

Sandyston Township

Minutes

August 11, 2015

This meeting was opened and called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor George B. Harper, Jr. who stated this meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, having been duly advertised.

Roll Call

The clerk was asked to call the roll. Present were: Deputy Mayor William Leppert, Mayor George B. Harper, Jr.

Absent: Committeeman Fred V. MacDonald

Also in attendance: Mary Burkhart; Wes Powers; John Snyder; Erma Gormley; Wilbur & Marie Rath; Betsy Pinzone; Tom & Nan Horsfield; Robert Speaker; Ryan Earley; Glenn Hullings; Jeff Walter; Joe Salokas; Hixon & Sharon Spangenberg; Jackie Espinoza, JCP & L; Glenn & Gayle Hull; Keith Utter; Lou Frato; Stan Dutkus; Glenn Hullings

The Deputy Mayor invited all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The Committee reviewed the regular meeting minutes of **July 14, 2015**. Deputy Mayor Leppert made a motion to approve the minutes for July 14, 2015, seconded by Mayor Harper.

Tax Collector Report: The Tax Collector's report for the month of **July 2015** was presented with total receipts Month-To-Date of \$401,309.29 and a Year-To-Date total of \$3,221,726.17. Deputy Mayor Leppert made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's Report, seconded by Mayor Harper.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for the month of **July 2015** was presented with a beginning balance of \$941,665.44, total receipts of \$562,496.90 and total disbursements of \$496,670.68 leaving an ending balance of \$1,007,491.66. Mayor Harper read the following balances: General Capital Account \$105,393.18, Animal Control Escrow \$6,570.61, Public Assist Escrow \$3,532.34, Unemployment Escrow \$24,037.21, COAH Trust \$33,233.24, Security Asst. Fund \$18,571.08 and the Small Cities Master \$4,772.26. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leppert.

Payment of Vouchers: The bills list was submitted for approval in the amount of \$801,662.80. Deputy Mayor Leppert made a motion to approve the bills list, seconded by Mayor Harper.

Departmental Reports: The Committee reviewed the departmental reports. Mayor Harper discussed the roads which have recently received oil & stone treatment. Mayor Harper also discussed the replacement of Truck #5 which is a 1995 Ford F350 Mason Dump with a Wing Plow. The Committee reviewed sample specification (through the co-op) with the price range \$70,000 - \$90,000. Mayor Harper suggested discussing and reviewing this matter with the Chief Financial Officer and auditor.

Mayor Harper also reviewed a memo from Mr. McClain regarding two potentially dangerous trees on Maple Lane. Mayor Harper stated there are two trees on the right (the second and third tree) as you enter Maple Lane from Route 645 which are dead and the branches keep falling into the road causing concern to the road foreman. Mayor Harper stated phone and cable wires are near the trees and suggested reaching out to the cable and phone company, and possibly JCP & L, before the township takes any formal action on the trees.

Old Business:

Performance Bond/Block 1105 Lot 14: The Committee reviewed the July 23, 2015 report by David B. Simmons of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Inc., regarding the posting of the performance bond in the amount of \$34,800. Mayor Harper made a motion to have the township attorney contact Mr. Shi regarding the payment of the performance bond, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leppert.

Status: In Rem Foreclosure: We are awaiting the final judgment to be received from the Foreclosure Court which are the last two properties to be foreclosed. Mayor Harper noted three properties on Devita Road are being sold to Green Acres and an offer is pending for a property on Flatbrook Road to Green Acres.

CR 560 Streetscape:

- **Phase III -** Mayor Harper stated the sidewalks are complete and the Township is waiting for the delivery and installation of the lighting and the contractor is working on a punch list provided by Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Inc.

