

Agenda

Workshop Session 5:30 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order
2. Statement of compliance with Open Public Meetings Act
3. Roll Call
4. Executive Session – Closed to Public

Public Portion of Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

5. Public Portion of Meeting called to order
6. **Moment of silence and Salute to Flag:**
7. **Township Committee Reports**
8. **Public Comment Session – Agenda Items Only**
Please state your name and address clearly for the record
9. **Workshop Session**

LEGAL

ENGINEERING

- A. Request for Release of Performance Guarantees from Asset Management Consultants on behalf of New York SMSA LP for New York SMSA LP dba Verizon Wireless – Symmes Drive Cell Tower, Application No. 03-48ZN

CLERK

- A. Items of New Business

ADMINISTRATION

- A. Resolution Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement for Regional Animal Control Services with the Township of Freehold, Borough of Freehold, and Township of Millstone
- B. Resolution Authorizing the Appointments of 2019 Bus Drivers for Manalapan Recreation
- C. Resolution Authorizing the Appointments of 2019 Gym Security Supervisor for Manalapan Recreation
- D. Resolution Authorizing the Appointments of 2019 Recreation Part-Time Staff for Manalapan Recreation
- E. Resolution Authorizing the Appointments of 2019 Saturday Night Out for Manalapan Recreation
- F. Resolution Authorizing the Appointments of 2019 Saturday Special Recreation for Manalapan Recreation
- G. Resolution Title: 2018 Appropriation Reserve Budget Transfer Resolution #1

10. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER ITEM "CONSENT AGENDA" ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE (1) MOTION IN THE FORM LISTED BELOW. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED ON ANY ITEM, THAT ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

Reports for November 2018: Finance, Tax Collector

Reports for December 2018: Clerk, Construction, Fire Prevention, Health, Planning/Zoning, Tax Collector

Applications: None

Resolutions:

- A. Authorizing Refund of Premiums and/or Cost of Sale Paid at Tax Sale
- B. Authorizing Refund of Duplicate, Erroneous and Overpayments for 2019, 2018 and Prior Years
- C. Authorizing Transfer of 2017/2018 Duplicate/Overpayments to 2018/2019 Open Balances
- D. Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement for Regional Animal Control Services with the Township of Freehold, Borough of Freehold, and Township of Millstone

- E. Authorizing the Appointments of 2019 Bus Drivers for Manalapan Recreation
- F. Authorizing the Appointments of 2019 Gym Security Supervisor for Manalapan Recreation
- G. Authorizing the Appointments of 2019 Recreation Part-Time Staff for Manalapan Recreation
- H. Authorizing the Appointments of 2019 Saturday Night Out for Manalapan Recreation
- I. Authorizing the Appointments of 2019 Saturday Special Recreation for Manalapan Recreation
- J. Title: 2018 Appropriation Reserve Budget Transfer Resolution #1

11. OLD BUSINESS:

12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolutions:

- 1) Approving **Bill List** Dated December 21, 2018 to January 16, 2019
Totaling **\$8,793,026.46**

B. Mayoral Appointments:

- 1) MAC – Gary Cohen
- 2) Utilities Committee Community Alliance Committee – Gary Cohen

13. PUBLIC COMMENT – Non-Agenda Items Only

Please state your name and address clearly for the record

14. ADJOURNMENT

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jacobson, McNaboe, Musich, Uniglicht, Cohen

Also present: Regina Preteroti, Municipal Clerk
Tara Lovrich, Business Administrator
Renee Garrigana, Assistant Administrator
Shari Rose, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Roger McLaughlin, Esq., Township Attorney
Trevor Taylor, for Twp. Engineer

Resolution No. 2019-66 a motion was offered by Mrs. Cohen, seconded by Mr. McNaboe to go into Executive Session, and was approved by unanimous roll call vote:

The meeting went into Closed Session and returned to Public Session:

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING:

MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR:

MAYOR COHEN: The public portion of this meeting is called to order anyone wishing to speak during our public portion of the meeting please sign in behind our Clerk. At this time, I'd like you to stand for a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO FLAG:

MAYOR COHEN: We begin tonight with our Township Committee Reports Committeeman Jacobson.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MR. JACOBSON: Yes thank you I have one report on the Environmental Commission they had their annual reorganization on Monday. Jenine Tankoos is the chair for 2019 with Steven Resnick as the secretary. In addition, we welcomed two new members Herb Lazar returned to the committee --- commission as a member. He was a member emeritus for years and he is a former chair and David Kane has also joined the Environmental Commission. Jenine Tankoos also asked the commissioners to think about projects that may be of interest to --- for example in the past there were rain barrel workshops, the Eco Patio that was established, the Monmouth Heights pool --- the Monarch Butterfly Way-Station and a tour of the WMUA. She wanted the commissioners to think of activities to pursue in 2019 and objectives for them to consider as well. Lastly we were given a refresher on the Manalapan Ordinance on

regarding Environmental Design by Joe Giddings, how it was meshed with the New Jersey State Environmental regulations. And what topics included what an application should include. What the Commission reviews and key issues to resolve and that's my report, thank you.

