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ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
JUNE 8, 2017

A.) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The Ordinance Committee Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM by **Ordinance Chairman, Cncl. Bob Heffner** in the Second Floor Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

This meeting was advertised pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey (*NJSA 10:4-6 thru 10:4-21*). Notices were placed in the official newspapers for the Township of Monroe (i.e.: South Jersey Times, the Courier Post and the Sentinel of Gloucester County) and copies were posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Cncl. Marvin Dilks	Present	
Cncl. Rich DiLucia	Present	
Cncl. Ron Garbowski	Present	
Cncl. Joe Marino	Present	
Cncl. Bart McIlvaine	Present	
Cncl. Cody Miller	Present	
Ord. Chairman, Bob Heffner	Present	
Mayor Daniel Teefy		Excused
Solicitor, Charles Fiore	Present	
Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel	Present	
Dir. Public Safety, Jim Smart	Present	(Arrived 7:03 PM)
Chief John McKeown	Present	
Deputy Clerk, Sharon Wright	Present	

B.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Ordinance Committee Meeting of May 3, 2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

C.) PUBLIC PORTION

Cncl. Miller made a motion to open the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak **Cncl. Miller** made a motion to close the Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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D.) ORDINANCES FOR REVIEW

- Rescinding Mink Lane Redevelopment Plan

Solicitor Fiore explained the Redevelopment Attorney felt it was a good idea to adopt an ordinance rescinding the remnants of the Mink Lane Redevelopment Plan to get it off the books. Part of that Plan had been voided by Judge Curio many years ago and it was indicated that the entire zone was eradicated based upon her actions. Mr. Fiore noted if something else is brought forward in the future it will go through the redevelopment process, which is Council refers it to the Planning Board for consideration and then the Board designates the area as a redevelopment area and sends it back to Council to act upon. Cncl. DiLucia questioned if no redevelopment plan is in place for that area how would a developer be prevented from dictating to the township what he is going to put there. Mr. Fiore explained a developer could file an application with the appropriate board and if it is a viable application a certain number of homes based upon the square footage of the property would be permitted. Cncl. Miller explained part of the reason this is being done is because the Redevelopment Committee is contemplating a redevelopment designation for a major section of that roadway (*Sicklerville Road*). The goal is to control what development goes there and also to try to remedy the road situation. Cncl. DiLucia questioned in the interim of the old plan and a new one would that leave the township vulnerable and would Council be better off removing the redevelopment plan or having something in place until it is amended. He felt it could be rescinded and a new plan put in place at the same time. Solicitor Fiore felt it may not be a bad thing because in the Zoning Board approval Ira Taylor was permitted to have 119 townhomes on the Mink Lane site but now developers are coming in wanting 20,000 square feet of retail and 482 units. The Ira Taylor portion is not covered by redevelopment because that was thrown out by the court about five years ago. The only portion left is the land fill and nothing can be built there anyway so we are back to square one. Cncl. DiLucia noted Sicklerville Road is a nightmare between the Black Horse Pike and the Atlantic City Expressway in the morning and at night so we can't afford to have a developer put more houses in there without widening that road. Solicitor Fiore explained the Redevelopment Committee has talked about doing a designation along the entire Sicklerville Road corridor and the right-of-way, which is about sixty feet and that is enough to widen the road. Cncl. Miller noted nothing is official yet but the DVRPC is contemplating that road as a priority. The County is trying to get funding to redo that road so if we move forward with some form of designation for redevelopment it would allow us the flexibility to do what needs to be done to improve that entire road. Cncl. DiLucia noted he would not have a problem with revisiting this if the Solicitor felt confident that this would not put the township in a defensive position in the interim. Mr. Fiore indicated he was confident about doing this. Cncl. Heffner polled Council and all members were in favor of moving it forward for First Reading at the June 26th Council Meeting.

- Chapter 267 "Vehicles & Traffic" (Bus Stop Library Street)

Solicitor Fiore explained this is just changing the bus stop location in the code from Library Street to Chestnut Street. Cncl. Heffner polled Council and all were in favor of moving the amendment forward for First Reading at the June 26th Council Meeting.

