked if there are any laws that prohibit them to lower the lakes to

a certain level. There was a lot of snow and rain this winter and last spring and summer they had a lot of rain. He asked if they can lower the lakes to a certain level for when they do have large rains. Mr. Rehmann stated they would build reserve capacity for the snow melt and rains to allow that area to fluctuate without having to come up too high which impacts ground water levels and water in basements. There is normally a lake lowering permit required and there is a nominal fee associated. On an annual maintenance basis, that is something the Township could consider for the future. Mr. Cartier asked if in the past when they've known there is a substantial storm coming haven't they gone out and lowered the lakes in anticipation of the storm. Mayor Patriarca replied yes; they do the lake lowering permits in the winter primarily for defoliating. They are limited as to the time they can keep the lakes lowered and are required to raise the lakes earlier than they would like to. In the case where they know a storm is coming, they do notify the County which they are required to do and they do lower the lakes which was done in this case. There is an enormous amount of water and their lakes are not only full but as the engineer said, they are fifteen inches over the spillway. The Mayor informed they are getting a lot more water coming out of Fort Dix since they put a new spillway on their end and there is no control of that. He has never seen as much water as there is now on the back part of the lake between their property and Fort Dix. They did take the measures that they could prior to the storm and actually were called by the County and asked to raise the levels back up to close their gates because they were receiving too much water down stream prior to the storm and they knew they were going to have more water than they do now. Mrs. Scull asked if they have to worry about the people on the western side of the Township because if there is too much water they already have a problem on the other side of Pemberton Township. Mayor Patriarca replied they already have problems in the Township towards Ewingville on North Road. They also had high water in New Lisbon off Meadowview and in Browns Mills. The tributary that comes in off South Lakeshore Drive had a lot of water back up to the houses. The other areas towards Bayberry dropped pretty quickly. They took the precautionary measures prior to and the Emergency Management Coordinator was asked to shut the gates before the rain actually started. Council President Scull remarked there is a new river at the end of Red Feather in Country Lakes too. Mayor Patriarca replied there is one spot there that is scheduled to be replaced. Mr. Inge noted the dam that was put at the end of Range Road, there isn't anything there that will hold the water back and it's only about two and one half years old. Mr. Inge asked if they had to build that thinking about Browns Mills because that water is coming into Mirror Lake through the back. Mr. Cartier commented that's the Army Corp of Engineers for you. Mr. Rehmann informed he is not sure the state has jurisdiction over that dam. Any engineer is supposed to look down stream and make sure the impacts of what their structure would have on the downstream structures. Sometimes the Army Corp of Engineers does not have to submit to the Pinelands or the Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Rehmann noted that he will ask that question. Mr. Inge relayed that it can be seen from the road.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Chris Vaz: Mr. Vaz commented on their recent trip to Washington, DC to meet with the consultants. The consultants did a great job prepping the Mayor on how to emphasize the important points of their projects that they put in for. In the afternoon, they were escorted to several meetings that were scheduled with the two senators and their congressman. The Mayor did an excellent job of concisely explaining their projects and making the points. They emphasized how important