MAYOR COHEN: Thank you very much Mayor Musich.

MRS. MUSICH: Thank you. Recreation: registration is being accepted for the upcoming Awakenings Drama program. Registrants must be in grades four through seven. Applications for employment with the Recreation Summer Camps are currently being accepted deadlines for submission is January 18th. Applications can be found on the Parks and Recreation page within the Township website at www.mtnj.org or for further information you can call the Rec office at 732-446-8355. Seniors: bus trip up date on Thursday February 7th at 9:00 AM at both the Manalapan Senior Center and Covered Bridge Clubhouse registrations for two upcoming trips will be accepted. The first one will be on Thursday, March 28th the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for a luncheon and the show "Take Me Away" tickets are \$64.00 dollars for the trip. The second trip is for Wednesday September 18th it's a Broadway show it's "Come from Away" with lunch at Carmines tickets are \$131.00 dollars. Trip information registration forms are posted up on the Township website under the Senior Center tab. Programs at the Senior Center on Wednesday January 23rd the Senior Center will host a breakfast and bingo program with breakfast and prizes provided by Senior Helpers and Brandywine Assisted Living. Winter is a perfect time to get active and stay healthy at the Manalapan Senior Center. All fitness classes are in full swing with classes designed to gently stretch muscles, improve balance and flexibility ultimately helping to maintain optimal health. This past week the Senior Center started to offer meditation classes. Meditation has been proven to improve cognitive skills, help people reduce stress and is beneficial to people dealing with hypertension. Seniors are reminded to check the Township website channel 77 or stop by the Senior Center at 211 Freehold Road catch up on the latest activities and trips that are offered. For more information, you can contact the Senior Center at 732-446-8401. Teen Leadership at their meeting this month the teens made blankets to be donated to project Linus which is an organization that gives the blankets to the sick and needy children. The teens meet on the first Thursday evening of every month at the Community Center on Route 33 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Any resident between the ages of 13 and 18 is welcome to join and that's my report thank you.

MAYOR COHEN: Thank you very much. Committeeman Uniglicht.

MR. UNIGLICHT: Thank you Mayor. Economic Development just wanted to mention a couple of ribbon cuttings. One this past weekend Raymour and Flanagan just opened up and this Township Committee and the Mayor were out for that. And we have a couple coming up this weekend Latin Bites and DiTomaso Real Estate. So, if you're a new business in town or you have an anniversary coming out certainly reach out to your Economic Development we're here to support you we want you to be successful, we want you to grow. Shade Tree; I'll just mention as I always do especially now we're coming into winter months if you have a dead tree on your property many of them are Ash trees right now and there are some others out there we have tried to do a thorough job of getting some notices out but if you are a home owner and you have dead trees on your property it's your responsibility to remove them summonses may be coming out at some point soon if you don't more importantly they're dangerous. So, if you are a residents and you have a tree and you think it might be dead or you're not sure you know call here ask we could try to help you call a contractor privately but make sure they're coming down. Board of Education met last week congratulations to President Dotty Porcaro who was reappointed as President, Laurie Semel was vice-president congratulations to James Raffone new to the board and Joanne Schechter for their re-election. I'll just mention again that you know the Board of Ed. and this Township Committee are separate entities they have their separate budgets. You should as residents get involved there has been some pretty big and drastic cuts to the school board's budget. I know the Superintendent at the last meeting has as he has before has urged residents at the last meeting there were many, many people that came out which I think is great to see the public coming out to the meetings. He had encouraged reaching out to our local and State officials to let you know --- to let them know what residents think about all these drastic cuts because they are going to impact the school district. Mayor that's all I have thank you.

MAYOR COHEN: Thank you Deputy Mayor.

MR. McNABOE: Thank you Mayor the Manalapan High School had invited me to represent the Township Committee last week in the National Honor

Society so again congratulations to the 150 juniors and seniors. Doctor Angelozzi and the entire High School staff as well as the 2019 inductees it was certainly an honor to come and address you and to be for that special evening. Our Manalapan Veteran's Affairs Advisory Committee was reorganized this past Monday as well stayed pretty much the same as last year a couple of new members a couple leaving but Ernie Diorio is chairman, Leah Rosenzweig is vice-chair and Joe Drummond is secretary which is the same lineup as last year I thank them for all the dedication. To any of the residents that have a veteran in your family that you're not sure if you're eligible for benefits or to the veterans themselves we have a very strong committee right here in town that really knows your entitlements so by all means make sure you contact the Manalapan Veterans second Tuesday of every month at 5:30 right here in Town Hall, they can help you with some of those obstacles that may be seem insurmountable for you. Next Monday Martin Luther King Day National Holiday at 10:00 AM here in Manalapan so that's Monday the 21, 2019 there'll be a ceremony right here in this very room it'll be led by Reverend Julius Cooper from the St. James AME Church right here in Manalapan. Reverend Cooper was new to the community in 2018 he really does try to be part of the Manalapan community. He asks about doing a Martin Luther King Day and of course Township Committee thank you for all the support in allowing that to go forward. So, I'm sure to all the residents most people are off that day please come on by and celebrate with Dr. Cooper as well as your Township Committee. And our Planning Board will be hearing the Manalapan Crossings application on Thursday the 24th so that's a week from tomorrow 7:30 in the evening in this very room. So, again anybody having interests wanting to hear or be heard on that application please come by on that date and that'll do it Mayor.