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• Chapter 37 "Length of Service Awards Program" (LOSAP)

Solicitor Fiore explained the amendment to Chapter 37 changes only the items that were required by law to conform to State Statute. Any changes to the point system would require going out to referendum and it was felt that would not be a good idea as it may not be successfully passed. Cncl. DiLucia noted during the Committee Meeting there was much discussion about this and he thought a consensus had been reached that if the point system was not going to be changed to make it more liberal/equitable for the ambulance people then we would look at developing things to make the accumulation of points more liberal or a stipend would be given to them. He requested both things be addressed at the same time because the Ambulance Association felt if they give up their position on the re-allotment of points then nothing would ever happen with the other things. Solicitor Fiore noted legally Council can do that. Cncl. Heffner noted he was at those meetings too and in his opinion we were just changing what the State mandated should be changed. As far as the stipend issue he told everyone at those meetings his word is his bond and this would be taken care of and no backdoor deals will be made on anything. Cncl. DiLucia explained the reason he brought this up was because Matt Mills made a comment that Council says things will be done and then nothing gets done. He felt Council didn't do that but as a level of comfort for Mr. Mills it should be handled at the same time and he asked if it would be proper to make a motion to incorporate both issues together. Solicitor Fiore replied yes. The motion would be to table the ordinance pending further review of the stipend. Cncl. DiLucia wanted to discuss the stipend and incorporate that into the motion for the proposed ordinance. Mr. Fiore explained LOSAP would be one ordinance and the stipend would be created in another section in the code. Cncl. Miller questioned whether the amendment was time sensitive. Mr. Fiore advised it was not. This came about because a study was done throughout the State and it was found that most of the towns in the study were not in full compliance so it was suggested municipalities review their current ordinance and amend it to reflect the current law. Director of Public Safety Jim Smart noted the stipend will affect the LOSAP ordinance in the sense that it will be taking EMS out of that ordinance as being part of the LOSAP program. Matt Mills noted when the stipend program was originally discussed it was in addition to LOSAP. Mr. Smart disagreed. He noted it was one or the other and he also discussed that with the Business Administrator. Mr. Heydel noted he never said he wanted to do away with LOSAP. Mr. Smart felt that would be double dipping for some people. Cncl. DiLucia noted there are inequities between how points are accumulated for both groups and the Ambulance Association has a much harder time getting 75 points. Everyone at the meeting agreed we didn't want to do a referendum and that we would keep LOSAP as it was. We also agreed to the concept of a stipend because if required forms were completed it would be self-funding. Mr. Heydel explained LOSAP only works for thirteen people in the Ambulance Association. It does not benefit anyone else because most people are not here long enough to meet the eight year requirement and the point system can't be restructured. Mr. Mills explained the point system was actually spelled out in the referendum so in order to make any changes to it, it would need to go back out for referendum. He noted 80% of the thirteen people are lifetime/exempt members like his mother and outside of officers most of today's members are ineligible because they can't reach 75 points so that's why the stipend is in addition to LOSAP. He didn't think taking LOSAP away was even discussed because it should not be taken away from the people already vested in it. Cncl.