Pemberton is especially in regard to their proximity to the military base. That was our principle selling point. In the meantime, they have received questions from the staff offices of their legislatures. Mr. Vaz added he has been working with their consultants to get that information to them for the Friday deadline they have to submit their documents for the next step of the process. Mr. Vaz advised there is another trip planned for April 1st to return to Washington, DC. Administration is reasonably optimistic despite some of the drama Mr. Prickett mentioned that we have been reading about that goes on. Mr. Vaz informed he has been following the drama on line that goes on with the earmarks in Washington, DC. No matter what they say they are going to do, the money that is budgeted for earmarks does not disappear. It does not evaporate, it does not make their lives as taxpayers any different or better; the money goes to the executive branch and then they become something called competitive grants as opposed to earmarks. The executive branch then doles them out. It is a very interesting process. Mr. Cartier asked what timeframe there is for hearing anything. Mr. Vaz replied unofficially, it will be May or June and officially is when they get the budget done.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor David Patriarca: 1. During the recent storm, they activated their EOC through emergency management which they ran throughout the course of the storm. There were numerous residents out of electricity for long periods of time. There were some residents flooded out. Trees were down all over the place. Their DPW was out cleaning that up throughout the storm. DPW did a tremendous job during the storm and make areas safe and passable. There were eight homes that had trees fall in to their homes. Trees into wires were very common and there was actually a trampoline that was entangled in the wires. It was a costly storm for the Township and a lot of residents. Their Police Department and emergency management central also did a great job. Their Deputy Clerk, Mrs. Cosnoski, came in and worked with them and it's a great effort by a lot of people to get a job done. 2. Their weather is breaking so they start to see some activity at Imagination Kingdom. They should be hearing from their contractor to finish the safety surface. DPW is lining up the landscape project to finish that. Orders have been placed for stonework, irrigation work and the vinyl fence. They are waiting on the arrival of the gazebo. Council President Scull asked the Mayor to extend Council's thanks to Public Works for the great job they did. Residents have also commented on what a good job the Township did. Mayor Patriarca noted members of the Lake Valley Civic Association complimented on the snow and tree removals. The Mayor added there is also an unsung hero that without them this would not exist and that is their Fleet Department. Their DPW has to get to the projects and their Fleet Department is a skeleton crew of only four employees taking care of DPW, Water, Police and the Fire Department vehicles. They tend to forget about them. They may not be out in the field but they are on site allowing them to get out there. All of the guys have done a great job. Mr. Prickett stated there was a very bad storm on Saturday into Sunday and trees were knocked down all over and Public Works was on call at that point and out on the roads. Mr. Prickett pointed out that it was very dangerous work and there could have been injury and he is thankful that didn't happen. Mr. Prickett also stated to recognize their public employees that when they have to go out and do their duty in hurricanes and nor'easters that they owe them a debt of gratitude for that. Mayor Patriarca recalled an old saying that is still used in the department, "we run to the jobs that most people run away from".

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Rick Prickett: 1. Mr. Prickett read the following statement for the public: **Mr. Prickett's statement read during Council Comments:**

It has been my privilege to serve on the Council over the last three years as an advocate for the residents of Pemberton Township. I am proud to say that I have not missed a single Council meeting since I was elected in 2002. As an advocate for our town there have been a number of things that have concerned me. For example: I could not support the appointment of a previous Council member to the PTMUA after they voted while on Council to sell a valuable Township property they then purchased. I opposed hiring the Engineer's son's company because I thought it was nepotism. After the Council voted to make these appointments I sought Ethics legislation for the Township but the Council denied its necessity. This legislation could have avoided a current Council member from violating ethic laws. I spoke out after the Mayor recused himself during a planning board application but took part in closed session discussions on that matter. I cannot condone a Mayor and Council that allow an engineer who contributed \$8,800 to the Pemberton democrat party to sit at the dais and not allow the Chief of Police to attend meetings. I expressed publicly my disdain for the Perr, New Frontier, and the Pemberton Administration connection. My heart goes out to all the residents that pleaded for six hours with the Council not to place high density housing in precious farmland, but were ignored. As a Democrat and Council member, I cannot be part of accepting \$7,000 from professionals and then confirm the Mayor's appointment of that firm, as happened with CME Associates this year during reorganization. I do not feel that I can run in an election with candidates that I strongly disagree with ethically and politically. I believe the people should come before professionals and party; therefore, I regret to say that I will not seek to be placed on the ballot as a democrat council candidate for the primary election in June of this year.

Diane Stinney: 1. Announced our Pemberton Township High School Junior ROTC Air Rifle Team placed 17th in the nation at the Army Junior ROTC Air Rifle competition in Camp Perry, Ohio. Mrs. Stinney congratulated Major Cook and Sergeant Gaskin and the students. She expressed it is an honor to hear about their students and their accomplishments. 2. Thanked everyone for coming out. Mrs. Stinney thanked the Mayor and stated she could not sit on Council or stay in the town without him as the Mayor of Pemberton Township. Mrs. Stinney thanked the Mayor for his time and commented on the positive comments she receives regarding the Mayor. She is humbled to walk side by side with the Mayor.