New Business:

In Rem Properties and discussion with Wes Powers: Mayor Harper asked Wes Powers to come forward for a discussion regarding a recently foreclosed property referred to as the "Tyvek House" located at 197 Route 206 on the options available to the Township. Mr. Powers stated the Township has previously contacted Habitat for Humanity with the possibility of utilizing this house for COAH as a one or two family deed restricted unit. Mr. Powers stated Sandyston Township has an approved COAH plan and an approved COAH spending plan and this donation does not fit the plan that was designed at that time. Mr. Powers stated that COAH is currently in turmoil and has been in and out of court. Mr. Powers stated that he has been in contact with Raymond Joseph who is the Planner from the DCA assigned to deal with Sandyston Township's plan and approval. Mr. Powers stated Mr. Joseph is restricted from officially making any comments because they are remanded to the Courts at this time; however, he did have a conversation with Mr. Joseph Sandyston Township's right under the Municipal Lane Use Law to modify plans as the township deems necessary in order to fulfill what the township sees as a legal obligation. Mr. Powers discussed the current plan and possibility of using COAH funds for the project. Mayor Harper stated in 2013, Sandyston Township contacted Habitat Humanity and they visited the site and found they would be interested in the property for one-family or two-family and stated the project has been on hold while the township foreclosed on the property. Mayor Harper made a motion to schedule a meeting with Habitat for Humanity to explore the possibility of donating the property to Habitat for Humanity to fulfill the township's COAH obligation, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leppert.

Application for Junior Fire Fighter: A. Seifried: The Committee reviewed the application for Junior Fire Fighter – Anna Seifried. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve this application, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leppert. The Clerk noted that Ms. Seifried was approved at the August 4, 2015 fire department meeting.

Use of Building Request: Delaware Valley United Methodist Church: The Committee reviewed the Use of Building Request of Delaware Valley United Methodist Church for use of the municipal building for their annual chicken barbeque on Friday, September 11, 2015 and Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. The Clerk explained this is a change of date from their original request. Deputy Mayor Leppert made a motion to approve the request for the use of the building for this purpose, seconded by Mayor Harper.

Resolutions:

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF BITUMINOUS CONCRETE, AGGREGATES AND BROKEN STONE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SANDYSTON

WHEREAS, the County of Sussex advertised for bids for bituminous concrete, aggregates and broken stone for the County of Sussex, Division of Public Works on April 24, 2015 and publicly received by the Sussex County Bid Proposal Committee on May 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the bidders have agreed to extend all bid prices to the date declared in the bid proposal to other municipalities and governmental entities in Sussex County; and

WHEREAS, the following vendors were awarded a contract for bituminous concrete, aggregates and broken stone with the County Contract Purchasing System and the vendors have extended their pricing to municipalities, thereby affording the Township of Sandyston the opportunity of direct purchase without competitive bidding:

<p>To: Beaver Run Farms 300 Beaver Run Road Lafayette, NJ 07848</p>	<p><u>Aggregates/Broken Stone</u></p> <p>DGA (5A) \$ 8.20/ton 3/8" Stone \$11.00/ton 3/4" Stone \$12.00/ton 1-1/2" Stone \$11.00/ton 2-1/2" Stone \$11.00/ton 4"- 6" Stone \$12.00/ton</p>	<p><u>Bituminous Concrete</u></p> <p>No Bid</p>
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<p>To: Green Aggregates, LLC 270 Cornhill Road Franklin, NJ 07416</p>	<p><u>Aggregates/Broken Stone</u></p> <p>DGA (5A) \$ 9.00/ton 3/8" Stone \$12.00/ton 3/4" Stone \$11.50/ton 1-1/2" Stone \$11.50/ton 2-1/2" Stone \$11.50/ton 4"- 6" Stone \$12.00/ton Mason Sand \$14.00/ton</p>	<p><u>Bituminous Concrete</u></p> <p>No Bid</p>
<p>Or</p>		
<p>Green Royalty, LLC 217 Linwood Road Lafayette, NJ 07848</p>		

