

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2011  
6:30 P.M.**

**FLAG SALUTE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Jason Allen  
Ken Cartier  
Richard Prickett  
Sherry Scull  
Diane Stinney

**ABSENT**

Also present: Mayor David Patriarca, Township Solicitor Andrew Bayer, Township Engineers Chris Rehmann and Kelly Willis, Township Planner Owen McCabe and Township Clerk Mary Ann Finlay.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Cartier called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 200-2011**

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:  
HISTORIC TRUST V. PEMBERTON.
3. IT IS ANTICIPATED AT THIS TIME THAT THE ABOVE-STATED SUBJECT MATTERS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC WHEN THE MATTERS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.

Motion by Stinney and Prickett to approve Resolution No. 200-2011. Stinney, yes; Prickett, yes; Allen, yes; Scull, abstain; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

Council President Cartier recessed the open meeting at approximately 6:31 PM to go into closed session, and reconvened the open meeting at approximately 7:00 PM. Council President Cartier noted there would be no formal action pursuant to closed session.

(Reference Note: Closed Session minutes are transcribed and filed separately and considered part of these minutes.)

**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.**

Motion by Prickett and Scull to add Res. 209-2011 approving the corrective action plan to New Business, d., and a proposed resolution for discussion establishing procedures requiring preapproval for certain purchases under New Business, e. Prickett, yes; Scull, yes; Allen, yes; Stinney, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Scull requested to have bills 1-0126310000240, vendors Lily Pond Emporium and Diamond M Lumber, in the amount of \$1,662.08; and 1-0126310000311, vendors Herman's Trucking, Reed's Lawn Equipment and Lily Pond Emporium, in the amount of \$1,062.51.

Council President Cartier opened the meeting to the public on consent agenda items only.

Claire Wadsworth, Browns Mills – Questioned the audit findings that the general ledger is still not up to date yet and what is being done about it. Council President Cartier advised that the Mayor has hired a new CFO and it is being worked on.

Seeing no other members of the public wishing to speak Council President Cartier closed the meeting to the public.

Motion by Scull and Stinney to approve consent agenda as amended.

## **MINUTES**

Regular meeting, August 3, 2011

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 203-2011**

WHEREAS, THE PEMBERTON YOUTH FOOTBALL (HEREINAFTER "LEAGUE") DESIRES TO PROVIDE CONCESSIONS OF FOOD AND DRINKS AT LEAGUE GAMES AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX LOCATED AT PEMBERTON-BROWNS MILLS ROAD; AND  
WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON HAS DETERMINED THAT THIS CONSTITUTES A 'CONCESSION' PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW, AT N.J.A.C. 5:34-1.2; AND  
WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, UPON ADVICE FROM THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR, WISHES TO AWARD A CONCESSION AGREEMENT (HEREINAFTER THE "AGREEMENT") TO THE LEAGUE PURSUANT TO PROPOSED REGULATIONS GOVERNING CONCESSIONS (N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.4); AND  
WHEREAS, THE LEAGUE'S PROVISION OF CONCESSIONS WILL PROVIDE INCOME TO SUPPORT THE LEAGUE; AND  
WHEREAS, THE LEAGUE INTENDS TO SELL PRE-PACKAGED GOODS SUCH AS BOTTLES OR CANS OF DRINK AND CANDY BARS, AND MAY WISH TO SELL HOT DOGS AND OTHER PREPARED FOODS; AND  
WHEREAS, THE ESTIMATED INCOME FROM THESE CONCESSIONS TO THE LEAGUE IS ANTICIPATED TO BE WELL UNDER THE CURRENT THRESHOLD UNDER THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW OF \$17,500.00; AND  
WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP WILL NOT INCUR ANY COSTS, SERVICES OR ENDORSEMENTS AS PART OF THE CONCESSION, AND WILL ONLY BE PROVIDING THE USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR THE CONCESSIONS.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE TOWNSHIP DOES HEREBY AWARD A CONCESSION AGREEMENT TO THE PEMBERTON YOUTH FOOTBALL TO PROVIDE CONCESSIONS AT LEAGUE GAMES, WHICH AGREEMENT SHALL BE NON-EXCLUSIVE; AND  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP; AND

### **RESOLUTION NO. 204-2011**

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:  
WESLEY & DOLLY BETHANY, \$632.76 OVERPAYMENT WAS CREATED AS MORTGAGE PAID 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2011 WHEN PROPERTY WAS GRANTED TDV STATUS AS OF 6/1/11.  
JOSEPH M. SNIDER, \$1656.72 OVERPAYMENT WAS CREATED AS MORTGAGE PAID 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2011 WHEN PROPERTY WAS GRANTED TDV STATUS OF 6/17/11.  
MARISA WILKINS, \$19.25, OVERPAYMENT FOR OPRA REQUEST.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 206-2011**

WHEREAS, IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE RECORDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, IT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWNSHIP CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER THAT THE FOLLOWING OUTSTANDING STALE CHECKS BE CANCELED AND SAID FUNDS BE CREDITED AS INDICATED:

<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CREDITED TO</u>
24374	01/2009	PRESIDENTIAL LAKES FIRE CO.	\$ 80.00	CURRENT FUND
24496	01/2009	STATE OF NJ-COMM.RECORDS DIV.	\$ 5.00	CURRENT FUND
24863	04/2009	MICHAEL BENNETT	\$ 39.15	CURRENT FUND
25991	10/2009	MONIQUE DAVIS	\$ 10.00	CURRENT FUND
28503	12/2010	GROVE SUPPLY INC.	\$125.48	CURRENT FUND
28581	12/2010	DAVID KING	\$ 25.00	CURRENT FUND
28607	12/2010	BURLINGTON COUNTY TIMES, INC.	\$ 39.76	CURRENT FUND
28654	12/2010	ROBERT WARREN	\$ 5.00	CURRENT FUND
28909	02/2011	MARK MATTHEWS	\$ 10.00	CURRENT FUND
29046	03/2011	HAILEY BELSAVAGE	\$ 110.00	CURRENT FUND
29179	03/2011	MARK THOMAS	\$ 21.66	CURRENT FUND
29284	03/2011	HAILEY BELSAVAGE	\$ 160.00	CURRENT FUND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE ABOVE LISTED CHECKS BE CANCELED AND FUNDS CREDITED TO CURRENT FUND SURPLUS AS RECOMMENDED.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 207-2011**

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 BLOCK 684 LOT 6, 409 W. VIRGINIA RD OWNED BY HELGA M. TERMI QUALIFIES FOR A VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AS OF JULY 29, 2011; 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 684 LOT 6 AS A RESULT OF THE GRANTED EXEMPTION; AND  
WHEREAS, THE TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY FROM JANUARY 1, 2011 TO JULY 28, 2011 ARE \$2,084.10; AND  
WHEREAS, TOTAL TAX FOR FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 2011 - \$2,729.02 OF WHICH \$2,729.02 HAS BEEN PAID, THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO CANCEL BALANCE OF 2011 TAXES AND ISSUE A REFUND OF \$644.92 FOR OVERPAYMENT OF 2011 TAXES.

WHEREAS, IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE GOVERNING BODY TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES ON SAID PROPERTY AS OF JULY 29, 2011.  
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 2011 PROPERTY TAXES ON BLOCK 684 LOT 6 AS OF JULY 29, 2011, AS SAID PROPERTY HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO QUALIFY FOR A VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION UNDER N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30.  
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.  
THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$644.92 TO HELGA M. TERMI, 409 W. VIRGINIA RD., BROWNS MILLS, NEW JERSEY 08015

RESOLUTION NO. 208 -2011

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 REQUIRES THE GOVERNING BODY OF EVERY LOCAL UNIT TO HAVE MADE AN ANNUAL AUDIT OF ITS BOOKS, ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS; AND  
WHEREAS, THE ANNUAL REPORT OF AUDIT FOR THE YEAR 2010 HAS BEEN FILED BY A REGISTERED MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANT WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, AND A COPY HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY EACH MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY; AND  
WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 AUTHORIZES THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PRESCRIBE REPORTS PERTAINING TO THE LOCAL FISCAL AFFAIRS; AND  
WHEREAS, THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD HAS PROMULGATED N.J.A.C. 5:306-5, A REGULATION REQUIRING THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH MUNICIPALITY SHALL BY RESOLUTION, CERTIFY TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY HAVE REVIEWED, AS A MINIMUM, THE SECTIONS OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT ENTITLED "FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS" OR "FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS"; AND  
WHEREAS, THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY HAVE PERSONALLY REVIEWED AS A MINIMUM THE ANNUAL REPORT OF AUDIT, AND SPECIFICALLY THE SECTIONS OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT ENTITLED "FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS" OR "FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS," AS EVIDENCED BY THE GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM OF THE GOVERNING BODY ATTACHED HERETO; AND  
WHEREAS, SUCH RESOLUTION OF CERTIFICATION SHALL BE ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY NO LATER THAN FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT, PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; AND  
WHEREAS, ALL MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY HAVE RECEIVED AND HAVE FAMILIARIZED THEMSELVES WITH, AT LEAST, THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS STATED AFORESAID AND HAVE SUBSCRIBED TO THE AFFIDAVIT, AS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD; AND  
WHEREAS, FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS OF THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY MAY SUBJECT THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY TO THE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF R.S. 52:27BB-52 – TO WIT:  
R.S. 52:27BB-52 – A LOCAL OFFICER OR MEMBER OF A LOCAL GOVERNING BODY WHO, AFTER A DATE FIXED FOR COMPLIANCE, FAILS OR REFUSES TO OBEY AN ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR (DIRECTOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES), UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, MAY BE FINED NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) OR IMPRISONED FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR, OR BOTH, IN ADDITION SHALL FORFEIT HIS/HER OFFICE.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, HEREBY STATES THAT IT HAS COMPLIED WITH N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 AND DOES HEREBY SUBMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION AND THE REQUIRED AFFIDAVIT TO SAID BOARD TO SHOW EVIDENCE OF SAID COMPLIANCE.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council affirmation of new Country Lakes Fire Co. memberships for Relief Association application purposes, for Daniel M. Edwards and Alex D. Almeida.