MAYOR COHEN: Thank you very much. The Board of Health had their Reorganization Meeting and Kim Silverstein is once again chairwoman and Maisie Frenkiel our vice-chair and Michael Morelli is secretary we wish them all good luck. We are proud to announce that our very own Mayor Musich was named the Commissioner to the Monmouth County Library Commission and was sworn in by Freeholder Lillian Burry we know that you're going to do a great job in representing Manalapan congratulations and the best of luck. Freehold Regional High School had their reorganization and our Jen Sutera is the vice-president this year. Recommendations to prepare in case we have an episode this weekend which we're not going to talk about for power outages. So before time, put gas in your car, have extra cash on hand in case the ATM's are closed. Pour containers of Ziploc bags of water in the freezer so you can put them in the refrigerator to help keep the food cold. Run your dish washer, washer, dryer while you still have electric. Charge your cell phones and keep them charged so that you can recharge them and don't forget you can usually recharge them in your car. Leave your car out of the garage or learn how to manually open the electric garage door opener so you can get out. Purchase batteries for lanterns, radios, flameless candles, D batteries sell out very quickly so those are the first to go. Have an extra house and car keys available battery operated radio, manual can opener, paper plates, cups, plastic utilities. A styrofoam chest would be good with ice to store food. Water, juice, soda, tea, cold cuts, bread, milk, eggs, peanut butter and jelly, instant coffee, powdered creamer, sugar, soup, hot chocolate, pancake mix, syrup, snacks, butter, margarine, pasta, a jar of tomato sauce, canned foods, cereal hot and cold, fruit and cookies are some of the recommended things to have on hand. And if you have a wood burning fire place set up the fire place and have extra dry wood available. If you have access to natural gas matches or lighters to ignite the pilot on the stove or coffee pot and fill large pots with water cover and boil them and then tilt the cover and continue to boil slowly but you have to pay attention to them the steam helps to keep the water warm hopefully we won't have to use that. We have a property tax program in Manalapan called "Shop Manalapan First". The program is designed to help Manalapan businesses by keeping residents shopping in Manalapan and then giving tax credits to the residents when they use the program. Once you sign up you'll get credit from the participating vendors when you use their services which will be forwarded to your lot and block and every August will offset taxes. Currently and there are people joining all the time Ace Aluminum, Allstate Restoration, Andee Plaza Pharmacy, Appliance Brokers Limited, Bella Mechanical, Blinds on the go, Bounty Alarm, Caballero & Sons Plumbing, Katherine Cottage Day Care, Cheeburger, Cheeburger, Classic Dental Arts, Dan's Gun Club, Emilio's Restaurant, First Class Floor Cleaning & more, Five Star Painting of Manalapan, Galleria Dental, Glen's Eye Care Center, Gold-N-Time Jewelers, Grilled Point Mediterranean Cuisine and Café, Groomer has it Pet Salon, Kitchens by Torrone, Law Offices of Diana Bogomoinik (Bogomolnik), I kill her name each time sorry, Manor Floors and Home Improvement, Mixed Greens, Net Cost Supermarket, Panda House, Pro-Kit Design LLC, Roman Chariot Auto Sales, Sal's Gourmet Pizza, Solomon Bakery, The Eyeglass Outlet, The Nail Place and Day Spa, The Pool Shop, UPS Store, Tuscany Market, Uncle Gino's, Union Hill Bagels and Villabate Pizzeria Restaurant. If you own a business in town and you would like to participate you can call 732-946-0919. The

"Shop Manalapan" cards are free and they are available here in Town Hall if you have any questions 732-446-8307 and to stay informed please join our e-mail at mtnj.org or like us on Facebook that's the best way to stay informed beside the News Transcript and we hope you won't have to be informed for anything important as far as the weather is concerned but we're always watching and posting and doing things so please join us. Thank you that's the end of my report I will now open the public comment session on agenda items only and I will read the disclaimer. The Township of Manalapan Television network will be recording this meeting for rebroadcast on MTTN channel 77 on Cablevision and channel 42 on Verizon Fios. By attending this evening attendees acknowledge this recording and agree to allow their image to be broadcast on MTTN channel 77 and Verizon Fios channel 42. All attendees and participants agree to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for a public gathering. Inappropriate behavior or gathering creating a disturbance or safety hazard are prohibited inside this meeting. Individual speakers should be advised that no right of privacy protects a citizen's public comments made in a public forum. Any statements made by the members of the public to promote or alter public opinion about a candidate for political office, political party or interest group are inappropriate and in violation of MTTN broadcast policies. Accordingly, all participants bear responsibility for their own statements and commentaries. When you come up please state your name and address clearly for the record, I don't have anyone on agenda items so I'm going to close --- yes? (speaker from audience speaking off mic)

