

# SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP

## Minutes

October 11, 2016

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: Committeewoman Kamala M. Hull, Deputy Mayor Fred MacDonald and Mayor George B. Harper, Jr.

Also in attendance: Steve Williamson; Roy McClain; Tom & Nan Horsfield; Hixon & Sharon Spangenberg; Glenn Hull; Keith Utter; Lou Frato; John Snyder; Claire Demetroules; Daria Diani; Louie Frato; Jenna Valleau; Wendy MacDonald

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

**Minutes:** The Committee reviewed the regular meeting minutes of **September 13, 2016**. Deputy Mayor MacDonald made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for September 13, 2016, seconded by Committeewoman Hull and unanimously carried.

**Tax Collector Report:** The Tax Collector Report was presented for the month of **September 2016** with total receipts Month-To-Date of \$65,536.75 and a Year-To-Date total of \$4,315,347.90. Mayor Harper made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report as submitted, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report for the month of **September 2016** was presented with a beginning balance of \$1,558,201.23 total receipts of \$140,468.01 and total disbursements of \$426,111.33 leaving an ending balance of \$1,272,557.91. Mayor Harper read the following balances: General Capital Account \$59,435.90, Animal Control Escrow \$8,274.71, Public Assist Escrow \$3,538.59, Unemployment Escrow \$25,011.64, COAH Trust \$41,020.12, Security Asst. Fund \$18,603.84 and the Small Cities Master \$4,780.70. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Committeewoman Hull and unanimously approved.

**Payment of Vouchers:** The bills list was submitted for approval in the amount of \$399,826.25. Deputy Mayor MacDonald made a motion to approve the bills list, seconded by Mayor Harper and unanimously approved.

**Departmental Reports:** The Committee reviewed the departmental reports. Mayor Harper invited Roy McClain, Road Department Foreman, to come forward to discuss quotes for a storage shed to be placed behind the salt area on the DPW property. Mr. McClain discussed the need for a 12X20 shed to protect items from the weather and to deter theft. Deputy Mayor MacDonald made a motion to approve the quote for a 12x20 shed from Brodhecker Farm, LLC in the amount of \$4,127 (neutral color), seconded by Mayor Harper and unanimously carried.

Mr. McClain also discussed the selling of the 1995 F350 and plow on an online bidding site called "Municibid" ([www.municibid.com](http://www.municibid.com)). Mr. McClain requested the Committee determine a reserve amount for selling the truck. After a brief discussion, Mayor Harper made a motion to set the reserve at \$5,500, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried.

**Old Business:**

**Green Acres: Deeds of Devita Road:** No change since last meeting and no word from the State of New Jersey regarding this matter.

**New Business:**

**Best Practices Worksheet CY 2016/2017:** The Committee reviewed the completed Best Practices CY 2016/2017 worksheet which is ready for submission. Mayor Harper requested the Clerk work on preparing a written policy in establishing a requirement for the Tax Assessor to notify the Chief Financial Officer and the governing body of all tax appeals upon filing, but no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> each year (Question #3 of Best Practices). Mayor Harper also requested the Clerk work on preparing a written policy requiring department heads to submit notice of outside employment, and upon receiving such notice, a process to determine whether or not a conflict of interest exists (Question #8 of Best Practices).

**Raffle Application: St. Thomas the Apostle, December 11, 2016 Off-Premise 50/50:** The Committee reviewed the Raffle Application of St. Thomas the Apostle Church for an Off-Premise 50/50 with the drawing to be held on December 11, 2016 at 10:30 am. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve the raffle application, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried.

**Raffle Application: STVFD, Saturday, January 21, 2017 – On-Premise 50/50:** The Committee reviewed the Raffle Application of Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department for an On-Premise 50/50 raffle to take place on Saturday, January 21, 2017 for the Venison Dinner Fundraiser. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve the raffle application, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried.

**Raffle Application: STVFD, Saturday, January 21, 2017 – On-Premise Merchandise Raffle:** The Committee reviewed the Raffle Application of Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department for an On-Premise Merchandise raffle (Tricky Tray) to take place on Saturday, January 21, 2017 for the Venison Dinner Fundraiser. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve the raffle application, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried.

**Use of Facility:**

- **Girl Scouts of NNJ, Thursday, October 13, 2016 7 pm to 9 pm:** The Committee reviewed the request to utilize the meeting hall for the girl scout bridging ceremony. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve the use of the facility for this purpose, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried.