Purchases at \$2,625.00 or over:

**\*1. Fire Dept.:** Purchase of command console and installation of emergency lighting and radios from Lights and Sirens in the amount of \$7,153.00

**BILL LIST**

Approval by Council for payment of vouchers on bill list dated 9/2/11.

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

**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR FINAL ADOPTION**

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2011

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AMENDING CHAPTER 86 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED "UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODES" IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR SOLAR CONSTRUCTION

Council President Cartier read the title of the ordinance.

Motion by Prickett and Stinney to adopt Ordinance No. 22-2011.

Council President Cartier opened the meeting to the public on Ordinance 22-2011 and seeing no members of the public wishing to speak he closed the meeting to the public.

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Continued discussion regarding Administration's recommendation for ordinance amendment increasing construction permit fees.

Mayor Patriarca advised that they submitted the packet to Council which projected the costs for the Construction Office for five years and noted they will begin to show a loss in that department if the fees are not increased. Councilman Prickett questioned if they received the information on the cost of having the employees run the department versus having it run by a third party contractor. Mayor noted that it is currently run by third party inspectors, and they can run those numbers for you but he doesn't know how accurate they would be because he personally believes in the long run it would end up costing more because of paying for salaries and benefit. Councilwoman Scull expressed that she would like to see comparisons to other districts than what was provided

Review of revised ordinance no. 19-2011 (which amends the recently adopted fence ordinance) incorporating all previously approved changes.

Council President Cartier questioned if Council was ok as to the changes that were made at the last meeting.. Council President Cartier hearing no other question directed that this will be added to the next meeting for introduction.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Review of draft resolution establishing policy for emails between Council members.

Solicitor, Andrew Bayer advised that this policy came from a decision of the Burlington County Prosecutor's office regarding another town, related to a possible breach of the Open Public Meetings Act issue in the exchange of emails between those Council Members prior to the adoption of an ordinance in that town. Mr. Bayer further explained that as a result of that decision, correspondence was sent to the Clerks and Solicitors of all towns suggesting that the Townships adopt an email policy to avoid violations of the Open Public Meetings Act. Mr. Bayer gave the background leading up to the decision and went over the recommendations in the resolution which came from the Prosecutors office, with the exception of No. 5 in the resolution which was a suggestion from the Council President. It was noted that this will be added to the Council's Policy and Procedures.

Motion by Prickett and Stinney to add Resolution No. 211-2011. Prickett, yes; Stinney, yes; Scull, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 211 –2011**

WHEREAS, ON AUGUST 9, 2011 BURLINGTON COUNTY PROSECUTOR ROBERT D. BERNARDI SENT A MEMORANDUM TO ALL MUNICIPAL SOLICITORS WITHIN BURLINGTON COUNTY (THE "COUNTY") ADVISING OF THE NEED FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY TO ADOPT GUIDELINES REGARDING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SUCH AS EMAIL, TEXT MESSAGES, ETC. TO CONDUCT OR DISCUSS OR DELIBERATE UPON MUNICIPAL BUSINESS; AND

WHEREAS, THIS MEMORANDUM WAS PROMPTED BY RECENT EVENTS WHEREIN ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS WERE FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (OPMA) BY EXCHANGING EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS THAT CONTAINED DISCUSSIONS AND DELIBERATIONS ABOUT OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL BUSINESS; AND WHEREAS, THE BURLINGTON COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAS FOUND THAT THESE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AMONG ELECTED OFFICIALS CONSTITUTED "MEETINGS" IN VIOLATION OF OPMA; AND

WHEREAS, IN AN EFFORT TO ALERT ALL MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF THIS RISK, THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAS RECOMMENDED THE ADOPTION OF WRITTEN GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS REGARDING PUBLIC BUSINESS IN A MANNER THAT COMPLIES WITH THE OPMA; AND

WHEREAS, THE PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL DESIRES TO ADOPT A POLICY GOVERNING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS BY TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS REGARDING PUBLIC TOWNSHIP BUSINESS THAT ENSURES COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPMA.

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 THE POLICY CONTAINED HEREIN IS HEREBY ADOPTED CONCERNING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS BY TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS REGARDING TOWNSHIP BUSINESS:

- 1) EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD, AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE, NOT INCLUDE AN EFFECTIVE MAJORITY OF THE GOVERNING BODY AND SHOULD NEVER INCLUDE AN EFFECTIVE MAJORITY OF THE GOVERNING BODY WHERE DISCUSSION OF INFORMATION RELATED TO THE BUSINESS OF THE TOWNSHIP IS INVOLVED.
- 2) WHERE EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS DO INCLUDE AN EFFECTIVE MAJORITY OF THE GOVERNING BODY, SUCH COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD NOT INCLUDE ANY REQUEST FOR A RESPONSE. IN FACT, ANY EMAIL COMMUNICATION SHOULD INDICATE THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO EMAIL REPLY OR OTHER RESPONSIVE COMMUNICATION.

