

TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
OFFICIAL ACTION MEETING
March 28, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Moorestown Township Council was called to order by Mayor Gillespie at 7:01 p.m. at Town Hall, Council Chamber, 111 West Second Street, Moorestown. Attendance was as follows:

Nicole Gillespie, Councilmember	Kevin E. Aberant, Township Manager
Sue Mammarella, Councilmember (Absent)	Patricia L. Hunt, Township Clerk (Absent)
Quinton Law, Councilmember	Douglas Heinold, Township Manager
Jake Van Dyken, Councilmember	Vicki Gough, Deputy Township Clerk
David Zipin, Councilmember	

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:01 p.m., Mayor Gillespie read the Open Public Meetings Act statement in full, as printed on the agenda.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

"Notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act"
by:

1. Posting a copy of the agenda on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex.
2. Filing a copy of the agenda in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Complex.
3. Mailing a copy of the agenda to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post.
4. Forwarding written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule.

All of the above posting, filing and mailing have taken place on March 25, 2022.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND FLAG SALUTE: The Official Action meeting began with a moment of silence and flag salute.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Gillespie took roll call; Deputy Mayor Mammarella absent

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation – Retirement of Lee Lieber, Chief of Police

Mayor Gillespie stated that one of the Township's longest and finest is retiring. Council wanted to thank him publically for all that he has done.

Mr. Aberant stated that Moorestown has been very fortunate. Chief Lieber is one of the longest serving law enforcement officers in the State of New Jersey. He was first hired August 18, 1978. Has been with Township for 6 decades. Mr. Aberant went through Chief Lieber's career and the positions he held. Chief Lieber was initially appointed to Acting Chief and on January 1, 2016, he was promoted to Chief. He served many years as a Detective and is well respected throughout Burlington County. He is highly regarded for his work as an Emergency Management Coordinator. It is sad to see him go from a Management prospective.

Mayor Gillespie stated that they had a small token of appreciation for him. She added that it is small, considering all he has done.

Chief Lieber wanted to thank Council and said they have been very supportive over the years. He said it helps when you have a town that supports the department. He added that Management and upper Management have been very supportive as well. Tom Merchel has been a great friend and colleague for 25 years. He said that Mr. Merchel is very frugal but if you explain why you needed something, he would help find a way to get it. Chief Lieber said that he appreciated the support the department has received from residents over the years. Chief Lieber thanked everyone again for their support.

Mayor Gillespie opened the floor for anyone from the Public that wanted to say something to Chief Lieber.

Tom Merchel, Township CFO/Deputy Manager, stated that for all his years here as CFO, Deputy Manager, Manager, it has been great working with Chief Lieber. He said that it is hard sometimes coming from a Rank to a Management position but Chief Lieber got it. He always worked for his people. Chief Lieber always put details behind his numbers when making a request. Chief Lieber is very respected and the Township was fortunate to have him. He has tough shoes to fill and he will be missed.

Mr. Van Dyken stated that he has only been on council for a year and he never heard any complaints. He said at the last Council meeting they gave awards to Officers for their actions. They are a great group and that is because Chief Lieber groomed them well. He told Chief Lieber to enjoy his retirement and he earned it. Congratulations.

Mr. Zipin will echo what Mr. Van Dyken said. He has a friend on the force who speaks highly of Chief Lieber. Mr. Zipin is jealous that Chief Lieber is retiring. He knows that the age limit must creep in his mind. He wished Chief Lieber all the best. He stated that Chief Lieber has big shoes to fill.

Mr. Law has been a resident for 25 years and stated that Chief Lieber has been an officer for double that time. He remembers as a child being able to walk to Main Street and to the Rec Center and feeling safe. One day he skipped doing homework at a friend's house and his parents called the police looking for him and when he got to the Rec Center, an officer called his name out and said his parents were looking for him. He is grateful for the work Chief Lieber has done to make the community safe and the children feel safe. He told Chief Lieber, please do not go too far.

Mayor Gillespie has had opportunity to work with all chiefs over the county and stated we she saw how lucky Moorestown is and how Chief Lieber has made his mark here. She thanked Chief Lieber for all he has done.

Joan Serpico, Moorestown Library Director, spoke of her first Department Head Meeting and first interaction with Chief Lieber. She is grateful and wished him all the best. She said if he is ever looking for a book to read, he can always come to the library for a good book.

Mayor Gillespie thanked the Chief for coming. She added that she hopes to see him around.