**Resolutions:**

**SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP**

**R-57-2016**

**RESOLUTION TO REFUND DUPLICATE PAYMENT MADE ON  
BLOCK 904 – LOT 6.02 FOR THIRD QUARTER 2016 TAXES.**

**WHEREAS,** Jessica Caruso, Tax Collector, advises that Block 904 – Lot 6.02 has an overpayment on the third quarter 2016, and

**WHEREAS,** Raymond & Margaret Gibbons are the owners of Block 904 Lot 6.02 (167 Route 645), and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Gibbons paid the third quarter 2016 tax on August 2, 2016, and

**WHEREAS**, a second check from the Gibbons' in the amount of \$1,349.23 (believed to be lost) was applied to the same account on August 9, 2016 creating the overpayment, and

**WHEREAS**, the Gibbons' have requested that the amount of the second check and the bank charges be refunded to them, and

**WHEREAS**, Jessica Caruso, Tax Collector, requests a refund be issued to Raymond & Margaret Gibbons in the amount of \$1,385.23.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that approval be granted to refund overpayment in the amount of \$1,385.23 for Block 904 – Lot 6.02.

The Committee reviewed **R-57-2016**. Mayor Harper made a motion to approve **R-57-2016**, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried.

**Ordinances:**

**SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP  
2016-08**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SANDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE X ENTITLED "SIGNS" OF CHAPTER 150 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Sandyston adopted Article X Entitled "Signs" of Chapter 150 entitled "Zoning" which set forth regulations concerning Signs in Sandyston Township; and

**WHEREAS**, Article X entitled "Signs" of Chapter 150 Entitled "Zoning" of the Code of Sandyston Township has been determined by the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston to be in need of revision and modifications; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the above, the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston has deemed it in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare to repeal and replace Article X entitled "Signs" of Chapter 150 Entitled "Zoning":

Chapter 150. Zoning

Article X. Signs

§ 150-49. Permit required; exceptions; definitions.

[Added 3-5-2002 by Ord. No. 1-02]

A. EXCEPTIONS: No sign, temporary sign or portable sign shall be constructed or displayed unless a permit shall have first been obtained from the Land Use Administrator, but excluding:

(1) Official public notices and notices posted by public officers in the performance of their duties.

(2) Governmental signs for the control or direction of traffic and other regulatory purposes.

(3) Flags or emblems of the United States, the State of New Jersey or their political subdivisions. A flagpole may not exceed 30 feet above ground level, and the pole shall be set back from all property lines at least the height of the pole. Residential, nongovernmental flags, not exceeding 15 square feet.

[Amended 11-1-2005 by Ord. No. 10-05]

- (4) Temporary signs for a period not to exceed 30 days, totaling not over seven square feet of surface area on any lot, appertaining to campaigns, drives or events of civic, philanthropic, education or religious organization.
- (5) Signs posted in conjunction with doorbells or mailboxes, none exceeding 36 square inches in surface area.
- (6) Small, nonilluminated instructional signs, none exceeding 1 1/2 square feet in surface area.
- (7) Address signs, not more than one for each street frontage of each principal use on a lot, and none exceeding 72 square inches in surface area, showing only the numerical address designations of the premises upon which they are situated. All address signs shall be prominently displayed and written in contrasting colors to the color of the structure or background against which said signs are placed in order to facilitate emergency identification for public service employees.
- (8) Decals, numerals names, addresses, hours, credit information, etc., attached to doors or windows and all of which occupy a total area of one square foot or less.
- (9) Signs identifying or urging voter support for a particular election issue, political party, or candidate for public office.
- (10) No trespassing signs, no hunting signs no larger than 1 square foot in area.

B. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**PORTABLE SIGN**

A sign that is not permanently affixed to a building, structure or the ground.

**SIGN**

Any identification, description, illustration or device which is visible from any public place, whether located on private property or public property, which directs attention to a product, location, service, place, activity, person, institution or business, , any exterior situated merchandise or any emblem, paint, banner, pennant, or placard designed to direct customers to or advertise, identify or convey information, . For the purpose of this section, signs may also include sign structures.