3) IN THE RARE INSTANCE WHEN A RESPONSE TO AN EMAIL IS NECESSARY, SUCH RESPONSE MUST NOT INVOLVE ANY DECISION-MAKING OR DELIBERATIVE FUNCTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OR OTHERWISE ADDRESS PUBLIC BUSINESS AS CONTEMPLATED BY THE OPMA. FURTHER, THE RESPONSE SHALL NOT BE MADE TO THE ENTIRE LIST OF EMAIL ADDRESSEES TO AVOID EVEN THE APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY. UTILIZING A THIRD PARTY, SUCH AS THE CLERK, DOES NOT CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPMA.

4) "ROLLING" EMAIL CONVERSATIONS MUST ALSO BE AVOIDED. A "ROLLING" EMAIL OCCURS WHEN ONE (1) MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY OR A THIRD PARTY CONTACTS OTHER MEMBERS VIA EMAIL INDIVIDUALLY TO SUCCESSIVELY DISCUSS OR GAIN OPINIONS ON AN ITEM OF TOWNSHIP BUSINESS. THIS WOULD APPLY TO OTHER FORMS OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AS WELL. HOWEVER, COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN LESS THAN AN EFFECTIVE MAJORITY OF THE GOVERNING BODY DO NOT VIOLATE THE OPMA PROVIDED THE DIALOGUE DOES NOT BECOME A "ROLLING" DISCUSSION THAT ENDS UP INCLUDING AN EFFECTIVE MAJORITY OF THE GOVERNING BODY.

5) ALL COMMUNICATIONS BY THE GOVERNING BODY CONCERNING TOWNSHIP BUSINESS, WHEN NOT IN A COUNCIL MEETING, SHALL BE DIRECTED TO THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.

Motion by Prickett and Scull to adopt Resolution No. 211-2011. Prickett, yes; Scull, yes; Allen, yes; Stinney, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 209-2011, authorizes Corrective Action Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 209-2011

WHEREAS, A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN COVERING ALL FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE AUDIT REPORT HAS BEEN MANDATED PURSUANT TO LOCAL FINANCE 92-15, DATED JULY 8, 1992; AND WHEREAS, SAID CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN COVERING THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2010 AUDIT REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED AND ATTACHED HERETO AS "SCHEDULE A". NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT SAID CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN, ATTACHED HERETO AS "SCHEDULE A" BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED.

Councilman Prickett commented on the issues with the general ledger and the municipal court and he has attempted to address these deficiencies in the past and noted this is the first time they are getting a resolution authorizing the corrective action plan. Councilman Prickett requested a monthly report from Administration updating Council on the progress of the deficiencies. Councilman Prickett wondered if there was a reason that the general ledger is no balanced. Council President Cartier correct that the finding do not state the general ledger is not balances; it states it is not reconciled. Councilwoman Scull noted that his has been going on for a long time and is concerned that it may never be balanced because they can't find the error from many years ago. Mayor Patriarca reiterated what Council President Cartier explained, the general ledger is balanced and steps were taken at the end of last year to correct the problems however that was too late for the 2010 audit. Mayor Patriarca further advised that he is kept up to date by the CFO and the reconciliations are being done monthly now. Council President Cartier asked if there is a date the reconciliation is supposed to be done by and asked if the Council could get a report at the second meeting of each month on the reconciliation. Mayor Patriarca advised that he is not going to allow his departments to be micromanaged and that Council will ultimately be made aware during the audit process. Councilwoman Scull commented that she does not think it is overstepping their boundaries to ask if the general ledger has been reconciled.

Motion by Scull and Allen to adopt Resolution No. 209-2011. Scull, yes; Allen, yes; Prickett, yes; Stinney, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion on non-payment of bills submitted to Council for work that was previously performed.

Council President Cartier advised that Mr. Vaz had sent a memo to Council advising them of their role I purchasing, further noting that Council has expressed some concerns regarding expenditures and he had the Clerk prepare a resolution regarding the purchasing limit policy leaving the amount blank for Council to decide this evening. Councilwoman Scull noted she had a concern over the projects our own employees are doing and the costs for the project does not include the employee cost. Council President Cartier commented that the Council does not have day to day control over the function of employees. Councilwoman Scull suggested making the spending limit \$1,000. Councilman Prickett questioned how much that would interfere with the day to day operations of the township and noting there needs to be an understanding between the legislative and administrative branches on the difference between extravagant and necessary expenses. Discussion ensued on the ability to spend fund and how that can be done in emergent situations. Councilman Allen questioned why this is being considered when it was recently done to bring it up to \$2,600 and changing it even down to \$1,000 would not have stopped the Mayor from incurring the bills in question as they were