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DiLucia noted he considered stipends self-funding because it costs nothing or very little to implement and it goes a long way in retention and recruiting. He went on to say forms are not being completed/entered timely so we are losing money from the insurance company but if a stipend of \$5.00 per EMT was given when forms are completed timely additional revenue would be coming in to offset the cost. He felt LOSAP and giving stipends would have nothing to do with the other. We are just trying to find a way without changing the format for accumulating points to increase both retention and recruiting ability for the Ambulance Association. Mr. Heydel noted thirteen people from the Ambulance Association receive LOSAP and there will never be anymore because the kids coming in at eighteen burn out from working twelve hour shifts per week for nothing and leave before the eight years. He noted if Council wants a time study he has calculations that show members of the Ambulance Association put in a lot more time than the other organizations. Solicitor Fiore questioned the process of completing charts. Matt Mills explained the ambulance crew consists of two EMTs, one driver and one that rides in the back of the ambulance and they alternate duties on each call. One chart per patient is completed by the EMT in the back of the ambulance and that must be signed by the EMT driving. There are various stipulations for completing charts such as the patient must be transported. Mr. Heydel added charts are completed when there is a successful completion of a call. Cncl. Heffner noted if a handful of people meet the LOSAP requirement they can't be given a stipend, as that would open up a can of worms because the Fire Department could also request a stipend. He felt this is like double dipping. Cncl. DiLucia felt there was a consensus during the committee meeting that the leadership of the Fire Department didn't have a problem with this. Their only concern was that nothing change in terms of how points were accumulated and the five year time period. The trade-off was the Fire Department would not stand in the way of a stipend as long as those two things continued because they understood there were some inequities. He noted it bothered him when Matt Mills said he didn't know if he could trust Council because they say things but when it comes time to do something it never happens. Cncl. DiLucia stated as a councilman if he says something tonight that is the way he will vote when the time comes to vote. He didn't think it would be beneficial to discuss calculations and who gets what because that was all on the record. He felt the issue is whether Council wants to give them something since there is a shortfall in the calculation method that can't be changed due to the possibility it may not pass a referendum. Matt Mills noted the current members of the Ambulance Association are nowhere near accumulating LOSAP money except for the officers. The people getting LOSAP are the exempt life members that after serving ten years no longer run ambulance calls but there are other ways for those people to accumulate points. The number of people meeting the point requirements is very small and most of them are those that came over from Cecil when their ambulances were moved to the Ambulance Association. Tom Swartz, member of the fire department, commented Jim Smart was not at the last committee meeting with members of the Ambulance Association, Williamstown Fire Department, Cecil Fire Department and a few members of Council. He explained these are two completely different items. There are ways the Ambulance Association can generate points by doing paperwork and he told them he would show them how because they are getting the points but are not documenting them correctly to get LOSAP. He noted it was never discussed whether they would get both only

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that it would be a way to keep the younger people. Solicitor Fiore added most importantly it was for efficiency in getting the charts submitted to get the reimbursement through third party billing. Solicitor Fiore questioned whether Mr. Swartz felt there will be an uprising by the fire company if the ambulance members received a stipend. Mr. Swartz replied from him no but some members will probably have something to say. He felt LOSAP and the stipend might cause havoc down the road.. **Cncl. Marino** questioned whether the fire department had an avenue to do third party billing. **Cncl. DiLucia** noted that was discussed a few years ago and they didn't want to do that. **Jim Smart** noted if the Fire Department does not complete all required paperwork the entire township cannot apply for grants. Mr. Heydel commented the fire department had 660 reports compared to 2400 from the ambulance. He questioned if there are inequities in time and service why can't there be inequities in what the benefit is, why would that be equal while the other is not. **Cncl. Miller** noted Cecil has a problem with membership so they could request a stipend to entice membership as well. **Jim Smart** noted years ago Cecil didn't complete their reports and the Williamstown Fire Department had to keep on them or we would not have been eligible for the first thermal imagers so all this goes hand in hand. He noted there is a difference between the two organizations but because we complete our reports we have gotten grants for \$55,000.00 and up that have paid for such things as air packs and systems installed to alleviate the fumes inside the building. We cannot apply for those grants if the paperwork is not done so that is the incentive. Mr. Mills noted his end goal in his proposal is that more people will be recruited and retained so there will be more experience and the workload will be shared. He commented that one year he took 506 calls himself on the ambulance and that was when he was not able to drive so he had to write 506 reports that year. Mr. Heydel added and for all those calls he received 25 points. Mr. Mills noted based on the point system for EMS and the fire department if a firefighter takes 88% of the calls he will receive 88 points towards his LOSAP. If an EMT takes the same percentage of calls based on duty shifts they are capped at 25 points for their LOSAP so the fire department is receiving more money based on their point system versus taking calls on duty shifts. Solicitor Fiore questioned if ambulance members would elect to waive the LOSAP and elect to take money per report because most are not going to reach LOSAP. Mr. Mills noted the members that have joined the Ambulance Association within the last three years don't know what LOSAP is. He noted a stipend has shown to improve recruiting and retention, as there are studies that back that up and it does allow people that are otherwise unable to volunteer to volunteer more time because it would compensate them if they were to miss some time at work. Mr. Fiore commented LOSAP is a retirement account that doesn't matter to 20 year olds. **Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine** explained he has tried to stay out of this because of being a fireman but he felt if the ambulance squad members are paid to go on a call as soon as the firemen find out they will want to be paid to go on fire calls. Nothing was said about this at the last fire meeting so the members are unaware this is even being discussed. The fire company is not getting the membership as in the past so they discussed having a membership drive at the Music Festival but **Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine** didn't know if they did that. He cautioned Council to be ready to pay the firemen as well because they cannot collect LOSAP until they turn 55 years old so the kids will want money or they will leave. Mr. Mills noted the fire company chose not to third party bill like the Ambulance Association does to bring in revenue so there is a difference. **Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine** noted firefighters are taxpayers and as a firefighter he has been paying for

