

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP

Minutes

May 9, 2017

This meeting was opened and called to order at 9:00 am by Mayor Fred MacDonald. 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: Committeeman George B. Harper, Jr.; Deputy Mayor Kamala M. Hull; Mayor Fred MacDonald

Also in attendance: Roy McClain; Tom & Nan Horsfield

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

Minutes: The Committee reviewed the regular meeting minutes of **April 20, 2017**. Committeeman Harper made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for April 20, 2017, seconded by Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried.

Tax Collector Report: The Tax Collector Report was presented for the month of **April 2017** with total receipts Month-To-Date of \$338,464.35 and a Year-To-Date total of \$1,764,892.66. Mayor MacDonald made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report as submitted, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hull and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for the month of **April 2017** was presented with a beginning balance of \$1,473,527.92 total receipts of \$365,995.32 and total disbursements of \$471,708 leaving an ending balance of \$1,367,815.24. Mayor MacDonald read the following balances: General Capital Account \$53,600.59, Animal Control Escrow \$12,914.51, Public Assist Escrow \$3,541.66, Unemployment Escrow \$25,546.47, COAH Trust \$41,055.49, Security Asst. Fund \$18,619.89 and the Small Cities Master \$4,784.83. Mayor MacDonald made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hull and unanimously approved.

Payment of Vouchers: The bills list was submitted for approval in the amount of \$864,351.83. Committeeman Harper made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mayor MacDonald and unanimously approved.

Departmental Reports: The Committee reviewed the departmental reports. Mr. Roy McClain noted the road department is waiting for warmer weather to begin patching roads.

Old Business:

Green Acres: Deeds of Devita Road: The Clerk informed the Committee that the Title Search on the State-owned properties did not show the deed restriction for the road. The Clerk stated she would have the Township Attorney provide information at the next meeting.

Tri-State Steel Fabricators, Inc.: The Clerk stated the application is being reviewed at this time and we await word as to the next step.

In Rem Foreclosure of Properties: The Clerk advised the Committee there has been no change on this matter from the previous month.

New Business:

Use of Building/Facility Request: The Committee reviewed a Use of Building/Facility Request received from the Sandyston-Walpack PTO to use the meeting hall on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, between 7 pm and 9 pm to put together Mother's Day flowers. Committeeman Harper made a motion to approve the use of the facility for this use, seconded by Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried.

Application for Raffle License: The Committee reviewed the Application for Raffle License for the St. Thomas the Apostle Church for On-Premise 50/50 on Sunday, July 2, 2017. Mayor MacDonald made a motion to approve this Application for Raffle, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hull and unanimously carried.

Application for Outdoor Entertainment: The Committee reviewed an Application for Outdoor Entertainment for the Layton Hotel, LLC on Sunday, May 28, 2017, Saturday, June 24, 2017 and Saturday, October 14, 2017. Committeeman Harper made a motion to approve the Application, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hull and unanimously carried.

Resolutions:

SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION

R-34-2017

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH AND PROCLAIMING SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2017

WHEREAS, the month of May is traditionally observed throughout the nation as Older American's Month; and

WHEREAS, the month of May represents a cooperation of all levels of government, all collective groups and all private citizens in efforts to assure the inclusion of Senior Citizens in the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Sandyston Township are among our most "treasured resources", united by historical experiences, strengthened by diversity, and interpreting events through varied perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our community; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Sandyston Township deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Sandyston Township honors the Senior Citizen of the Year at the annual Sandyston Day held this year on Saturday, June 10, 2017; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the month of May be proclaimed as Older American's Month in the Township of Sandyston, and do call upon all citizens to join in these efforts, thus guaranteeing a true and meaningful concern for, by, and with, all Older Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey will announce the name of the Senior Citizen of the Year 2017 at the annual Sandyston Day to be held on Saturday, June 10 2017.

The Committee reviewed **R-34-2017**. Mayor MacDonald made a motion to approve **R-34-2017**, seconded by Committeeman Harper and unanimously carried.

**SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION
R-35-2017
A RESOLUTION TO REDEEM TAX SALE CERTIFICATE 2015-001**

WHEREAS, Jessica M. Caruso, Tax Collector, has received \$14,100.81 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 2015-001 on Block 804 Lot 4.01 and is requesting that \$14,100.81 plus a premium in the amount of \$13,100.00 which was paid at the tax sale and the Township is holding for a total of \$27,200.81 be refunded to the lien holder, US Bank–Cust/Actlien Holding Inc., 2 Liberty Place, 50 S 16th Street, Suite 2050 Philadelphia, PA 19102.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey to authorize the Tax Collector to refund \$14,101.81 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 2015-001 plus a premium in the amount of \$13,100.00 which was paid at the tax sale for a total of \$27,200.81 on Block 804 Lot 4.01 to the lien holder US Bank–Cust/Actlien Holding Inc., 2 Liberty Place, 50 S 16th Street, Suite 2050 Philadelphia, PA 19102.

The Committee reviewed **R-35-2017**. Mayor MacDonald made a motion to approve **R-35-2017**, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hull and unanimously carried.

Ordinances:

**SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP
2017-03**

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$5,850.00 CURRENTLY LOCATED WITHIN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SANDYSTON FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) SETS OF TURNOUT GEAR

WHEREAS, there is currently the sum of \$5,850.00 in the Capital Improvement Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate to make use of the \$5,850.00 for the purchase of turnout gear; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, that

SECTION 1: There is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Township of Sandyston the sum of \$5,850.00 for the purchase of turnout gear.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon proper passage and publication in accordance with the law.

The Committee reviewed **Ordinance 2017-03**. Mayor MacDonald made a motion to open the meeting to the public for public comment on **Ordinance 2017-03**, seconded by Committeeman Harper and unanimously carried. There being no comment from the public, Committeeman Harper made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried. Committeeman Harper made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2017-03**, seconded by Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Harper, Hull, MacDonald (3); Nays (0); Absent (0); Abstain (0).

Correspondence: The Committee reviewed the correspondence. Mayor MacDonald noted several emails from residents living on Flatbrook Road regarding the condition of potholes and patching. Mayor MacDonald noted the Clerk is working with Committeeman Harper on a letter to be sent to the Superintendent, Rebecca Fitzgerald, to begin a dialogue on this matter. Committeeman Harper noted we went through this several years ago with the State of New Jersey.

Open Meeting To Floor:

Mayor MacDonald made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hull and unanimously carried. There being no comment from the public, Mayor MacDonald made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Committeeman Harper and unanimously carried.

Upcoming events:

Regular Township Meeting:	Tuesday, June 13, 2017
Planning Board Regular:	Monday, June 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Seniors Meeting/Lunch	Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 12:00 pm
Recreation Meeting:	Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 6:30 pm
DVUMC Fish & Chip Dinner:	Saturday, May 20, 2017
Clean Communities	Sunday, May 21, 2017
Sandyston Rec Daddy/Daughter Dance	Friday, June 2, 2017
Primary Election:	Tuesday, June 6, 2017 6 am to 8 pm
Sandyston Day:	Saturday, June 10, 2017
STVFD Chicken BBQ:	Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 1:30 pm

Adjournment: Deputy Mayor Hull made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 am, seconded by Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda F. Lobban, RMC
Municipal Clerk