under that amount. Council President Cartier noted he was in agreement that the bills for the lily pond need to get paid, however expressed that on numerous occasions Council has requested the projects be stopped such as the BMIA building and the courtyard but Administration went ahead with them anyway. Mayor Patriarca advised that Council can stop the projects by doing the ordinance canceling them, noting that he has authorization to do the projects through the legislation and the budget. Councilwoman Scull commented that that was no authorization given for a lily pond and Council is saying they do not want such things done when the Township laid off six people. Councilman Prickett noted that if Administration is not going to listen to Council's concerns then they should bring the limit back down to \$2,000. Councilman Allen noted he doesn't believe taking the limit back to \$2,000 will make any difference. Mayor Patriarca advised that Administration does not exceed the spending cap without authorization to do so. Councilwoman Scull question if the items listed under New Business Section B for \$7,153 was not spent. Mayor Patriarca noted that is correct and that is requesting the authorization to do so.

Motion by Prickett and Scull to add Res. 210-2011 with a limit amount of \$2,000. Prickett, yes; Scull, yes; Allen, yes; Stinney, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 210-2011**

WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 76-2011 THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL PREVIOUSLY APPROVED THAT PURCHASES OF SERVICES OR GOODS THAT ARE 15% OR MORE OF THE BID THRESHOLD ESTABLISHED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3, MUST BE PRESENTED TO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL BEFORE FUNDS ARE EXPENDED; AND

WHEREAS, COUNCIL DESIRES TO AGAIN CHANGE THAT POLICY TO A NEW POLICY OF HAVING ALL PURCHASES OVER \$2,000.00 BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL BEFORE A PURCHASE ORDER IS PREPARED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR AND BEFORE FUNDS ARE EXPENDED;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT ALL PURCHASES OVER \$2,000.00 SHALL BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL BEFORE A PURCHASE ORDER IS PREPARED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR AND BEFORE FUNDS ARE EXPENDED;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT COUNCIL MAINTAINS THE CERTAIN PURCHASES THAT HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ESTABLISHED TO BE OF A NATURE THAT TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WAIVES THE PRE-APPROVAL REQUIREMENT AND HEREBY CONTINUES THAT WAIVER OF PRE-APPROVAL FOR THE FOLLOWING PURCHASES:

- A. GASOLINE & DIESEL FUELS
- B. HEATING OIL
- C. NATURAL GAS
- D. TELEPHONE SERVICES
- E. WATER & SEWER SERVICES
- F. POSTAGE COSTS (CHECK NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000)
- G. PERMIT FEES
- H. TIPPING FEES (TRASH DISPOSAL)
- I. SODIUM CHLORIDE
- J. SAND FOR MIXING
- K. NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE FEES, PERMITS AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION COSTS (CHECK NOT TO EXCEED \$500).

Motion by Stinney and Prickett to approve Res. 210-2011. Stinney, yes; Prickett, yes; Scull, yes; Allen, no, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

**BILL LIST**

Council President Cartier asked if Mr. Bayer reviewed the memo from the Administrator and Mr. Bayer advised he did not read the memo however noted if an authorized expenditure has been made and the payment has not been made the vendor would have a claim against the Township.

Motion by Scull and Stinney to approve bills pulled from last meeting. Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Allen, yes; Prickett, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Council President Cartier opened the meeting to the public.

Tony Miehle, Browns Mills - Commended Council on their efforts on controlling Administration spending and believes they may not have gone far enough. Noted that if the Mayor breaks the projects down they may need to do approvals by total costs.

John Shaw, Browns Mills – Agrees with Mr. Miehle's comments. Questioned why they are now having police officers at the meetings. Council President Cartier noted that he requested the police officers this evening because he had concerns.

Tom Maahs, Presidential Lakes – Commented that the Office of Emergency Management did a good job during the hurricane. Expressed that as a resident of Presidential Lakes they lose communication when power and cell phone service and internet is down and thinks we need to look at a reverse 911 system. Commented on emergency shelters being set up on the opposite side of town and would like to see one in the Presidential Lakes area, noting those residents need to cross the flooded creeks to get to those shelters so we need to look into alternatives. Explained that at the last meeting they read into the record a beautiful resolution for 9/11, advising he is a little disappointed in our Township advising there is a 9/11 ceremony being held by the Pemberton Township Fire Department for members and their families only and thinks that is a slap in the face to law enforcement, EMS and our residents, not to mention that a member of the fire services was denied to play the bagpipes. He believes the town will probably be faced with a lawsuit. Commented on his family serving the country and believes his rights have been violated. Noted that he still supports the fire department as a concept.