<p>To: Eastern Concrete 478 Market Street Elmwood Park, NJ 07407</p>	<p><u>Aggregates/Broken Stone</u></p> <p>DGA (5A) \$ 7.90/ton 3/8" Stone \$15.95/ton 3/4" Stone \$12.25/ton 1-1/2" Stone \$12.25/ton 2-1/2" Stone \$12.25/ton 4"- 6" Stone \$15.50/ton Mason Sand \$29.00/ton</p>	<p><u>Bituminous Concrete</u></p> <p>No Bid</p>
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<p>To: Morris Asphalt Co P.O. Box 305 Lafayette, NJ 07848</p>	<p><u>Aggregates/Broken Stone</u></p> <p>No Bid</p>	<p><u>Bituminous Concrete</u></p> <p>Mix 1-2 \$ 61.00 Mix 1-3 \$ 62.00 Mix 1-4 \$ 63.00 Mix 1-5 \$ 63.00 Mix 1-6 \$ 72.00</p>
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<p>To: Weldon Materials, Inc. 141 Central Avenue Westfield, NJ 07890</p>	<p><u>Aggregates/Broken Stone</u></p> <p>DGA (5A) \$ 8.50/ton 3/8" Stone \$18.00/ton 3/4" Stone \$12.50/ton 1-1/2" Stone \$12.50/ton 2-1/2" Stone \$12.50/ton 4"- 6" Stone \$15.00/ton RCA \$ 6.00/ton Millings \$ 4.00/ton Mason Sand \$27.50/ton</p>	<p><u>Bituminous Concrete</u></p> <p>Mix 1-2 \$ 52.00 Mix 1-3 \$ 53.00 Mix 1-4 \$ 55.00 Mix 1-5 \$ 55.00 Mix 1-6 \$ 62.00 Bond X ** \$150.00</p> <p>** Rockaway Plant Only</p>
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston does hereby approve purchases of bituminous concrete, aggregates and broken stone through the County Contract Purchasing System and is effective from the date of contract award by the County of Sussex through May 31, 2016.

The Committee reviewed R-53-2015. Deputy Mayor Leppert made a motion to approve R-53-2015, seconded by Mayor Harper.

**TOWNSHIP OF SANDYSTON
R-54-2015
DECLARING TOWNSHIP OF SANDYSTON RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE JCP&L
MONTVILLE – WHIPPANY REINFORCEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Sandyston recognizes that reliable electric service plays a crucial role in the daily lives of Township residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Sandyston recognizes that reliable electric service also is critical to the local businesses within our community, and drives commerce in our Township and across the region; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Sandyston supports efforts to enhance our energy infrastructure to continue to provide families and businesses the reliable source of energy they need; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Sandyston believes Jersey Central Power and Light Company's (JCP&L) Montville – Whippany Reinforcement project will enhance service reliability and system redundancy, and meet the ever-increasing demand for power in our township; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Sandyston has been informed that in the event of a transmission disruption or during periods of great demand, this new line can reroute electricity to help reduce the frequency and duration of outages; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Sandyston has been informed that the approximate \$35 million investment will provide greater flexibility for rerouting power; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Sandyston understands that this project will help to enhance the reliability of electric service today and in the future for approximately 86,000 customers in Morris and Sussex Counties.

WHEREAS, the Township of Sandyston believes that JCP&L has made a good-faith effort to keep the community informed about this project and to limit any disturbances to our local businesses or the fine families that comprise the Township of Sandyston.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Committee of Sandyston Township hereby finds and declares:

- That the Montville – Whippany Reinforcement Project will benefit residents and businesses in the Township of Sandyston and throughout Sussex County by enhancing the reliability and redundancy of the electric system and by limiting disruptions to our electric service.
- The Montville – Whippany Reinforcement Project should be approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.
- A copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to The Hon. Richard Mroz, President, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, 44 S. Clinton Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08625 and Jackie Espinoza, Area Manager – JCP&L, 56 Hampton House Rd, Route 206, Newton NJ 07860

The Committee reviewed R-54-2015. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve R-54-2015, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leppert.

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP
R-55-2015
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF LIFE HAZARD REGISTRATION
FUNDS TO HAMPTON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, during a review of Division of Fire Safety's registration rebate information, Jessica M. Caruso, CFO, determined revenue for fire safety for Hampton and Sandyston Township was not accurate; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire Safety utilizes a registration system called "RIMS" (Registration & Inspection Management System); and

WHEREAS, with the "RIMS" system, the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire Safety, has interpreted the Shared Service Agreement for the Fire Prevention Services as Sandyston Township (Provider) and Hampton Township (Recipient); and

WHEREAS, Life Hazard Businesses pay the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire Safety directly for the money that they owe for Life Hazard Registration; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this interpretation, the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire Safety must directly deposit Hampton Township's registration fees into Sandyston Township's account; and

WHEREAS, Jessica M. Caruso, CFO, requests permission of the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston, to refund Hampton Township for the Life Hazard Registration fees that have been directly deposited into Sandyston Township's account due to the Shared Services Agreement for Fire Prevention Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston hereby authorizes Jessica M. Caruso, CFO to refund Hampton Township for Life Hazard Registration fees that have been directly deposited into Sandyston Township's account due to the Shared Services Agreement for Fire Prevention Services.