Tom Inge: 1. Has two kids that attended the 3 and 4 year old program in Pemberton Township. He thought of the program as a babysitting drop off until he had two children of his own. He expressed they are great programs and the teachers are excellent. It helped his family tremendously and is an asset to the Township. They have teachers and aides in the Township that care. Without them, this town would really suffer. To see them lose something like these programs would be very hard to accept. His son is still in the program and both of his children are in the after school programs. For what one pays and the services that are received for families that have a hard time making ends meet, it would put an extra burden on families and single parents. His children are lucky to have both parents that try to make the household work and they still have a hard time doing it. He doesn't know what he would do if he had to hire someone to watch his children. He would like to see the program remain the same in the Township. 2. Did not think Mr. Prickett wouldn't be running representing the Township. He

wished Mr. Prickett would reconsider for two different parties. Mr. Inge expressed that Mr. Prickett is here for the residents of the Township and sometimes it does take a lot out of one coming to meetings and sometimes one feels that they are not making a difference. Residents do listen to Mr. Prickett and if he decides not to run it would be a hardship on the residents of Pemberton Township. Mr. Inge expressed that Mr. Prickett really believes in Pemberton Township; he might not have lived here all of his life but when he moved here and settled, he wanted to make this his home and a home for his family. Mr. Inge reiterated in expressing hope that Mr. Prickett will reconsider and support Pemberton Township for another four years noting Mr. Prickett is now retired and enjoys working at Whitesbog.

Diane Stinney: 1. Thanked Mr. Inge for speaking of the three and four year old programs because it is an asset for a jump start for the children.

Sherry Scull: 1. Also thanked Mr. Inge for his comments regarding the three and four year old programs.

Ken Cartier: 1. Reminded everyone that Pemberton Township's baseball season will be starting soon. This is where today's major league players begin their careers. They currently have a number of Pemberton Township residents playing in the major leagues and minor leagues that have gone through Pemberton Township High School and Burlington County College. It is exciting to see these students out here playing prior to being recognized in the major leagues. **2.** Commented to the media regarding Mr. Prickett's comments to make sure they verify all of the information he laid out this evening especially concerning former Council members because it is inaccurate. **3.** Wished everyone a good night and a safe trip home.

Sherry Scull: 1. Even though Governor Christie campaigned on the platform of doing away with the three and four year old program because it is "babysitting", he has considered and their three and four year old programs are in tact for next year. Even though their budget has not been approved which it usually is by this time, they are not expecting to lose that; however, they do have a great deal of other people and programs that unfortunately the vast majority of people losing their jobs will be Pemberton Township residents. Last year Council took drastic steps to maintain the staff at the Township level who are Township residents. It is never a positive thing and the school board has a very difficult job ahead of them. She hopes Mr. Wells and the Board are actually involved as there are no budget meetings the way there used to be. It doesn't appear the Board really makes the decisions. The decisions are being made by individuals that don't live here and really don't have the vested interest in their community as she was told when questioning hiring practices of one of their Administrators by hiring everybody in the building that supports staff from Burlington Township, she was informed that she is the Pemberton Township Education Association of Pemberton Township Employment Agency to which she replied she is Pemberton Township and will always speak out for Pemberton Township. As long as they have support staff who are qualified and capable here, those are the folks that should be receiving those jobs. She will never regardless of where she is change her attitude on that. **2.** The forum is scheduled for Sunday afternoon at the BMIA Building for candidates running for the School Board and hopefully individuals will come out and pay attention. It is very important to pass their budget this year. The Boro budget has not passed all of the time. The Township the last five years has; one year by only

one vote. Mrs. Scull encouraged everyone to get out and pass the budget. They don't want to send a message to Trenton that they have not appreciated what they have received. It is very difficult because even with passing the budget there are local positions and people and impact on the students. The types of cuts that are being talked about, all of these cuts when they take the money from the Townships are not going to impact on one job or one text book in these Townships and municipalities and he apparently doesn't understand budgets because it doesn't work that way. The surplus that Mr. Wells spoke of the \$2.8 million, they did receive \$250,000 back thanks to Pat Austin. If nothing else, she has complete faith in their Business Administrator who really works hard for this community and it does impact their local taxes. They are very grateful for her being there. \$7 million in cuts have to come off the backs of employees. There's just no where else to get that kind of money in a school system. For a Governor to say he can make these cuts and it's not going to impact education, it's just not common sense.