**TEMPORARY SIGN**

A portable sign or banner that is used in connection with a situation, circumstances or event that is designed, intended or expected to take place or to be completed within a reasonably short period of time after the erection of such sign, or is intended to remain on location where it is erected or placed for a period not more than 90 days per year

**FREE STANDING SIGN**

Any sign not affixed or attached to any building or structure.

**§ 150-50. Sign area measurement.**

The area of a sign shall be computed as the total square foot content of the background, upon which the lettering, illustration or display is presented. If there is no background, the sign area shall be computed as the product of the largest horizontal dimension and the largest vertical dimension of the lettering, illustration or display. When there is no well-defined frame or edge, the area shall be that defined by a projected, enclosed, four-sided geometric shape (straight sides) which most closely outlines the sign. This shall not be construed to include the supporting members of any sign which are used solely for such purpose. For signs with two sides, the maximum area requirement shall be permitted on each side. Signs with more than two sides or revolving signs are prohibited.

**§ 150-51. General regulations.**

A. No signs shall be placed so as to interfere with or be mistaken for a traffic light or similar safety devise. Reflective signs are prohibited with the exception of required signs.

[Amended 11-1-2005 by Ord. No. 10-05]

B. All illuminated signs shall be either indirectly lighted or diffused- type or LED lighting with automatic ambient adjustment control. No sign shall be lighted by means of flashing illumination. All lights used for the illumination of any use or building or the areas surrounding them or for the illumination or display of merchandise or products of business establishments shall be completely shielded from the view of vehicular traffic using the road or roads abutting such business properties. Floodlights used for the illumination of said premises or of any sign thereon, whether or not such floodlights are attached to or separate from the building, shall not project above the

highest elevation of the front wall of the building or more than 18 feet above the street level of the premises, whichever is less. All sign illumination will be designed to eliminate all light glare onto adjacent properties.

C. No sign, as permitted, shall extend or project above the highest elevation of the wall to which it is attached or above the height of the building, as defined in this chapter.

D. Gasoline service stations and public garages, where permitted only, may display, in addition, the following signs which are deemed customary and necessary to their respective business:

(1) One freestanding or pylon sign advertising the name of the station or garage and the principal products sold on the premises, including any special company or brand name, insignia or emblem, provided that such sign shall not exceed 35 square feet in area on a side and shall be hung within the property line and not less than 10 nor more than 20 feet above the ground. Said sign shall not obstruct drivers line of sight in any way.

(2) One temporary sign located inside the property line and specifically advertising special seasonal servicing of automobiles, provided that said sign does not exceed seven square feet in area.

(3) Directional signs or lettering displayed over individual entrance doors or bays, consisting only of the words "washing," "lubrication," "repairs," "mechanic on duty" or other words closely similar in import, provided that there shall be not more than one such sign over each entrance or bay, the letters thereof shall not exceed 12 inches in height and the total area of each such sign shall not exceed six square feet.

(4) Customary lettering on, or other insignia which are a structural part of, a gasoline pump, consisting only of the brand name of gasoline sold, a lead warning sign, a price indicator and any other sign required by law, and not exceeding a total of three square feet on each pump.

#### E. Temporary signs.

[Added 3-5-2002 by Ord. No. 1-02]

(1) Permit required. Any owner or operator of an existing business located on nonresidential property shall be permitted, in addition to any other signs permitted under this chapter, upon issuance of a permit, to erect an additional temporary sign or banner. No more than one temporary sign will be allowed per site regardless of single or multiple tenants. The owner or applicant, with the owner's written consent, shall submit a sketch of the proposed location and design of the sign and banner showing its dimensions to the Land Use Administrator. All temporary sign applications must be accompanied by the fee required in Chapter 69 of these Ordinances. The fees to be collected for the application review and permit shall be paid to the Sandyston Township Land Use Administrator and/or department.

(2) Maintenance. All signs/banners including supports, braces, hooks, anchors, and similar fastening devices shall be of substantial and sturdy construction, shall be kept in good repair and shall be painted or cleaned as often as necessary to maintain a clean, neat, safe and orderly appearance. If the Land Use Administrator determines that any sign/banner has fallen into a state of disrepair, has become dilapidated, or constitutes a safety hazard, the sign owner and property owner shall be given written notice to correct the condition within seven days.

(3) Size. The maximum area of any temporary sign or banner shall not exceed 48 square feet.