The Committee reviewed R-55-2015. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve R-55-2015, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leppert.

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP
R-56-2015
RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE THE SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE HAZARD MITIGATION
GRANT PROGRAM (CFDA #97.039) FEMA-DR-4086-NJ-0435-F

WHEREAS, Sandyston Township applied for a Hazardous Mitigation Grant through the State of New Jersey, Office of Emergency Management to purchase and install one permanent propane generator to be placed inside an existing building to provide emergency backup power and support communication service to the Sunrise Communication Tower, located near Harmony Ridge Campground; and

WHEREAS, Sandyston Township was awarded the Hazard Mitigation Grant to purchase and install one permanent propane generator to be placed inside an existing building to provide emergency backup power and support communication service to the Sunrise Communication Tower, located near Harmony Ridge Campground as noted above by the State of New Jersey, Office of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, to proceed Sandyston Township must enter into a Sub-Grant Agreement between the State of New Jersey, Office of Emergency Management, located at PO Box 7068, West Trenton, New Jersey and the Township of Sandyston, located at 133 Route 645, Sandyston, NJ ; and

WHEREAS, the period of performance of this project is the period beginning **July 22, 2015** and ending **July 22, 2018**; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of the project is \$6,173.00 with the Federal Share being \$5,556.00 and the non-federal share being \$617.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute on behalf of the Township Committee the Sub-Grant Agreement between the State of New Jersey, Office of Emergency Management, located at PO Box 7068, West Trenton, New Jersey and the Township of Sandyston, located at 133 Route 645, Sandyston, NJ for the Hazardous Mitigation Grant for the purchase and installation of one permanent propane generator to be placed inside an existing building to provide emergency backup power and support communication service to the Sunrise Communication Tower, located near Harmony Ridge Campground.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be attached to the Sub-Grant Agreement and the Sub-Grant Agreement and Resolution authorizing the execution shall remain on file with the Municipal Clerk.

The Committee reviewed **R-56-2015**. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve **R-56-2015**, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leppert.

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP

R-57-2015

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SANDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMUNITY BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC IN SUSSEX COUNTY

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs identifies a total of 46,229 Veterans living in Sussex County and the bordering counties as of September 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic is located at the East Orange Campus approximately 40 miles from the County center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jean-Paul Bonnet has stated interest in providing space at 406 Route 23 North in Franklin, NJ for veterans services at an annual rent of \$1.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Sussex County veterans community has identified the need for a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Sussex County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston supports the establishment of a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Sussex County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the Resolution be forwarded to Ken Mizrach, Director, VA New Jersey Health Care System; 385 Tremont Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07018; Hon. Rodney P. Frelinghuysen, United States Representative, 30 Schuyler Place., 2nd Floor, Morristown, NJ 07960; Hon. Cory A. Booker, United States Senator, One Gateway Center, suite 2300, 11-43 Raymond Plaza West, Newark, NJ 07102; Hon. E. Scott Garrett, United States Representative, 266 Hanistown Road, Suite 104 Glen Rock, NJ 07452; Hon. Robert Menendez, United States Senator, 208 White

Horse Pike, Suite 18 Barrington, NJ 08007 and to the 24th Legislative District, One Wilson Drive Suite 2B, Sparta, NJ 07871.

The Committee reviewed R-57-2015. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve R-57-2015, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leppert.