3. She is extremely proud of the work their professionals do. She has sat at Council meetings for twenty years which is longer than anybody else sitting in the room. She has sat there and wondered why they continue to hire certain individuals over and over again when they didn't see progress or see the positive things. They had a CFO in charge of their finances that anybody sitting in the audience could tell was not competent and that was six or seven years ago. As they heard tonight, there wasn't a ledger at all then. Their current CFO does an outstanding job and has worked very hard under sometimes.....Mrs. Scull asked the Mayor if it is true that now the CFO is down a person in her office because someone is out on sick leave. The Mayor replied she is down an experienced person and she has been given two part time employees to help out. Mrs. Scull confirmed with the Mayor that they are not trained in that area. The Mayor agreed and added they are doing the best they can and are staying afloat. Mrs. Scull commented at no time has it ever been insinuated or proven that there has been anything illegal or unethical going on because of their finances in that office. Mrs. Scull thanked Mr. Rehmann for being out in their community. She stated it is true that Mr. Rehmann did contribute to their campaigns and all they did was promise a fair hearing and to consider for the job. When candidates were interviewed, Mr. Rehmann was far and above the best person that was talked with or even looked at his RFP. He had experience with the Pinelands and was such a positive individual; he's come in and gone in to the community. That doesn't guarantee anything down the road. They didn't have any guarantees for a position for anyone he worked, supported them financially. There were a lot of companies that supported them financially that did not get a job and to insinuate there is something wrong with that, anybody in politics knows the republicans do the same thing and the democrats do the same thing. Is it really tasteful or liked, no; but you can't run a campaign without any finance. Financing was set up by the County and wasn't set up by them. They hired the individuals who they felt were the best for this Township. Some of them didn't contribute to their campaign and it just so happens that one company did and they are still very proud that they made the right decision in hiring them.

4. Mrs. Scull expressed disappointment in Mr. Prickett and added that she has been extremely disappointed in him for the past couple of years. Many will remember when Mr. Prickett came under fire as a member of the past Council who couldn't get along with anybody, she would stand up in his defense and tell people to look at the Business Administrator and the Mayor he is dealing with. Several individuals from that Council resigned and did not like the animosity and stuff that went on. Mrs. Scull stated Mr. Prickett in her opinion she was very wrong in defending him. She believes from the behavior she has seen in the past few years that he was just as much at fault as anybody else on that Council

or in Administration for the nonsense that went on in this room which is what motivated her to run in the first place. She truly considered him to be a friend; someone that was concerned and dedicated to the people in Pemberton Township and she doesn't believe that any more. Council has sat here for months and there have been comments made about the Mayor and Council members including herself and he stated to not take it personally if he insults them publicly but she does. She has said nothing and reached out to Council and stated to work together for what is best for Pemberton. Mrs. Scull stated that is what happened. Mr. Prickett ran on a ticket with them that supported smart growth in the Pemberton area and never said he didn't believe it and wasn't running with them. Instead they get elected and he continues to undermine what the platform was. She is sorry that Mr. Prickett feels the way he does and she has bent over and tried very hard to work with him and make him feel a part of Council and all of Council once elected became "P" for Pemberton and not democrats or republicans. They don't always get what they want and nobody gets what they want all the time. It's unfortunate that not everybody can accept that they don't get what they want all of the time. She has gone against one of her major beliefs that one does not ever talk about an opponent. They talk about the positive things. She has been involved in school board elections for years and nobody ever talked about why they are not supporting the people. They talk about why they are supporting the people they do support. It is not her nature to be negative but this is the last time she will sit at a meeting, be attacked and say nothing. That has passed and it's not happening again. They will talk about truth. Council knew Mr. Prickett was not going to run on a ticket with them and have been waiting all along and asked if he is running his own ticket or changing to Republican because he has not cooperated or tried to be a member of this Council. He has sat here for months and instead of trying to do positive things, insulted and then wants to be their friend. Mrs. Scull sarcastically stated she would want to serve on a committee after Mr. Prickett wrote a negative editorial about her in the paper because she knows she can trust him to be there and be fair. Mrs. Scull apologized to the audience and not to Mr. Prickett for her comments because for years she stated people don't want to hear nonsense or people fighting but they want to see a Council who is working to do things positive for their community and she is embarrassed that Council did not provide that Council as promised four years ago. But she will not take responsibility nor should the Mayor or other members of the ticket. **5.** Thanked everyone for coming out. Encouraged everyone to see Beauty and the Beast.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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