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ambulance services since he started paying property taxes but his taxes did not go down when the township started charging for ambulance services. Mr. Heydel commented but they didn't go up because of the \$900,000.00 in revenue that was put into the budget. Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine was not against giving stipends but he was against giving them as an incentive to complete reports as he felt that would be rewarding the incompetence of people who are supposed to be doing the reports in the first place. Next police officers will be paid \$10.00 to complete their reports. He felt if Council wants to give stipends they should be given but not for completing reports. That would be much better than hiring full time employees. Mr. Mills noted the Ambulance Association never brings its entire membership to a council meeting to object to something the fire company is given, as they feel the fire company deserves everything they get but anything the Ambulance Association asks for they are repeatedly told no. Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine noted the Williamstown Ambulance Association, Williamstown Fire Department and Cecil Fire Department were all part of establishing the point system that was placed on the ballot and he questioned when was the Ambulance Association told no. Mr. Mills replied about the rescue truck. Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine noted that is an entirely different issue and we will not go there tonight. Mr. Mills commented this is not a battle between the Ambulance Association and the Fire Department he just came here tonight to explain his proposal. Director Smart stated Mr. Heydel is the one who told Cncl. DiLucia the stipend would be an incentive just as he said it on the record tonight. Mr. Mills explained Mr. Heydel is right but that is not the purpose for a chart to be completed. The purpose of charts being completed is for a call to be billable and calls are only billable when patients are transported to the hospital. If a crew goes out and the patient is a refusal or we do a public service assignment or a lift assist those calls are not factored into the stipend. Only the calls that are billable will be factored in. Mr. Smart pointed out LOSAP means length of service and that money cannot be touched until retirement age or in the event of a hardship. The stipend would be immediate. At this point Cncl. Heffner stopped the discussion noting everyone has their own opinion on this that is not going to change and he polled Council regarding their feelings on this matter. Cncl. Garbowski felt the LOSAP ordinance should be moved forward as is and the rewards program should be addressed further. Cncl. DiLucia noted at the Committee Meeting it was the consensus of everyone not to go out for another referendum because it might not be approved if people realize \$1,700.00 a year is given to firemen and EMTs. Mingled in that discussion was how inequities between the two organizations could be eliminated. Two suggestions were made one was to find a more liberal way to award points and the other was the stipend. He spoke of distinctly remembering Mr. Mills say that it will never get done and he thought when no one responded to that there was a consensus not only from Council but also from the fire company representatives in attendance. He felt it is the right thing to do and if the fire company requests it he is willing to look at that too but there is a distinct difference. This will bring revenue into the town or at least pay for itself. Council went to the fire company a year or two ago to recommend third party billing and it is on the record that they did not want to bill because it would hurt their ability to raise funds for their organization. None of the money they raise goes into the township but Council agreed not to third party bill because we did not want to damage their fund raising ability. These organizations must be looked at differently, however, if the fire company comes in and says they would third party bill he would look at it for them. Cncl. DiLucia noted if he had to vote tonight he would vote to