Bob Pelletier, Pemberton – Commented that the second reading the solar ordinance was at the last meeting and Council made additional comments and changes after the public comments and he would have like to be given the opportunity for further discussion. Council President Cartier not that discussion was based on a recommendation by the Planning Board. Mr. Pelletier noted that he agreed with the Mayor having authorization to spend and he would like to see the general ledger posted on the website. Mr. Pelletier asked the Solicitor regarding the local public contracts law and if there is a way to circumvent those rules. Mr. Bayer advised that if a project is expected to be above the bid threshold then it has to go out to bid and it cannot be broken up to circumvent the bidding process. Mr. Pelletier questioned if there are items that are forbidden to be purchased with public funds. Mr. Bayer advised that any purchase has to be a public purpose. Mr. Pelletier advised he did some research on the Faulkner Act and noted the Mayor has a tremendous amount of authority against the Council and he believes if people realized that they would not have voted for the change in government.

George Petronis, Browns Mills – Commented on the concern of the presence of police officers, questioned if there was any issue before Council have any of those issues resulted in a provable act of violence. Council President Cartier advised there was not and Mr. Petronis felt it was setting a dangerous precedent. Council President Cartier further advised that it is a right of Council to request police presence at a meeting. Mr. Petronis commented regarding the Train Station and some may consider it to be unsightly and feels that is a personal opinion. Explained they had gone to the Freeholder's meeting and they made it clear that they will take over the property but they will not run the museum and on of the Administrators commented their expectation is to continue the agreement with the Trust when the transfer occurs. He requested the government to take into consideration of the value of the museum to the community.

Eric Allen, Country Lakes – Commented that the Country Lakes area continuously lose power and requested Council send a request to the utility to examine their system in that area. Council President Cartier questioned if the Township had records of power loss in that area. Mayor Patriarca noted this is the first he has been made aware there was a continuous issue and advised they can contact JCP&L to see if they have those records. Mayor Patriarca commented on the issues of communication with JCP&L during the storm. Councilwoman Stinney advised that she received a phone call from a resident and they have records of each time they lost power, she will request that information from the resident, noting it is a problem for the whole block.

America Phillips, Presidential Lakes – Commented that Presidential Lakes does not have an ambulance. Questioned where the evacuation routes are for the resident and if the school were open for the residents when the electricity was off. Mayor Patriarca advised that the Township did not have any shelters open because the Township did not reach that point, noting we do have shelters set up in schools when the need arises. Ms. Phillips asked how the residents would be notified of that. Council President Cartier advised he was at a meeting where they were making preparation to go door to door if necessary. Ms. Phillips commented that each development should have the necessary equipment. Commented that her water heat went during the hurricane and was advised that she had to pay additional fees to Pemberton Township for a permit and installation. Noted that the Police are here tonight and commented that years ago each department was represented and residents could get questions answered. Ms. Phillips advised she was concerned about the closing the fire departments and asked what was going on. Mayor Patriarca explained to Ms. Phillips that she could stop in and get the answers directly from him;

he is always available when he is in the building. Ms. Phillips questioned if they sent out letters to the community regarding their plans for the train station and questioned Administrations decision to close it. Ms. Phillips advised she would meet with the Mayor and let Council know at the next meeting what she was told.

Brian Kitson, Presidential Lakes - Commented that the township has power problems because we are in the Pinelands, a lot of the power lines rung through trees, the trees fall on the lines and the power goes out. Commented on Pemberton Voice, noting there was a question as to where he was during the storm as he is the Battalion Chief for Presidential Lakes, advised that he was on military duty in another state. Noted that the resident from Presidential Lakes can come to him to get answers on what is happening in their fire company. Advised that he agrees with Mr. Maahs, OEM did the best job they could with they had, there were some shortcoming and he will be coming to Council for their support. Council President Cartier clarified that fire department members are considered employees and can come to the Mayor at any time.

Claire Wadsworth, Browns Mills – Thanked Council for being diligent about the general ledger, noting that our best practice survey score was the lowest in the County which causes the withholding of State funding. Noted that at last meeting she was questioned regarding some information she inferred on Mr. Bayer’s advice to the Mayor regarding the Train Station and it was inferred that she received privileged information. Ms. Wadsworth explained that she listened to the previous meeting and it was mentioned during Mr. Hardt’s comments and there was a news article in the Courier Post on August 5<sup>th</sup> which also commented on the matter which is where she inferred her comments from. Council President Cartier thanked Ms. Wadsworth for the clarification.

Adrienne Leonard, Browns Mills – Thanked all the residents that came up to talk about the Historic Trust and museum and advised she appreciated their efforts. Questioned if she could schedule a public hearing for the Historic Trust and it was noted that since the matter is still in litigation it could not be discussed in public. Ms. Leonard questioned if the BMIA building would be completed by October 8<sup>th</sup> for the them to hold their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Cranberry Bake Off. It was noted that due to the storm the work schedule has been delayed and the BMIA should find an alternative location for this year.