DISCUSSION

Reports from Members of Council were given.

Mr. Law gave updates and was excited to announce that Saving the Environment in Moorestown Group will be meeting for the first time in person on April 19th at 7 pm at the Community House. He congratulated the Mayor for being honored by the State Senate for her time and service in the Military. Mr. Law stated that recently the Lenola Public Information Center held an in person information session. It was great to see people there, to see the Lenola Streetscape Plan in person and have questions answered. The Tree Committee is preparing for Arbor Day next month and the Environmental Advisory Committee is working on their resource inventory.

Mr. Zipin stated that Planning Board will hold a meeting on April 6th will have more information on that at the next meeting. The Open Space Committee will meet in April as well.

Mr. Van Dyken stated that Sustainable Moorestown and Recreation Advisory Committee meetings are in two weeks. The Percheron Park Project is coming along nicely. He also mentioned that the Strawbridge Lake Paddleboard Races are on June 11th. It is a great event. They now have a launch dock at the lake that will be used for the event.

Mayor Gillespie stated that the Economic Development Advisory Committee has been working with Delaware Regional Planning Center. They have services and ideas to help market the town. EDAC continues to work on the website page for businesses. Since she has been a liaison to EDAC for two years and has now gained the knowledge about it, so she will be speaking at the Burlington County Chamber Commerce. There are two fundraisers coming up, one for Mend at the Venue at the Lenola and one for Urban Promise at the Community House. She stated that she and Deputy Mayor Mammarella have been working on Upgrades to website with Kelly Flynn. She will keep everyone updated as it progresses. Mayor Gillespie spoke about the year of the Environment and that they will now be working on reducing the use of single use plastic disposable water bottles. Mayor Gillespie also mentioned that the Recreation Department will be doing a parks clean up soon and that in the past they have picked up lots of plastic water bottles.

Upcoming Meeting(s) Hybrid: Mayor Gillespie read the upcoming meetings aloud.

April 11, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. (Official Action)

April 25, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. (Official Action)

Agenda Updates: None.

Adopting Consent Agenda Resolution No. CA 03 28 2022: Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Zipin

SECONDED BY: Mr. Law

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Mammarella

ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA CA 03 28 2022

WHEREAS, Consent Agendas include routine items of business which are not controversial; do not require individual discussion; and are voted upon as one item by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by the request of any Council Member; and

WHEREAS, if so removed, said item(s) will be treated as a separate matter(s); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the Consent Agenda and determined that the matters listed are matters, which require official action; but do not require further deliberation or discussion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that it hereby:

- x a. Approves the Consent Agenda as written on the agenda.
- b. Approves the Consent Agenda as written with the exception of the following:
- c. Requests that all matters on the Consent Agenda be handled separately.

Mayor Gillespie stated that Discussion will continue under XII on the Agenda.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Aberant stated that the Township has acquired the 712 North Lenola Road property.

Mr. Aberant stated that there are possibly two County projects that are being proposed. One is the replacement of Parkers Creek Bridge which is on Centerton Road. The County proposed the replacement will take place in about 18 months to 2 years. It will be a 12 month construction project. It will result in a detour on Centerton Road. The second project the County is looking at is at the intersection of New Albany Road and Tom Brown Road. There is a high crash rate at the intersection. It currently has a four way stop. They are looking at options for it. It will take several years before it happens. The meeting was with Mr. Aberant, Don Lloyd and Ken Shine from Pennoni. Mr. Aberant will let Council know when he has anything additional.

Mr. Aberant stated that a Moorestown Lacrosse Group that wants to build a wall at Wesley Bishop Park approached the Township. Theresa Miller and Mr. Aberant met with them. They have professionals in their group and they have a plan. He feels it looks appropriate. They will cover the cost for it. He believes that it appears to be an appropriate location. He told Council to reach out to him if you have concerns tomorrow.

Mr. Aberant also mentioned that Hydrant flushing will start next week.

Mr. Aberant mentioned that he provided Council with the Township Manager's recommended budget for 2022. The proposed budget keeps the tax rate flat. There is a proposed increase for the library. The proposed budget will keep the same operations and less surplus is being used than last year. Federal ARC money is being used as general revenue. CFO Merchel has spoken to other CFOs in the state and that is the best way to use it. Mr. Aberant's assistant Laura will reach out to set up budget hearing dates.

Mr. Aberant will have the proposed budget online tomorrow.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

The Township Manager read Ordinance 2-2022 by title.