[Amended 11-1-2005 by Ord. No. 10-05]

(4) Location and placement. No sign shall be closer than five feet from any right-of-way and shall not interfere with sight distance. Signs or banners that receive prior approvals may be displayed over a roadway.

(5) Illumination. No temporary sign/banner shall be internally illuminated.

(6) Grand openings. A newly established business shall be permitted to erect, in addition to all other permitted signs, additional temporary signs, banners, and pennants indicating a grand opening of the business, subject to the following conditions.

(a) Additional temporary signs/banners and pennants shall not interfere with the sight distances of vehicles or persons entering or exiting the property or building.

(b) Additional temporary signs/ banners or pennants shall be permitted for a maximum of three weeks.

(c) If at any time the Land Use Administrator finds a hazard exists as a result of additional grand opening temporary signs, the sign/ banner or pennant shall be removed immediately.

(d) Temporary signs/ banners and pennants for grand openings shall be erected or placed only upon application and receipt of a permit pursuant to this section.

(7) Penalties for violation. Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, or refuses to comply with, or who resists the enforcement of the provisions of this section, or any order, decision or determination by the Land Use Administrator or his designee, and who refused to abate said violation within five days after written notice has been served upon him either by registered mail or by personal service shall, for each and every violation of this section, be subject to a penalty, upon conviction, of one or more of the following: a fine

not exceeding \$1,000, and/or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 90 days, or to a period of community service not exceeding 90 days at the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge (N.J.S.A. 40:495). Each and every successive day that such violation continues after such notice, shall be considered a separate and specific violation of this section without the service of additional notice.

§ 150-52. Signs in residential zones.

In residential zones, only the following signs shall be permitted:

A. One customary professional sign or nameplate sign not more than two square feet in area, which may be illuminated, provided that the direct source of light is shielded in such a manner that it is not visible from the street or any adjoining residential property, unless a porch light or lamppost light.

B. A nonilluminated temporary sign pertaining to the lease or sale of the premises upon which it is placed, not exceeding eight square feet in total area, provided that it shall be removed within seven days after the signing of the contract of sale or the signing of a sale transaction or the execution of a lease.

C. Subdivision developments involving six or more residential lots may contain signs advertising the sale of the dwellings contained therein, as approved by the Planning Board, provided that:

(1) One nonilluminated sign no larger than 30 square feet is permitted at each entrance of the development. In addition, customary nonilluminated trade or professional signs no larger than four square feet are permitted on lots being developed.

(2) All signs permitted under this subsection shall be removed within seven days after the signing of the contract of sale or the signing of a sale transaction or the execution of a lease of the last house in the development.

D. A sign deemed necessary to the public welfare by the governing body and signs required by federal and state governments.

E. A sign not more than 20 square feet in area advertising the name of a church on the premises, its pastor and its coming activities.

F. Agricultural uses permitted in the residence zones may display, in addition to the foregoing:

(1) Customary warning, trespassing and posted signs.

(2) No more than three signs advertising the sale and price of seasonal and farm produce, provided that the total area of such signs does not exceed six square feet.

(3) One identification sign of not more than 10 square feet, which may be illuminated, stating the name of the agricultural use, the address and the name of the owner.

G. None of the signs permitted in the residential districts shall be erected nearer any street or road than half the setback required for the principal building to be erected on the plot, provided that a nameplate or farm sign not more than two square feet in area, as regulated above, may be placed anywhere within the front yard.

§ 150-53. Signs in village zones.

In the village zones, no sign shall be permitted which is not accessory to the business conducted on the property. Signs may only be erected provided all of the following requirements are met:

A. No business establishment shall be permitted a total of more than three attached signs; provided, however, that corner lots may display four attached signs. The total sign area for the sign or signs permitted on the face of any wall shall not exceed 10% of the area of the face of the wall upon which such sign or signs are attached.

B. No sign shall extend farther than 15 inches from the face of the building upon which it is attached; provided, however, that where a sign extends more than three inches from the face of said wall, the bottom of said sign shall not be closer than 10 feet from the ground level below said sign.

C. The maximum height of any single sign area shall not exceed five feet, and the maximum width shall not exceed 90% of the width of the wall to which the sign is attached.

D. In addition to the above regulations, all signs permitted in the residential zones are also permitted in the village zones.

E. One of the permitted signs may be freestanding, with the following restrictions:

(1) The height shall not be more than 10 feet.