Harvey Crawford, Browns Mills – Commented that he has live here 60 years and is embarrassed by what he has heard this evening. Noted that he believes they didn’t resolve the spending issue tonight and it was a waste of time. Expressed that some people questioned why there was a need for Police presence at the meeting and he noted that apparently there were issues brought to the attention of Council and that is why they requested it. Mr. Crawford thanked Council President Cartier for requesting the Police presence noting if there was an issue and the Police were not here then the residents would be asking why they were not here. Commented that he thinks OEM did the best job they could, noting this area has not had a real emergency since 1963 or 1964 and it takes about 72 hours to get everything in place and feels the Township and OEM did a very good job with this storm. Commented that as a taxpayer he feels a lot of the problems are residents having everything brought into court and it costs the township every time they go into court and the residents wonder why we do not have money to do things. Commented that there should be a public hearing regarding the Historic Trust and the Train Station and that should have happened before it ended up in court.

#### **Solicitor’s Report**

Mr. Bayer had no report.

#### **Engineer’s Report**

Ms. Willis reported that Mr. Rehmann was in the township on that Sunday of the hurricane, advised that of the seven dams in the township, most of them faired well with the exception of Bayberry Dam, even there, the problem was with the roadway and not the actual dam, advising the roadway is owned by Burlington County and the dam is owned by the Township. Ms. Willis further explained that there was some minor erosion issues with some of the other dams and those have been brought to the attention of Public Works to address, advising they will be looking at the dams once again now that the water has receded. Councilwoman Scull asked about the damage at the Train Station and if it had anything to do with the construction project. Ms. Willis advised that they will look into that but even though they have never had these problems before there, they also never had this much rain either and there is damage all over that



has not been seen before due to the amount of rain received. Councilwoman Scull expressed that it needs to be looked into to see how to prevent it from happening again. Councilman Prickett requested an update on all the dams and Ms. Willis noted she will forward to them the report that was provided to Administration.

### **Mayor's and/or Administrator's Report**

Mayor Patriarca noted that the Police presence was not a request from Administration, Council requested them through Administration and it was forwarded to the Chief of Police. Noted that he had contact the Township Engineer, Chris Rehmann, on Sunday morning at home over his concerns of Bayberry Dam and Mr. Rehmann personally came out and was very impressed. Expressed that as it was said by several residents, he had to comment that the operation by the Office of Emergency Management was outstanding, all of the individuals involved. Noted that he arrived around 10pm on Saturday evening and stayed through the night and the next two days and he watched everyone do a phenomenal job with what they had available to them. Expressed there were very few complaints as our residents hunkered down, noting that the residents are responsible for themselves in the first 72 hours during an emergency. Advised that some residents were evacuated from North Road and we had people there to remove them and do their jobs. Expressed that the Department of Public Works did an outstanding job, noting the workers were out there during the storm responding and keeping the roadways cleared while most of us sat inside. Mayor Patriarca noted he doesn't think the Township could have asked the workers for more than what they gave us. Advising they have learned from the storm and recognized the deficiencies and will be working to correct them. Mayor Patriarca commended all those involved and he was proud to watch the Emergency Operation Center in action and knows the Township has the right team on board.

Commented that Council had formed a subcommittee to review projects for possible cancellation and noted that he had advised them at the last meeting that Administration was working on that project and was approximately 80% complete. Questioned if Council's subcommittee had made any progress on what they were looking to cancel out. Councilwoman Scull noted that she thought they were waiting on the report from Administration and Councilman Prickett confirmed that the Mayor said it was forthcoming. Discussion ensued on the role of the Council subcommittee with the Mayor noting he will not do their job for them and all the information they need is available to them. Mayor Patriarca advised that he had submitted cuts over \$600,000 and another \$320,000 in projects and now it has to wait two more weeks. Mayor Patriarca commented in general for the need to have Council pose questions and concerns to him prior to the meeting so he can get the answers in time for the meeting. Mayor Patriarca advised he will look into the possibility of putting the general ledger on the website, noting that this Administration is very transparent. He expressed that Council needs to ask their questions and if they do so before meetings he can have the answers for them in time for the meeting. He advised they had requested the resolutions be put on but they were not approved and expressed that by Council not paying they are going to cost the Township more in the long run. Mr. Prickett commented that they appreciate his guidance and they will take a look at the document and make sure they put that on the agenda if the Council President ok's it for the next meeting, and thanked again for his advice and guidance and further information they can act on. Council President Cartier noted that he did request that he forward that information onto the subcommittee. The Mayor noted this also includes the bill list, in that if they have questions on the bill list, don't wait until the meeting to ask, he can get that information prior to but he can't get it if he doesn't have the questions. Councilwoman Stinney asked regarding the new senior bus, she understands the BCT did a wonderful article on that bus, she was just so proud, commented on a possible ribbon cutting ceremony and reflecting this Council saw fit that the safety of their seniors came first. She then asked about the second bus. The Mayor noted he hasn't put the second one in a budget but he does appreciate their concerns over the bus, the seniors are elated with it, it is something that was long sought after and he appreciates Council's support on that bus, but he will keep in mind to let Council know and they can do a ribbon cutting on the new Dump Truck when that comes in. Councilwoman Scull commented they were all notified when the fire trucks came along. Councilwoman Scull commented that the Mayor said he was commending the volunteers are the staff, how are they doing that, are they getting letter because she thinks him sitting here saying that doesn't necessarily get to the people involved, she would suggest a letter from the Mayor thanking them for all their dedication, even the ones that got paid that put in 36 hours in a row really need to know that the Council and Mayor appreciates their dedication to their community and their Township. The Mayor advised that they can consider that but he can tell from his personal experience, they don't do it for that; they do it because they care.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

***Diane Stinney*** – Commended the OEMs for the great job they did during this hurricane. She shared a tip on using solar lights during the storm and expressed that she has never seen people come together the way they did during this storm. She gave thanks to everyone, and public workers.