- 1. 2-2022 A BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$140,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$133,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW COMPUTERS AND VARIOUS NETWORK EQUIPMENT WITH ALL RELATED EXPENSES**

Mayor Gillespie opened the public hearing. There were no comments.
Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Van Dyken
SECONDED BY: Mr. Law
ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Mammarella
VOTE: All in favor

Mayor Gillespie asked for discussion by Council. There was none.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Law
SECONDED BY: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Mammarella
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

The Township Manager read Ordinance 3-2022 by title.

- 2. 3-2022 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$900,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$460,750 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO BE USED FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO COX ROAD AND MCELWEE ROAD, TOGETHER WITH ALL RELATED EXPENSES**

Mayor Gillespie opened the public hearing.

Frank Rady, 781 McElwee Road, asked what the purpose for widening the road was. Mr. Aberant explained that the project is being funded by a DOT grant and the spot widening is per State regulations. He also stated that the plans have not been prepared yet. Mr. Rady asked when the plans will be completed. Mr. Aberant stated that in about two months from now. Questions were asked where the widening would occur and Mr. Aberant stated that it has not been determined. A field study must be done.

Trish Rady, 781 McElwee Road, made a plea to keep the road the way it is. Read about the history of the Road. She stated that it has a charm and a history and they do not want cars running up and down the street. They do not want the updates.

Peter Cronk, 919 McElwee Road, stated that he moved to Moorestown 27 years ago and his kids were active in the rec sports programs. He stated that they do not have sewer, that they have septic systems and their own wells. They have bald eagles and turkey flocks as neighbors. They have witnessed what happened on Garwood Road. On McElwee Road, he can walk with his dog everyday. They see the traffic on Garwood Road, cars sometimes cut through to get Hartford and Creek Roads. If we have a DOT Grant it is useful to employ it. There are plenty of wetlands and he would think an expansion of road would affect that too. He likes being in the quiet part of Moorestown. He would like to keep the turkeys and eagles and preserve that part of the town. During Quarantine, people walked on McElwee since parks were closed. He would like to preserve the character.

Mayor Gillespie, asked if the DOT grant was requiring the widening. Mr. Aberant stated yes, that is what he was told by the engineer.

Mr. Aberant said there is no proposal to increase the speed limit.

William Parkhill, 900 McElwee Road, has five kids. He saw what happened to Garwood Road. Council should slow it down. Believes the widening is in the DOT guidelines. The cost estimate from Pennoni just duplicates what was done on Garwood.

Frank Rady, 781 McElwee Road, believes signs won't change the speed limit issue. He believes that when you increase the width, it will increase the speed. He knows people race on Borton Landing Road.

Ken Svolto, 851 McElwee Road, has concerns with changes to McElwee Road. He would like an understanding what the plans are and would like to review them. He is a civil engineer. If the residents could see the drawings and plans, maybe that would give them some relief. He is optimistic that this will go well and is interested in seeing the plans.

Mark Russek, 450 Creek Road, echoes sentiments of his neighbors. He realizes progress is necessary. There is value to having a scenic byway. He would like to see the pot holes, drainage and speed fixed. He would like to see a 25mph speed limit.

Patrick Dufner, 909 McElwee Road, echoes whatever anyone else is saying. McElwee Road is easy to walk down. He really enjoys it. Great to see everyone on his street and sees what happened to Garwood Road and would prefer that it not happen to McElwee Road.

John Simpson, 871 McElwee Road, stated that some of the families that are here tonight have been there since it was a dirt road and we should listen to them. They like it the way it is and would like for them to keep that way. The nature of the road will be changed. They fought for 35 mph speed restriction on the road. He fears that if the road is changed in anyway, it is going to change the nature of the road and it is going to be Borton Landing Road.

Trish Rady, 781 McElwee Road, left an old map of the original road with the Township Manager.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Zipin
SECONDED BY: Mr. Law
ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Mammarella
VOTE: All in favor

Mayor Gillespie asked for discussion by Council.

Mr. Zipin asked how wide the road is. Mr. Aberant said he did not know. Mr. Zipin asked if it is a double yellow and Mr. Aberant said yes. Mr. Aberant stated that Garwood Road was a DOT grant as well. Mr. Aberant explained what was done on Garwood Road. Depending what Council wants to do, Mr. Aberant can have Mr. Shine attend a future Council meeting to discuss and answer questions. This bond ordinance is for both Cox and McElwee. Perhaps Mr. Aberant can check with the Mr. Shine to see how it structured. Discussion continued between Mr. Zipin and Mr. Aberant on the project.