(2) Setback from the street right-of-way shall be at least five feet and perpendicular thereto.

(3) The area shall not exceed the limitations as follows:

V-1 Highway Village 40 square feet per side;

V-2 Neighborhood Village 20 square feet per side;

V-3 Lakeside Village 40 square feet per side.

(4)It must not occupy side yards of principal buildings.

**Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

**Repealer.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

The Committee reviewed **Ordinance 2016-08**. The Committee also reviewed a letter from the Township Attorney, Michael J. Hanifan, Esq., with comments regarding Ordinance 2016-08. Mr. Hanifan offered a few suggestions for the Township Committee to consider prior to introducing the ordinance. Mayor Harper made a motion to table this ordinance and refer the letter and ordinance to the Land Use Board for review and consideration, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried.

**SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP**

**2016-09**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SANDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ATTACHMENT 1 ENTITLED "SCHEDULE OF LIMITATIONS AND ZONING STANDARDS" OF CHAPTER 150 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF SANDYSTON TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Sandyston adopted *Attachment 1* entitled "*Schedule of Limitations and Zoning Standards*" of Chapter 150 Entitled "Zoning" which set forth regulations concerning Zoning in Sandyston Township; and

**WHEREAS**, *Attachment 1* entitled "*Schedule of Limitations and Zoning Standards*" of Chapter 150 Entitled "Zoning" of the Code of Sandyston Township has been determined by the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston to be in need of revision and modifications; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the above, the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston has deemed it in the best interest to amend *Attachment 1* entitled "*Schedule of Limitations and Zoning Standards*" of Chapter 150 Entitled "Zoning".

**BE IT ORDAINED**, *Attachment 1* of the *Schedule of Limitations and Zoning Standards*, shall be amended as follows:

Zone	Minimum Lot Area (square feet)	Minimum Lot Width <sup>1</sup>	Maximum Yards					Minimum Floor Area (square feet)	Maximum Height		Minimum Contiguous Developable Land (square feet)
			Principal Building			Accessory Building			Floor	Feet	
			Front <sup>2</sup> (feet)	Side <sup>3</sup> (feet)	Rear (feet)	Side (feet)	Rear (feet)				
<b>Residential Zones</b>											
A	120,000	260	75	50	100	30	30	1,000	2.5	35	20,000
B	60,000	180	75	25	60	20	20	1,000	2.5	35	20,000
C	200,000	330	75	50	100	30	30	1,000	2.5	35	20,000
D	80,000	210	75	25	80	20	20	1,000	2.5	35	20,000
LC	10000 <sup>5</sup>	80	30	7	35	7	10 <sup>4</sup>	1,000	2.5	35	N/A
<b>Conservation Zones</b>											
E	200,000	330	75	50	100	30	30	1,000	2.5	35	20,000
W	120,000	260	75	50	100	30	30	1,000	2.5	35	20,000

Village Zones											
V-1	50,000	150	40	10	40	20	20	1,000	2.5	35	5000
V-2	50,000	180	75	25	60	20	20	1,000	2.5	35	5000
V-3	40,000	150	40	10	40	20	20	1,000	2.5	35	5000

**Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

**Repealer.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

The Committee reviewed **Ordinance 2016-09**. Mayor Harper made a motion to introduce **Ordinance 2016-09**, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried. Mayor Harper noted this is the first reading of this ordinance and a public hearing for this ordinance would be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 9:00 am.

**Correspondence:** The Committee reviewed the correspondence.

The Clerk noted the invitation received from the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce to attend the Economic Development Symposium and Sussex County Mayors Reception on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the Mohawk House at 5:00 pm.

Mayor Harper noted the several OPRA Requests received during the month.

Mayor Harper noted the response from Sheriff Strada regarding a letter which Mayor Harper sent requesting an increase in police presence along County Route 560. Mayor Harper hopes to speak to Sheriff Strada during the week to discuss the matter.

**Open Meeting To Floor:**

Mayor Harper made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried.

Jenna Valleau, 13 Heaters Lane, came forward to thank the Committee for their correspondence with the Sheriff requesting more police presence to deal with the issues currently happening on County Route 560. Mrs. Valleau noted the continual problem of cars passing school buses when picking up or dropping off students, cars honking at the buses in an effort to speed children up while exiting or entering the school bus. Mrs. Valleau stated in town the sidewalks have helped with the speeding and the safety; however, the problem is on County Route 560 heading to and from the Dingmans Bridge. Mayor Harper stated he would look into and discuss if there is any additional signage that could be utilized in this section of County Route 560. Mayor Harper thanked Mrs. Valleau for her comments and welcomed any suggestions she may have regarding this matter.