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

MS. SMARTH: Deborah Smarth Sweetmans Lane, Manalapan. Kevin you brought up a point about you know how your meeting with education school board representatives and you noted the reduction in the school budgets. And I think and I think all I wanted to comment on is that I think that the bond acts that were voted down in different parts of the State including Manalapan, I think it sent a very clear message to the education establishment and the education bureaucrats that's just like households, professional households, blue collar households. We've all had to rein in our expenses because we have been the cash cow and the payers of taxes to support services across the board. And now that we have a demographic change in our population not only in this community but across the United States we have an aging population and we have more and more young people postponing marriage, not having children. So, I think these realities are setting in but the fact is the economy despite the statistics in Washington, DC coming back about employment growth, unemployment rate lowering if you look at all the micro indicators beyond that you'll see that the economy is in much more dire straits as a matter of a fact we've had Harvard Economists and other economists The New School in New York City, etc. that have pointed out that we're headed possibly for a 2019 recession or possibly 2020. But these are dire straits and I think that if members of our community, our state, our nation all of these various people individuals and households and families have to rein in their expenses to meet their household expenses. The education establishment has to start watching and doing audits to show where there are proper savings so that once again we don't get hit with more, higher rates. Being that the education portion of the budget is what 70% almost 70% of our total local budget and I would ask all of you despite the fact that you're telling us the citizens to go to school boards. You have a presence you've been elected you don't have to lecture the citizens or myself on the budget, the school district, the school part is another subdivision. You're the collector of taxes for everything. You are our local government and what we call cooperative federalism means that you as our representatives can do a very proactive resolution reinforcing the point that was spun home in the bond act. The people are not going to put out more dollars we don't want more increased school expenses and we have to live within our means. That's just the nature of reality at this point in time. And our economic structure macro and micro. So, I would hope that this governing body I've said this in the past at other meetings I would hope that you can all be more proactive on that yeah it would be nice to go to the meetings but not everybody has --- as it is we make a point to come to our meetings and I haven't been here in a long while. I think you need to be more proactive and send a resolution they are another local subdivision they're ex-spending lots and lots of money and its costing us a lot of money. So you need to reassert what the citizens in our town have said we don't want more expenses. We don't want to keep on putting out these extra --- it's time to audit and save, not increase expendages. So, you'll find very little sympathy from me and other citizens who have been picking up the tab for a long time even people that don't have children in school we've been picking up this tab, the bond act said clearly the people don't want increases. And now you are representatives that were elected by us I think it's time that you are more proactive and memorialize that point to further represent us that's all I have to say.

MAYOR COHEN: Thank you is there anybody else that would like to speak okay seeing none I close public Kevin did you want to respond.

MR. UNIGLICHT: Just a couple of comments Ms. Smarth, I invited people to come out to the board and participate despite your belief that it might be a good idea to do that. I do think it is a good idea to do that. I think it's a good idea to be informed and I think that we have a good relationship with our board we work together with them all the time. One of us, if not me, is at almost every single Board of Ed meeting I've encouraged residents to interact with their State officials because down in Trenton they did cut funding and that will directly impact the residents. And this Township Committee, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and everybody else has been working hard with those officials as well to try to get that money back. So, these are the things that I'm telling you a resolution isn't going to change that right now. Okay and I encourage you because I haven't seen you at one Board of Ed meeting in the last two years that you can come up to microphone there and you can certainly say what you said I'm sure they'll listen thank you.

MAYOR COHEN: Thank you. Okay we have come to our workshop session legal Mr. McLaughlin.

WORKSHIP SESSION:

LEGAL:

MR. McLAUGHLIN: No report this evening Mayor.

MAYOR COHEN: Thank you very much welcome Mr. Taylor do you have anything for us.

ENGINEERING:

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you Mayor we do have a request for a Release of a Performance Guarantee for Asset Management Consultants it's essentially for Verizon Wireless it's for a cell tower and tenant project that was completed approximately 10 years ago and we take no objection to the release of the performance guarantee.

MAYOR COHEN: Perfect thank you. Mrs. Preteroti.

CLERK:

MRS. PRETEROTI: Thank you Mayor. For items of new business, we have two resolutions to add on. The first one would be Authorizing a Salary for the Deputy Municipal Clerk for a Registered Municipal Clerk Certification. And the second will be Appointing a Mechanic for the Department of Public Works and that's all I have.

MAYOR COHEN: Thank you Administration Mrs. Lovrich.