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP

R-58-2015

RESOLUTION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SANDYSTON TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE VOLUNTEER TUITION CREDIT PROGRAM (P.L. 1998, C. 145)

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston in the County of Sussex, deems it appropriate to enhance the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers in the Township of Sandyston; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has enacted P.L. 1998, C. 145 which permits municipal governments to allow their firefighting and emergency medical volunteers to take advantage of the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program at no cost to the municipal government.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston in the County of Sussex that the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program as set forth in P.L. 1998, C. 145 is herewith adopted for the volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers in the municipality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston that the Mayor of the Township of Sandyston is herewith delegated the responsibility to administer the program and is authorized to enter into all agreements and to maintain files of all documents as may be required under the P.L. 1998, C. 145, a copy of which is herewith made part of this resolution.

The Committee reviewed R-58-2015. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve R-58-2015, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leppert.

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP

R-59-2015

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION R-17-2015 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT (Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2015 – June 2019)

WHEREAS, Resolution R-17-2015 authorized the submission of an application for the Municipal Alliance Grant (Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2015 – June 2019) and was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston on January 13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Sandyston has been advised by the State of New Jersey that Resolution R-17-2015 incorrectly stated in item number 1 that “The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of an application for the Municipal Alliance grant for “*calendar year 2015*” in the amount of: ; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has requested we amend Resolution R-17-2015 to correct item number 1 to read “The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of an application for the Municipal Alliance grant for “*fiscal year 2016*” in the amount of: ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey hereby amends Resolution R-17-2015 item number 1 to read: “The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of an application for the Municipal Alliance grant for “*fiscal year 2016*” in the amount of”: .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to contact Montague Township and Walpack Township and ask them to correct their respective resolutions at their earliest convenience.

The Committee reviewed R-59-2015. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve R-59-2015, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leppert.

Ordinances:

No Ordinances at this time.

Correspondence: The Committee reviewed the correspondence. Mayor Harper noted a letter received from the Sandyston Township Historical Society offering to reimburse the Township the \$300 fee charged by Charles Schaffer & Associates for the inspection and report of the mezzanine level of the municipal building. Deputy Mayor Leppert stated that most of what Mr. Schaffer identified was preventative maintenance that the Township should be performing and made a motion to respectfully decline, seconded by Mayor Harper. Mayor Harper stated whether there is public access or not, the repairs are needed due to life hazard issues and the maintenance of the mechanicals that are not being properly handled.

Mayor Harper noted the closing for the three properties on Devita Road is tentatively scheduled for October 10, 2015.

The Clerk noted the work being done on Route 560 was pushed back a week due to the fair and the limited availability of the Sheriff's Office to provide traffic control. The Clerk stated the work is due to start again next week.

The Clerk noted the Municipal Aid Grant is being offered again through the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation and inquired if the Committee wished to apply for a grant for Hotalen Road. Mayor Harper made a motion to apply for the Municipal Aid Grant through the Department of Transportation for Hotalen Road Phase III, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leppert.

Open Meeting To Floor:

Mayor Harper made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leppert.

Stan Dutkus, Sandyston Township Emergency Management, came forward and briefed the Committee on the Cannonsville Dam in New York State. Mr. Dutkus stated that the New York State Department of Environmental Protection was doing work to the dam when the safety of the dam was compromised. Mr. Dutkus stated the NYDEP immediately began diverting water to alleviate the pressure on the dam. Mr. Dutkus stated that during the past two weeks NYDEP has been able to successfully mitigate the problem and the dam is no longer a concern. Mayor Harper thanked Mr. Dutkus for keeping him informed.

Mr. Dutkus also stated that there will be a meeting with FEMA with regard to the grants received for the generators.

Sharon Spangenberg, Layton, came forward and read the following into the record:

Several years ago, I wrote a letter to you in regard to the appearance of the Layton Post Office. I come to you again about the same condition of the building. I'm sure all of you, as I frequent the Layton post office on a daily basis and have seen the filthiness of the front of the building. Dead bugs and dirt cover the entrance and grime covers the handle.

I realize that the interior lights need to be kept on during the evening hours, thus attracting bugs at night.

As the owner of this property, Sandyston Township should always keep this building clean in appearance for the citizens of our community who frequent that location.

In addition, the weeds protruding through the ground cover as well as the dead flowers standing tall do not add any beauty to the post office which is seen by those entering the building as well as those passing by. A simple frequent power washing and a little bit of maintenance would make a big difference.