Mayor Harper made a motion to enter executive session at 9:20 am, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried. Mayor Harper read the following Resolution into the record:

Lou Frato, Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department President, came forward and offered to reach out and contact people he may know in relationship to the fire department that may be able to offer suggestions on the County Route 560 matter. Mayor Harper thanked Mr. Frato for help.

Hixon Spangenberg, Heaters Lane, came forward and commented on the sidewalks and speeding. Mr. Spangenberg commented on the historical society opening the mezzanine to the public and questioned the liability to the Township when a handicapped person accesses the mezzanine level. Mayor Harper stated



the historical society worked with the proper authorities to open the mezzanine level. Mr. Spangenberg questioned Mayor Harper's knowledge of an incident he stated took place in the audience at the last meeting. Mayor Harper explained that Mr. Spangenberg had this time for public comment and the Committee would take his comments into consideration and thanked him for his time.

There being no further comment from the public, Mayor Harper made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, seconded by Committeewoman Hull and unanimously carried.

The Clerk noted the Sandyston Township Historical Society would be again running the "Sandyston Has Heart" program, and Steve and Tracey Woodhead have graciously offered to match all donations up to \$3,500, and when that goal is reached will make an additional donation of \$1,500 to the Sandyston Township Volunteer Fire Department. The Clerk also noted a \$1,000 donation has already been received from the Walpack Wilderness Challenge. The Clerk thanked everyone for their involvement and generosity.

Mayor Harper made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:25 pm, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried, and read the following resolution into the record.

### **Township of Sandyston Resolution Authorizing Executive Session**

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975 Chapter 231 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; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Sandyston, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

- a. Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) the public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter(s):

Matters relating to litigation, negotiation, and the attorney/client privilege

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, it is anticipated that the deliberation conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Sandyston Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality and if not then legally privileged. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Harper made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:28 am, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried.

Mayor Harper made a motion to authorize Amanda F. Lobban, Municipal Clerk, to attend the scheduled Court Hearing on October 26, 2016 and represent the Township.

Deputy Mayor MacDonald questioned the location of a speed limit sign across from the Sandyston-Walpack School. A brief discussion took place on speed limits and the location of speed limit signs. Mayor Harper made a motion to ask the County to move the 40 mph speed limit sign to make it more even with the 30 mph speed zone, seconded by Deputy Mayor MacDonald and unanimously carried.

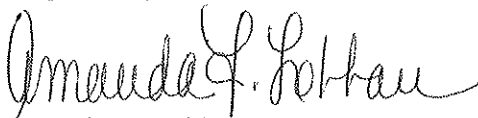
Deputy Mayor MacDonald also asked Mr. McClain to review how many pedestrian signs he has and to put them out. Mr. McClain stated he would review what he has and contact Deputy Mayor MacDonald.

Upcoming events:

Regular Township Meeting:	Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Planning Board Regular:	Monday, October 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Seniors Meeting:	Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 12:00 pm
Rabies Clinic at DPW Garage	Saturday, October 8, 2016 10 am – 12 pm
Tire Day by Clean Communities	Saturday, October 8, 2016 9 am to 1 pm
DVUMC Community Day:	Saturday, September 10, 2016
Sussex County Flu Clinic:	Thursday, September 15, 2016 (Sandyston)
“Movie Night” Curious George	Friday, September 16, 2016
Walpack Wilderness Challenge	Saturday, September 24, 2016
Recreation Meeting:	Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 6:30 pm
Sussex County Firemen’s Inspection Day & Parade	Saturday, October 1, 2016
Sandyston Rec “Clean Communities”	Sunday, October 16, 2016
DVUMC Holiday Craft Fair:	Friday & Saturday, Nov. 11 & 12, 2016
Gobble Hobble 5K	Thursday, November 24, 2016
STVFD Santa Parade	Saturday, December 3, 2016
Santa Breakfast with Recreation	Sunday, December 11, 2016

**Adjournment:** Deputy Mayor MacDonald made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm seconded by Mayor Harper and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda F. Lobban, RMC  
Municipal Clerk