ADMINISTRATION:

MRS. LOVRICH: Thank you Mayor just a few items; first is our Resolution our Shared Service Agreement for Regional Animal Control is being reauthorized, continuing and that's with the Township of Freehold, the Borough of Freehold and the Township of Millstone. We have several Resolutions Authorizing appointments for the Recreation Department. We have our 2019 Bus Drivers we also have our 2019 Gym Security Supervisor; Our 2019 Recreation Part-Time Staff, our 2019 Saturday Night Out for Manalapan Recreation and our 2019 Saturday Special Recreation. We also have a Resolution Authorizing a Budget Transfer, that's Resolution #1 now that we're in 2019. And I just wanted to mention as well for the last item on my report the CFO sent you information she's required to provide you with information on the bond notes that we did so I just have to read some information into the record. In November the CFO sold a note for short term financing of our general improvement ordinance 2018-05. She received three bids and the low bid was awarded at the net interest cost of 2.499%. And in December she participated in the Monmouth County Improvement Authority Annual Pool Financing and permanently bonded general improvement ordinance 2016-04, 2017-07 financing that through the MCIA Generate Savings attributed to the counties' Triple A rating, actual savings in dollars to the Township for \$18,564.12. Just two comments on the Board of Ed I just wanted to Mrs. Smarth mentioned a sub-division of the town it's not a sub-division they are a separate taxing entity, separate and completely apart from us. And also they are elected as well by the residents of Manalapan as you are

elected. So you don't have authority over them they are elected you don't appoint them and so they are a separate taxing entity and their board members are all elected at the election. I just wanted to say that just to clear that up for anybody that's watching.

MAYOR COHEN: Thank you very much.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MAYOR COHEN: Okay we are at the consent agenda. **All MATTERS LISTED UNDER ITEM "CONSENT AGENDA" ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE (1) MOTION IN THE FORM LISTED BELOW. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS ON THESE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED ON ANY ITEM THAT ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.** Does anyone have anything that they need to be discussed separately? Seeing none I need a motion to approve.

MRS. MUSICH: So moved.

MAYOR COHEN: Thank you and second.

MR. McNABOE: Second.

MAYOR COHEN: Okay roll call please.

ROLL CALL:

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. Jacobson?

MR. JACOBSON: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. McNaboe?

MR. McNABOE: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Musich?

MRS. MUSICH: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. Uniglicht?

MR. UNIGLICHT: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Cohen?

MAYOR COHEN: Yes. There is no old business we have one Resolution tonight approving the Bill List dated December 21, 2018 to January 16, 2019 totaling \$8,793,026.46 I need a motion to approve.

MR. JACOBSON: I'll make that motion.

MR. UNIGLICHT: Second.

MAYOR COHEN: Thank you, thank you roll call please.

ROLL CALL:

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. Jacobson?

MR. JACOBSON: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. McNaboe?

MR. McNABOE: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Musich?

MRS. MUSICH: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. Uniglicht?

MR. UNIGLICHT: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Cohen?

MAYOR COHEN: Yes. I apologize to Mr. Gary Cohen I left him out at Re-org so I have a Mayoral Appointment for the Manalapan Arts Council and Utility Committee for Mr. Cohen no relation. Mrs. Lovrich do you have any new business?

NEW BUSINESS:

MRS. LOVRICH: The two items the Clerk mentioned I think we can move them together if the governing body pleases and that's a Resolution Authorizing the salary for the Deputy Municipal Clerk for Registered Municipal Clerk Certification and Appointing a Mechanic to the Public Works Department Daniel Hartrum.

MAYOR COHEN: Okay I need a motion.

MR. McNABOE: I'll move both of those.

MAYOR COHEN: Okay and I need a second.

MR. JACOBSON: Second.

MAYOR COHEN: Thank you roll call please.

ROLL CALL:

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. Jacobson?

MR. JACOBSON: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. McNaboe?

MR. McNABOE: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Musich?

MRS. MUSICH: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mr. Uniglicht?

MR. UNIGLICHT: Yes.

MRS. PRETEROTI: Mrs. Cohen?

MAYOR COHEN: Yes. I will now open public comment session on non-agenda items Rhoda Chodosh please state your name and address for the record.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

MRS. CHODOSH: Hi Rhoda Chodosh, Mercer Lane. I just realized that I have a question about something on the agenda about the shared service agreement for regional animal control services what exactly is that about because we have like a neighbor who puts out dishes and feeds the deer and squirrels and everything and there's been a couple of complaints. And the neighbors were told to take a picture of them putting the food out so that they can go over and find them or whatever. So, what does that mean the regional is that to remove the dead deer or is ---

MRS. LOVRICH: We're the lead agency of all animal control for all those municipalities so we have the animal control officers here in Manalapan through our Health Department. And then we provide animal control services to Freehold, the Freeholds, and Millstone. So, have they reached out to animal control yet about the deer and ---

MRS. CHODOSH: Yes they have.

MRS. LOVRICH: Okay it's not changing anything it's the same we have so.

MRS. CHODOSH: Alright I just wanted classification on that. And secondly I'd like to congratulate Mayor Susan Cohen.