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give the Ambulance Association the stipend. Cncl. Miller felt the LOSAP ordinance should move forward and then Council could consider the stipend under a separate conversation topic. Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine was in agreement with Cncl. Garbowski and Miller. Cncl. Dilks wanted to move forward with the LOSAP ordinance and then discuss the stipend in the future. He noted he would vote in favor of giving the stipend because he was also at the meeting and everything Cncl. DiLucia said is the way it was when he left that meeting. Cncl. Marino noted he is okay with the LOSAP ordinance but he felt there was an inadequacy with the point structure. He questioned if the point structure was mirrored would there be any issues. Mr. Mills noted not if it worked for the Ambulance Association the way it works for the Fire Department. Cncl. Marino questioned whether this was being used to recruit or bring in additional revenue. Mr. Heydel explained it would do both. Based upon 2400 calls the cost to the township will be \$24,000.00 but it might be less because not all calls are transports. He estimated approximately \$50,000.00 more in revenue will be brought in at a minimum and less than \$25,000.00 will be paid out. This will be managed by the EMS charts. Cncl. Marino questioned whether there will be changes to the current process because there seems to be problems getting the charts done. Mr. Mills explained if members are recruited and retained not only do you lighten the workload but more calls will be answered and more reports completed. Cncl. Marino questioned whether there will be financial caps. Mr. Mills explained there is a built in cap based upon the 20% rule from the Department of Labor. A volunteer cannot be paid more than 20% of what it would cost to have a full time employee do that job. He explained based upon \$14.00 per hour EMT salary at \$5.00 or \$10.00 per call (*duty or all call*) no matter how many calls are taken in a twelve hour period the most a person can make is \$35.00. If the number of EMT members are increased more trucks will get out, more calls will be answered, which means revenue would be increased so instead of Washington Township getting the revenue we will be getting it. Mr. Heydel added with more people the load will be lightened on the existing members, which means they will stay longer and there will be a bigger pool of volunteers. Cncl. Marino was okay with the LOSAP and with visiting the stipend issue later. He felt he would be voting in favor of the Ambulance Association. Frank McLaughlin noted many calls are recalled and refusals and he felt payment should be made for those calls as well instead of having the chart be the incentive for a successful completion of a call. He suggested this be thought out a little more because he was concerned fights might take place if a partner does not complete a chart and didn't think a stipend would be a guarantee charts will be done or people will respond. Cncl. Heffner noted as far as the LOSAP ordinance he felt the changes mandated by the State of New Jersey should be done and then Council could discuss the stipend proposal. Cncl. DiLucia noted he couldn't vote on the ordinance without knowing what is going to happen on the back end because of the discussions that took place at the committee meeting. This was all addressed in one context to avoid going back to a referendum so he was not willing to vote yes on the ordinance and then have the other issue go down. He added if we mean what we say then let's do it tonight because what more information could we get on this issue. Cncl. Heffner noted when he left that meeting he was under the impression this was ironed out but he didn't think we would be double dipping. He thought the LOSAP program was talked about in one breath and the stipend was a separate issue and both were going to be addressed. If a vote is taken tonight he would have no problem with the LOSAP program but would not vote in favor of double dipping; either you get LOSAP or you get a

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stipend, it will be one or the other. Mr. Mills noted he can speak on behalf of the Ambulance Association and they prefer to get the stipend. Cncl. Heffner requested Ambulance Association members attend the meeting when this is discussed again. Cncl. DiLucia wanted to make it clear that he would not vote on one without the other because if the stipend goes down he will look at LOSAP differently due to the inequity and then it can be left up to the residents and if they deny it, so be it. He noted the BA said about \$25,000.00 will be gained in revenue by putting this program into effect and that can be defended so he doesn't know what the issue is. It seems like if we give one group something another will demand something and if that's the case we will discuss and vote on that issue. Cncl. Miller noted whatever issue the fire company brings forth he cannot vote on but he feels that it would be beneficial for everyone to know about this before Council agrees to pay EMS a stipend as that would not be fair to the other organizations representing the township. He noted he does not know enough about this to vote on it and that is why he feels LOSAP should move forward and then the proper way would be for EMS to present a report to Council.