Mayor Gillespie states that this ordinance just authorizes the money for the plans. We have heard the residents' concerns and maybe they need to back up and think about the things we can do to mitigate speed and take the appropriate steps so that the things that were done on Garwood don't happen to McElwee Road.

Mr. Aberant stated that there were enough questions raised and he should get Mr. Shines input before they proceed. Mayor Gillespie would like him at the next meeting.

Mr. Van Dyken asked to see the preliminary plans on the roadway. He thinks that would give the residents a better idea of what is to be expected. Mr. Aberant said he thinks Pennoni has some type of plan. The bond ordinance is for the engineer drawings.

Mayor Gillespie would like to see the spots that need widening and he should come with ideas on how they can mitigate traffic and speeding.

Mr. Law asked how the roads were selected. Mr. Aberant said that the Township Engineer and the Public Works Department do an analysis on the roads on an annual basis and keep a list of roads that need to be repaired. We have to see how the grant can be utilized.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to continue the public hearing on the ordinance April 11th Council Meeting where Mr. Shine will be present and another public hearing will be held.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Van Dyken
SECONDED BY: Mr. Law
ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Mammarella
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

Mayor thanked everyone for coming and their comments.

The Township Manager read Ordinance 4-2022 by title.

**3. 4-2022 AMENDING CHAPTER 52 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN ENTITLED "CANNABIS
REGULATION"**

Mayor Gillespie opened the public hearing.

Mark Hines, 130 Bridgeboro Road, supports this ordinance. It is very reasonable. The presentations have been from high quality businesses. These amendments will help address some changes the State has allowed.

Doug Maute, 141 Pleasant Valley Avenue, spoke against the Ordinance. He did his homework. He looked at the minutes from when it was originally passed. Then he asked for all recommendations from the subcommittee in an OPRA request. The only thing he received were the subcommittees recommendations from June 2021 and at that time Council said 4 licenses was the correct number. He asked for updated recommendations and none was provided. He asked for copies of any applications received. He only received 4 applications. Not clear why Town Council would be increasing from 4 to 6. The number requests received does not warrant it. It seems like something is going on. There might be too many licenses given and then they won't be able to find space. He does not believe they should increase the number from 4 to 6. Doesn't think that it benefits the town.

Mayor Gillespie said that Council did have a discussion at February 28th Council Meeting. The State decided that Council could not make a recommendation for a licensee if they do not have any available. Discussion was held on how to handle it. Mayor Gillespie asked Mr. Aberant how many applications have been received. Mr. Aberant said that 3 additional class 5 applications were received on March 18th, March 23rd and March 25th. He added that 5 additional contacts have spoken to his office or the Community Development Office.

Mark Villanueva, 630 New Albany, shares the same concerns of increasing licenses from 4 to 6. He struggles with why the Township needs 6 recreational weed businesses in town. A customer could walk in one store and buy an ounce and then another etc. and could essentially leave Moorestown with 6 ounces. He doesn't think we want to be known as the town to buy weed in. It could have a potential impact on the kids in our town with 6 dispensaries to sell recreational marijuana in town. Mayor Gillespie stated that we do not issue licenses, the State issue licenses. Council's just saying that we would support them if they are approved by the State to come into town. We made recommendations for 4 licenses and 1 is a cultivating license. This ordinance gives us the chance to make recommendations to 6 licenses. Mr. Villanueva asked why would Council permit a capacity for 6. Mayor Gillespie said that Council cannot support an application if we only have 4. We may have given a recommendation to someone that may have not been given a license from State. They do not think there is a chance that all 6 will get awarded. Mr. Villanueva asked if Council will affirm that they would not allow 6 licenses in town. By default we have done that. A discussion was held on what types of licenses recommendations were given to. Mayor Gillespie said that Council needs to discuss how to handle this going forward. Mr. Villanueva stated that his concerns remain. One justification is for increased revenue in town and to him it is not worth the risk.