MAYOR COHEN: Thank you.

MRS. CHODOSH: A woman Mayor in Manalapan and we have a woman Mayor in Freehold Township Barbara McMorris. I'm happy to say women rock in Monmouth County so thank you.

MAYOR COHEN: Mayor McNaboe did a great job as a male ---

MRS. CHODOSH: Yes, but now we have two women in neighboring towns. And then I'd also like to congratulate Barry for winning the election and being on my township. I know he is going to do a fabulous job. I know him for many years so welcome and congratulations, thank you.

MAYOR COHEN: Thank you okay Ray Kalainikas.

MR. KALAINIKAS: I haven't been here in a while Ray Kalainikas 144 Sweetmans Lane. I'm just going to ask if I can have some changes in your meeting. In coming here even though it was 7:30 I was walking through the parking lot it was like a ghost town with the exception of your cars. Cold, dark and that's generally when the meeting starts which is not an encouraging kind of atmosphere for people to come out in. So, I would like to ask that all your meetings be done in daylight and really the only time that's going to work reasonably would be 1:00 o'clock on a Saturday 1:00 o'clock to up til 5:00 if necessary. That's when I would like to see your meetings. I know Jack you can go for coffee with the people from 8:30 to 10:00 on a Saturday that's nice and light and they have a cup of coffee and it may be a good time. But when it's cold and dark and dreary 7:30 - 8:00 o'clock at night it discourages people from coming to their town meeting it really does. Second point, you generally people come here because they want to say something to you if they do come at all. The second point is you stack before your township committee reports you have the tendency to stack it up for up to a half hour or more with presentations and proclamations. That's something I think can be done separately and it could be aired on TV and you can play it separately but it shouldn't be within the town meeting because once again it's a discouragement for people coming here and speaking to you. After the town committee reports you have public comment session agenda items I would like to see one comment session right here not waiting until you get done with everything else by that time it could be 9:00 - 10:00 o'clock at night, another discouraging factor to have people come out and hold their governing body accountable. And your attorney I was listening I was watching your reorganization meeting what the protocol would be here and it's the same as it used to be which is not good. You have your five minutes and then you're going to get an answer at the very end after everybody speaks there's no give and take another discouraging factor with regard to people wanting to come out and hold their governing body accountable. That can be geared to two and a half minutes; two minutes and then your light goes on for 30 seconds. I can ask you a question or say something but you have to respond immediately and you're only going to get five minutes max. Then I can use the rest of my two and a half minutes to respond to you or ask another question. But then again you have to respond immediately. This would encourage people to come out, it really would. The way it's set up now and you want to hold your governing body accountable you don't want to talk to the governing body in a closet at dunkin' donuts where it's only you and the governing body nobody else is hearing what's being said. There is no media present, no television camera just you and the governing body and that's easy for the governing body to handle. So this is what I would ask you to do, I want the meetings 1:00 o'clock Saturday daylight when people are home they can actually bring family if necessary. I'm curious to see what your response would be to this especially Kevin I want to hear because he seems to find this humorous.

MAYOR COHEN: So, I'm going to be the one to speak first but you can sit down you can stay there it doesn't matter. We go to the League of Municipalities every year and we take classes and one of the classes we took was on ethics and so forth. And according to the League of Municipalities we run our meetings a hundred percent accurately. We have to give you three minutes we give you five. They recommend that you have an agenda and a regular public session which we do. Pretty much anything that --- everything that you had mentioned outside of the meeting on Saturday at 1:00 o'clock we do. We have town hall meetings in the afternoon we have nobody the only people that attend our town hall meetings in the afternoon we did them originally for those that can't see at night or that are retired whatever the only people that are here are our township committee people nobody else shows up. While you think that people are discouraged from coming we feel that we're doing a good job. People can reach out to us by e-mail, by calling we have

'Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor' which most towns don't do. We have a lot of town hall meetings we go to different areas of the town for people that may not be able to get here. Saturday morning --- Saturday at 1:00 o'clock would be a total problem for those that are observant. Sunday's at 1:00 o'clock or 12:00 o'clock would be for those that go to church. Our meetings have been Wednesday nights for eternity and I'm not one that would want to change it but the governing body is more than welcome to speak. So, we have a give and take you come and call us you have never attended a town hall you have never come to meet the mayor if you're looking to be on television I understand that. But there are people that come to meet the mayor we've had 20-30 people that come. We've had people that come to town hall meetings at night in different places. So I for one am happy that when we went to the League and to the class we did everything by the book and everything correctly. So I am not a proponent for changing it for Saturday at 1:00 o'clock but I'll let the rest of the governing body speak. Kevin I think you should speak first.

MR. KALAINIKAS: Now I can't respond can I?

MR. McLAUGHLIN: No your time is up Mr. Kalainikas.

MR. KALAINIKAS: That's what's bad about your ---

MR. McLAUGHLIN: You can be seated if you'd like.