Cncl. DiLucia made a motion to table both issues, LOSAP and paying a stipend to Ambulance Association members, so the two issues could be addressed together. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Marino.

Cncl. Dilks, DiLucia, Garbowski and Marino voted yes and Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine, Miller and Heffner voted no.

Tally: 4 Ayes, 3 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. The motion to table the LOSAP ordinance and the stipend was duly approved.

Mr. Heydel questioned exactly what did Cncl. Miller want to see? Cncl. Miller noted he wanted to see the improvements and hear testimony from other departments that have done it because he doesn't know of any stats or figures on it and has never reviewed the stipend option before. If it will improve membership he does not have a problem with it but he can't vote on an expenditure before he sees it. Cncl. DiLucia noted Mr. Heydel just told us it would yield \$25,000.00 in revenue so what other issue is there to consider. Cncl. Heffner stated a motion was made and passed to table this issue so the discussion on this is finished for this evening.

E.) MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- Chapter 30 "Emergency Services"

Frank McLaughlin, EMS Supervisor requested some language be changed in Chapter 30 "Emergency Services" in order to make the department one division/department. The EMS Board of Directors gave their input on the amendment that basically changes the chain of command within the division. Increasing revenue will be part of the things we want to do for the township. The ordinance includes qualifications for membership but does not give him authority over the volunteer Ambulance Association, they will remain as an association. It does put him in charge of the division since he is co-administrator for the license and has all the

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responsibilities to maintain the license so one entity/division would help to comply with the requirements of the N.J.S.A. 40 law. **Mr. Mills** questioned how this would affect the volunteers. **Mr. McLaughlin** explained it will affect operations of the equipment, supplies and command. The Chief will report to him (*Mr. McLaughlin*) and he will report to the Public Safety Director. **Mr. McLaughlin** noted Chief Accoglio, Anna Mills, Heather Dezii and Rebecca Hadry were at the meeting and they made the changes. **Director of Public Safety, Jim Smart** requested the proposed changes go to the Board of Trustees of the Ambulance Squad to ensure they are all on board before Council moves forward with it. **Mr. McLaughlin** noted it was scheduled for the entire Board of Directors but there was no quorum so he sat with the President and five of the Board of Directors. The ordinance was discussed and parts were subtracted that he had modified to protect the Association. The directors were given information on when it would be presented to Council and when it would go in to affect if approved. Their next meeting is scheduled for the fourth Tuesday. **Cncl. Heffner** noted Council will hold off on making changes to this until the Ambulance Association has the opportunity to review the changes being made. **Director Smart** noted he would like members from the Ambulance Association present to answer questions when Council discusses this again.

- Site Plan Waivers - Developer's Agreements **Removed from Agenda**
- Monroe Township Ambulance & Rescue Association LOSAP/Stipend Proposal - *No further discussion took place on this matter*

- **Tax Abatement Age Restricted Communities**

Cncl. Miller noted many other towns are starting to give tax abatement in age restricted communities as it provides additional revenue to the municipality, there are no school age children living in these communities and it helps offset the cost for seniors. **Solicitor Fiore** noted by Statute it is permitted and the information he provided was to generate pros and cons. **Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine** noted two developers have reached out to the mayor for this. **Cncl. Miller** noted they reached out to him for developments already built and we do not have the ability to do that. This is for future development. **Solicitor Fiore** advised legally we can't do it for existing projects. **Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel** noted basically this would subsidize new people coming in while the people in Holiday City will bear the cost. **Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine** added sooner or later the abatement will expire and the people who can't afford the taxes now will have higher taxes. **Cncl. Heffner** polled Council regarding their feelings on this issue. **Cncl. Garbowski** suggested this matter be sent to the committee for review and all other members of Council agreed.