***Richard Prickett*** – Also thanked the first responders from Hurricane Irene, noting they were coming home from a reception on Saturday night around 10:30 from Lakehurst, it was horrendous out there, trees were falling, lines were falling, and they haven't mentioned County workers, who were out there going down the bypass, that is the point he wanted to make, the emergency squad, fire, police and everyone else, including public works, they got out, risk their lives for us and thinks it is important to remember that, especially when you see it in a storm you see these folks out there, and again thanked all of those helping the public.

***Sherry Scull*** – Thanked all the volunteers and police and fire dept. personnel, and two employees that worked and were so dedicated. She noted that Pemberton Township does come together very well and takes care of each other, not all communities are as giving as their community. She commented to America, if there are residents that have health problems the Township has a list so they know who needs assistance, she believes it is Amy at the Clerk's office that organizes that so they can contact her in case of power outages. She commented about working together, she is an issue person, she will sit here and fight with Dave Patriarca, over an issue today and tomorrow and the next minute is supportive of another issue. She is not going to sit here and say they are Democrats and they have to say all the same tale. She commented on the differences of viewpoints, she hates politics and she doesn't believe it belongs in Pemberton Township. She believes they should all work together for what is best for Pemberton. She commented on what Sean said about Pemberton Voice, she doesn't even read that, she belonged to it when it was Pemberton Voice, when it first got started, then she realized the majority of the people on there are there to tear down somebody else, not there to build up anybody or anything in the community, and urged the public to please not take to heart what they are saying, that is a couple of people, the majority of the people know how hard they work for Pemberton Township and for Presidential Lakes, so that is what they need to focus on. She announced having more memorial pens, they are working on the memorial that is going to be dedicated to the people that gave their lives during services, they are \$5, and she has been out of them for a while. The money goes towards maintaining the memorial. She noted Harvey has t-shirts. She reflected that school is open, and to be careful out there, some of those kids are going home late. She shared a History lesson, noting Buttonwood Hall and the New Lisbon area, in 1799 the Burlington County Freeholders put aside money to build an almshouse in New Lisbon, the almshouse housed people who were senile, disabled, families that ran upon hard times, it wasn't just for old, it was for poor people too, so that was here since 1799. She relayed they had Evergreen Park next door that was the mental hospital and what a shame that building was lost, across the street from is Potters field, most people don't even realize there is a cemetery there, it has hundreds of graves because from 1799 the people who died they buried there, they still bury people there. She thanked everyone for coming out.

***Jason Allen*** – Advised of two activities, first is BCC Bonner Americorps Leader Program will be hosting several community service events on Friday Sept. 9 for national 9/11 of service and remembrance, this program will be from 10am to 4pm, Bonner Americorps Leader Program along with the Burlington County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be conducting a blood drive at the Mt. Laurel campus, also throughout the day there will be volunteers serving at several different agencies such as the Christian Caring Center, Family Services Center and the Pemberton Township School district, also next Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, they will be having a TAG meeting at the Country Lakes Clubhouse so if anyone is interested in volunteering there time for that, please let him know.

***Ken Cartier*** – Reiterated, OEM did a great job with what they had to deal with, at one point he knows when he received a phone call shortly after 6pm on Sunday when the whole Township went out, that 99.9% of township was out, he was able to spread the word as best as he could around his neighborhood and asked them to keep it up and the word was coming that we were looking at 3-4 days without power throughout the township, turns out that a lot of PL and CL did look at those 3-4 days but most of the township was able to get back on, but he thinks through

the efforts of the OEM to spread the word, the way had done so, people were able to start preparing for those and then plan for the worst and hope for the best and that is what we ended up with in most of the township. When he was here on Monday morning a lot of the Township was beginning to come back on, it is a hectic job and these guys deserve our respect and our praise when situations like this arise and we understand that it is difficult times and they don't have all the tools that they absolutely need and the Mayor did point out that there were some issues and the Mayor is going to work to correct those issues the best they can but they did a great job with what they had to work with and he would like to thank them for their efforts. With that, best prepare looks like Katia is going to miss us, but we got Maria might be another brush with the US, lets get prepared, stay safe, still a lot of water running around out there, the ground is saturated, the trees can still come down so just be prepared, have a good night.

Stinney advised that there is a 9/11 ceremony at the Country Lakes Fire House at about 2pm. Mayor advised that he was not made aware it was a public event.

The meeting ended at approximately 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Finlay, MMC, Township Clerk