MR. KALAINIKAS: Okay thanks. Now you know why nobody comes.

MR. UNIGLICHT: Mayor thank you I won't address the points because I totally concur with you on the things you said. The only one I do want to address is you know there are some times when we have a packed house especially in the beginning of our meetings the one I think Mr. Kalainikas that you want to remove half hour of presentations where we, you know, hand out awards and we see children coming in from the high schools that won cheerleading contests and math contests and different things like this. Those are positive things that we want the community to see and know about and they are absolutely they should absolutely be right here in this township committee meeting right at the beginning because they are important and they are positive. And I'm sorry that you disagree with that but positive is what we need in this community not negativity okay so I am happy to say that we should keep that as part of this. I heard you say that we needed to remove it from this township committee setting and I vehemently disagree with you because I think it fits right into this setting and I think it's a great part of this community.

MAYOR COHEN: And by the way that also was part of the class that we took that there should be public good. And also the give and take was you speak we answer at the end so that also was part of that meeting. Anybody else would like to address the situation anybody here okay. Alright we'll continue Deborah Smarth.

MS. SMARTH: Sorry you misinterpreted what I said Tara and Kevin I fully understand that the school board is elected separately. I fully understand the local government I taught state and local government systems at several universities and colleges so I'm fully aware. I'm sorry you misinterpreted maybe I wasn't as clarified and simplistic as I should've been. Okay so we'll go from there in terms of me not showing up at school board meetings for the past few years I've been too busy with my job and perhaps coming here too often. I like to come to this particular meeting because it's the local government meeting you've all been elected just like the school boards. School boards are basically advocates for education spending increases. I've seen it it's historical I don't waste my time there. That doesn't mean I can't do a letter to the editor and I've already come out plenty of times about the way to solve this whole problem across the state - binding referendums. The 2% cap didn't work property taxes went up across the state more than six hundred million last year across the state almost a billion. So that's a simple matter but let me get on to what I came for because we have a very limited time. In terms of what he was saying he isn't saying not give positive attributes to people whether they're high school students somebody has achieved something in the community he wasn't saying that I think he was just saying, I'm speaking on his behalf that start a little earlier if it's an 8:00 o'clock start time like that last year, the 8:00 o'clock usually didn't start to after 8:00 than start the resolutions and everything for that group of people that are getting accolades 7:30. Now you're starting at 7:30 this year so start that resolution at 7:00 o'clock nobody is going to be negative about giving people what is due them if they're volunteering or they're doing things for the community. You took the words and you kind of like made it something into what it wasn't it was not being negative. But normally you know when you're a few citizens that come and you're critical on things and you're giving your feedback that's how you like to create a perception

that's not what's being said, so I wanted to clarify that. Now, I'm here because I was watching one of the cable shows with the last meeting or the meeting before but Jack McNaboe had said something about you guys had met with the State Agriculture Development Committee and I know when I was here in the past I was the one this past summer that called the State Agriculture Development Committee and the DEP to see if there would be something that can be done to sit down with the property owner and the developer at the 125 acre monstrosity that we're going to be building that's now on the Planning Board consideration to see if there was anything that could be done to get some funds so maybe we could save a little open space. Because right now it's totally the whole thing is nothing but development more than a thousand parking spots, the barrack town homes barrack style I think an architect just did a letter to the editor on that within the News Transcript. I wanted to know has any positive outcome not on that particular site but going forward about our land use policies or if the Agriculture State Committee and the State the money we sent to Trenton can come back here do you have any, have you identified, you don't have to answer it now when I'm finished have you identified any property that are still not developed where we can have a little bit more open space preservation. What was the purpose of the State Agriculture Development Committee coming did you identify things in land use policies, potential funding to leverage with county and municipal so we can save a little bit more spaces in the town? I was going to work today early in the morning and I noticed that not only are we going to be developing on Woodward that's 125 acres up the road Manalapan Crossing. Then we've got as I put in my column in September in the News Transcript we got another 40 acres or so by Woodward you're going to be putting town homes there some commercial and then if you go beyond that you got another 25 acres being sold now. Then on the other side Skeba by Smithburg Road when the Millstone people came here and said reconsider there's going to be more acreage commercial. Commercial doesn't always equal economic development Kevin you need to do a little bit more research. I see that's going off so I'm going to stop but I'd like to know what happened with the Agriculture Development Committee.

MAYOR COHEN: Thank you. Jack do you --- anybody else would like to speak or address us. Okay I'll close public would you like to respond.