On another note, I would like to call your attention to the dirtiness of the lamp post globes that were installed during streetscape Phase 1. They are full of dirt, bugs, and other matter which is quite noticeable during daytime hours. I'm hoping you would agree that they need to have occasional maintenance.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my observations and opinion.

Mayor Harper stated he had a conversation with the road department foreman regarding several projects and this matter is on his agenda and thanked Mrs. Spangenberg for bringing the matter to the Committee's attention.

Mary Burkhardt, Sunrise Trail, came forward and shared an article with the Township Committee which appeared in the New Jersey Herald regarding Gypsy Moths noting approximately 12,000 acres in Sandyston showing defoliation. Mayor Harper stated Sandyston Township has been involved in the State program each time it has been offered. Mayor Harper stated that Sandyston Township is pursuing involvement in the State program and requested inclusion in the egg mass survey. Mayor Harper stated the State will come out in the fall and perform a survey and advise the Township of the status. Mayor Harper stated in the past the expense has been 50/50 State/Township.

Mrs. Burkhardt also noted fuel oil prices are down and wondered if the township is taking advantage of the decrease in cost. Mayor Harper stated that Sandyston Township uses more propane than fuel oil and explained that Sandyston Township recently contracted the propane to Fairclough Fuel where we will be paying OPIS plus \$.49 per gallon.

Mr. and Mrs. Horsfield came forward and Mrs. Horsfield read the following letter into the record:

"Beginning February 1, 2014 Tom and Nan Horsfield have made a continued effort to communicate with the members of the Sandyston Township Committee and the Sandyston Township Historical Society with absolutely no intelligent cooperation from either the Committee or the Historical Society. Tom and Nan have tried, in vain, to approach members of the Committee and the Historical Society either in person, by correspondence, or by statements....all to no avail.

The resolution states that only upon my death does ownership of the Nan S. Horsfield Archives transfer to the Sandyston Township Historical Society. The collection still belongs to me.

Working with the Committee and the Society will never change. I have completely lost faith in the Township Committee to safeguard my collection and I completely lost trust in the Sandyston Township Historical Society to do what is right.

Therefore, on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at nine o'clock in the morning, I, Nan S. Horsfield, will execute my discretion, and begin the work of packing into boxes the Nan S. Horsfield Archives for removal from this building. c.c F. William Levigne, Esq. & New Jersey Herald."

Joe Salokas, Bevans Road, came forward and stated he attended the Planning Board meeting regarding the dog ordinance and the Planning Board was sending the matter to the Township Committee. Mayor Harper noted that changes to the land use codes come out of the Planning Board and was unaware of the Planning Board referring the matter to the Committee. Mayor Harper stated he spoke with the Planning Board Secretary and they were looking into the definition of a kennel. Mayor Harper called on Keith Utter, Chairman of the Board, for clarification. Mr. Utter stated the Planning Board was looking to the Committee to determine what the goal was with regard to the change to the dog ordinance and the Planning Board attorney was to contact the Township Attorney to discuss the matter. Mayor Harper explained the responsibility of the zoning official, code enforcement official and the process involved in changing the ordinances.

There being no further public comment, Mayor Harper made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leppert.

Mayor Harper instructed the clerk to contact the Sandyston Township Historical Society and pass the letter read into the record by Mrs. Horsfield onto the Board of Trustees of the historical society, as the archives are in the possession of the historical society.

Coming up:

Township Meeting:	Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 9:00 am
Planning Board:	Monday, September 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm
Seniors Meeting:	Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 12:00 pm
Recreation Meeting	Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 6:30 pm
STVFD Tractor Parade	Saturday, August 22, 2015
DVUMC Chicken BBQ	Saturday, September 12, 2015
Walpack Wilderness Challenge	Saturday, September 26, 2015
Free Rabies Clinic at DPW Garage	Saturday, October 10, 2015 10 am – 12 pm
Gobble Hobble 5K	Thursday, November 26, 2015

Adjournment: Deputy Mayor Leppert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Mayor Harper.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda F. Lobban, RMC
Municipal Clerk