- **Stormwater Management**

Solicitor Fiore explained this was placed on the agenda so a determination could be made as to who is the Stormwater Coordinator. That person is required to be certified on a yearly basis. **Cncl. Heffner** noted Director of Public Works, Mike Calvello should be here to discuss this so it will be held until the next Ordinance Committee Meeting when he can be in attendance.

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Cncl. Heffner questioned whether Council wanted a committee to iron out the issues for the Ambulance Association. Council agreed it should be discussed by the committee. Cncl. Heffner noted he would contact the Committee Members to schedule a meeting date.

F.) NEW BUSINESS

Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine expressed his concerns regarding cars parking on both sides of Library Street. He stated he did not want to hurt the theater but if there is a fire on that street the fire trucks would not be able to get down it with cars parked on both sides of the street. He felt parking should only be permitted on one side of the street and the residents should begin parking in the Library Street parking lot with the wall around it. Solicitor Fiore didn't think the wall was on the original site plan so there is a possibility they can be made to take it down. The parking lot is not used for cars it is a gathering place for people and a place to throw debris and dismantle cars. Jim Smart noted residents feel unsafe parking there when people are hanging there. Chief McKeown noted he would have Sgt. Burton prepare a report on this.

Chief McKeown noted he received a letter from Kathy Simon, a Trustee of the Holiday City Homeowners Association requesting a traffic study be conducted at the intersection of Brookdale, Herbert Blvd. and Virgin Island Drive. He noted a study was done in January at the request of Council and that says no further action is warranted except some occasional speed enforcement which has been done in the area. Chief McKeown noted the position of the Police Department has not changed since January and he wanted Council to know that he was going to inform Mrs. Simon that the existing speed limit and traffic control is adequate and that they will continue enforcement at peak times. Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine noted someone contacted him about the possibility of a four-way stop because the issue is not speed but people not stopping at Virgin Island Drive and Brookdale Blvd. He questioned whether that would be something feasible or would that be out of the question. Chief McKeown noted the complaints they had in the past were regarding speeding and four-way stop signs were wanted to decrease the accidents. The Traffic Department's position is based upon the MUTCD that prohibits stop signs from being installed as speed control devices. There are already stop signs on Virgin Island Drive and Brookdale Blvd. so the Police Department will need to do more stop sign enforcement in that area. Cncl. DiLucia noted he uses that road all the time to avoid the traffic on Sicklerville Road and the problem is it is very difficult to see oncoming traffic from Brookdale Blvd. due to all the trees and fences. Many times you start across and there is a car coming at you at 50 miles an hour. He felt a four-way stop was a good idea because that would require the cars on Herbert Blvd. to stop. Cncl. Heffner suggested first looking at the site-triangle that was submitted when Holiday City was built and if that site-triangle is blocked by trees and fences people may need to take them down. He felt sometimes a four-way stop causes more accidents because some people don't stop. Chief McKeown didn't think there were any fences but there are trees that have grown up since Holiday City was built. Tom Swartz noted Rosemary Flaherty looked at the site-triangle on Lake Avenue and contacted the owners on each corner. He explained site-triangles were previously small but requirements have changed over the years and now they run approximately 300 feet down a road and 18 feet

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F.) NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

back from the curb. Rosemary is well aware of those requirements. Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine suggested the two stop signs on Brookdale Blvd. and Virgin Island Drive have the red reflective strip like the County signs have if we can't do the four-way stop. Chief McKeown indicated he would take care of this matter.

G.) OLD BUSINESS - None

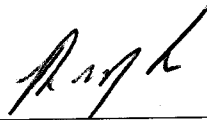
H.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss Cncl. Miller made a motion to adjourn the Ordinance Committee Meeting of June 8, 2017. The motion was seconded by Cncl. Garbowski and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,



Deputy Clerk Sharon Wright, RMC



Presiding Officer

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the recorded proceedings and hand written notes taken during the Ordinance Committee Meeting of June 8, 2017 and serve only as a synopsis of the proceedings. The official recording may be heard in the Office of the Township Clerk upon proper notification pursuant to the Open Public Records Law.

Approved as submitted SW Date 7/5/17
Approved as corrected _____ Date _____