MR. McNABOE: Okay so I sit at the County AG Board and have since with the exception 2015 every year since 2013. Renee over is our authority on agricultural --- keeping agriculture here in Manalapan. So in other words have met with the State; with have met with the County and we have an in house this year we even put back our AG Board at a municipal level. So, we have every intention of trying to save all land that we possibly can. If the developer says they are not, then that's not happening for the owner of the property. So you mentioned a couple of them and we'll go through it. So at your Manalapan Crossings the question was asked they have no interest in it. The money being paid is twenty-five cents on the dollar, fifty cents on the dollar many of the owners aren't going for it. When Skeba had already made it the one you're saying at 527a and 33, the warehouse, they asked the applicant right there on the spot through their attorney and he said I have absolutely no interest. So, we are working diligently without telling you which properties right now but there are people that are interested. When you talk about all that development keep in mind that with the exception of the warehouse that you're talking every single bit of that is New Jersey's affordable housing Manalapan's obligation to it. So with the exception of those warehouses every one of those developments is that, and that will meet our requirements through the year 2025. And whatever land is left and is a sunflower seed or whatever everybody wants to call them in 2025 will be under pressure to become housing again. So you know development is coming, Manalapan is a good place to be housing sells here. The developers as soon farm owners says they want to develop the developers are knocking their door down. So, as far as I'm concerned I would like to see more preservation we've talked to the State representatives; Renee and I have traveled to the meetings that are held in Millstone and other places. So, we're educating the best we can but it has to be a farmer that wants to save the property, that wants to take the money today but wants to retain the ownership in it. And I would love to see more of it saved there's a limited amount of money at the State level and at the County level but we are working hard to get our share of it. Renee did I cover everything do you want to add anything?

MRS. GARRIGANA: You covered everything.

MR. McNABOE: Okay. And if you know of owners that have it just put them in contact here with the Mayor's office you know the Mayor will speak with them, I'll speak with them. But any of the farmers that are looking to preserve we'll make

that happen or again just call Renee right in Administration and basically she's the one that knows more about it than all of us thank you.

MAYOR COHEN: Committeeman Uniglicht.

MR. UNIGLICHT: Thank you Mayor. Ms. Smarth I think you're --- I'm not even going to respond to your comment directed at me about EDC I just think it was disingenuous and I think you like to be on television and make comments like that. As far as the Board of Ed the good news is that it's not on the same nights as -- - it's on Tuesdays not on Wednesdays so hopefully you know you can come out. With your experience in teaching and all this you may even want to run for elected positions you know run for the board you know. But I'm just saying there are a lot of people with full time jobs and they work and they come out and I have a full time job and you know I ran for office. So you know if you want to be involved certainly you can run, you can voice, you know you can come out to a Board of Ed meeting on a Tuesday night I'm sure they'd like to hear you. As far as you know just to address Mr. Kalainikas I think you attempted to clarify what he was trying to say. I think he said it in pretty simple format that he believed that the presentations that we have with all these you know children all these awards should be separate I don't think I misheard that I think it was pretty clear and it was pretty simple. And I just disagree with that completely. I understand you don't want it part of the meeting I don't want you to interrupt the agenda and you being able to get up here and speak on TV but I do believe that this Township Committee and I think the residents at home and the ones that show up to watch these people come up and get presentations they want it to be heard, thank you Mayor.

MAYOR COHEN: Thank you. Okay our next meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor is here in Town Hall on January 27th from 8:30 AM to 10:00. Our next Township Meeting is January 30th at 7:30 so we did move the meeting a half an hour earlier. Does anyone have anything else they would like to say before I ask for an adjournment? No? So I need a motion to adjourn.

MR. JACOBSON: So moved.

MAYOR COHEN: All in favor.

ALL: Ayes.

MAYOR COHEN: Anyone opposed? Thank you all to those that are here tonight and those at home have a good evening.

Resolutions for January 16, 2019

- 2019-66 Executive Session
- 2019-67 Authorizing **Refund of Premiums and/or Cost of Sale Paid** at Tax Sale
- 2019-68 Authorizing **Refund of Duplicate, Erroneous and Overpayments** for 2019, 2018 and Prior Years
- 2019-69 Authorizing **Transfer of 2017/2018 Duplicate/Overpayments** to 2018/2019 Open Balances
- 2019-70 Authorizing a **Shared Service Agreement for Regional Animal Control Services** with the Township of Freehold, Borough of Freehold, and Township of Millstone
- 2019-71 Authorizing the Appointments of **2019 Bus Drivers** for Manalapan Recreation
- 2019-72 Authorizing the Appointments of **2019 Gym Security** Supervisor for Manalapan Recreation
- 2019-73 Authorizing the Appointments of **2019 Recreation Part-Time Staff** for Manalapan Recreation
- 2019-74 Authorizing the Appointments of **2019 Saturday Night Out** for Manalapan Recreation
- 2019-75 Authorizing the Appointments of **2019 Saturday Special Recreation** for Manalapan Recreation
- 2019-76 Title: **2018 Appropriation Reserve Budget Transfer** Resolution #1
- 2019-77 Approving **Bill List** Dated December 21, 2018 to January 16, 2019 Totaling **\$8,793,026.46**

2019-78 Authorizing Salary for **Deputy Municipal Clerk for Registered Municipal Clerk Certification**

2019-79 Appointing **Mechanic Department of Public Works** (Hartrum)

April 24, 2019

Approved

Regina Preteroti, Municipal Clerk