Kevin Zepp, 1 Silverwood Road, shares the same concerns as Mr. Villanueva and Mr. Maute. Has questions on the financial aspect. How are you making recommendations, if it is still a very immature industry? There is something missing. How are you making recommendations, how do you know if they are good companies? Is there a financial model? Mayor Gillespie stated that in order to get a letter of support, the business must provide a business plan that comes with financials. That is what Council used to make recommendations. Their business plans. The state has set maximum limits on the amount of taxation a town can impose. The Township will receive the maximum amount of taxation. Most of the towns around us have approved the same type of ordinance and businesses. We cannot keep it out of our town because we cannot forbid cannabis delivery to our town. Mr. Zepp has not heard that all towns have approved cannabis. There are a significant number of towns have not come down this road. He heard 70 to 80 percent. Mayor Gillespie said Delran, Mount Laurel, Willingboro, Evesham, Shamong and Cinnaminson have approved an Ordinance and Medford has opted out. That is part of Councils' reasoning on this. Mayor Gillespie, said that Mount Laurel was hoping that Moorestown would not pass it because they wanted the revenue from Moorestown.

Danielle Miller, 33 Laurence Drive, asked what the difference was between standard and micro licenses. Mr. Aberant explained the differences. Ms. Miller wanted to know how many license for each. Mayor Gillespie explained the licensing. Ms. Miller is against this. If this in effort to raise tax revenue, she believes there are other ways to increase revenue. Ms. Miller asked about the status of microbreweries in town. Mayor Gillespie microbreweries are allowed. Ms. Miller said that she knows people who are interested in opening a microbrewery and most want to be on Main Street but it is hard working with township. Ms. Miller encourages the town to work with them. The breweries are being met with a lot of hurdles. The breweries could increase revenue and bring people to town. Mayor Gillespie said yes and we are willing to work with the businesses.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Zipin
SECONDED BY: Mr. Law
ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Mammarella
VOTE: All in favor

Mayor Gillespie asked for discussion by Council.

Mr. Van Dyken stated that at the Council meeting on February 28th, Deputy Mayor Mammarella took over since the Mayor was not here. We took comments from residents. He has heard that there have been hurdles in finding a location that is affordable for a brewery. There has been only one applicant for liquor store who has not opened yet because of the same reason. This could be one of the things that the Cannabis business owners could encounter as well. With the idea to increase to six, Mr. Van Dyken is looking for the best in breed. We do not want multi-state operators. We want local people who will be at the business and can oversee the rules. This is just the first step in the process and they will need to find a space to rent. Which could be really hard. This Council has voted for Cannabis and we are looking for the best in breed. Mr. Van Dyken does not believe we will have 5 retail licenses in town. He feels Council is doing the right thing.

Mr. Zipin said that some of his comments have already been discussed. It is a unique situation. We have had discussions last August. We had to operate with blinders. We had a limited idea of what we were looking at and we were operating off the referendum. He would like to see all seats filled at Council meetings. The referendum is a much broader spectrum to what the town's interest is. He can speculate what the reasons were with a drive to revenue opportunities once the State authorized use of Cannabis recreationally. We felt if we had an ordinance, we had a little bit of control of what was going on in Moorestown and that is what drove us to move the ordinance forward. We had recommendations from the subcommittee and it was for 6 licenses. We had limited feedback as to what it would look like. Mr. Zipin spoke about the applications received and the approval of licenses from the State. He is not in support of 6 dispensaries in town. The state will have a database set up and you will have to show your license to purchase. We don't know what the regulations are. We can't prevent the fluidity if people are going from town to town. We are trying to find a balance to help the businesses become successful. It is a regulated industry. One reason the State moved forward was to rein in the unregulated sale. At least if it is regulated there are safety precautions in place. There needs to be some regulations. Families and homes prevent those opportunities for children. Mr. Villanueva asked Council to say on record that there would not be 6 dispensaries in town and he would not feel comfortable saying that. He believes a large number of applicants will not be given a license from the State. He would not agree to limit. The Ordinance speaks for itself.

Mr. Law stated that Mr. Zipin did a great job explaining this point. There is a lot of misinformation being spread. We need to be flexible. We were given an amount of time to act on the Ordinance by the State. We made a decision based on where we were. He said while he is on Council, he is going to seek out creative revenue sources for our town. There are other benefits beside the revenue. There are towns around us who will be able to deliver to Moorestown and we can't stop it. Mr. Law welcomes residents' concerns and shares some of their concerns. He did his research on how it can have an affect on teens and young people in communities. He said there are 18 states who legalized Cannabis so we are not reinventing the wheel. In those states where recreational use is legal, teen use and crime have gone down as well. He recognizes the concerns. He doesn't have kids but

he is the oldest of 5 and thinks of his younger siblings and will continue to do research and will continue to be flexible. After reviewing the amendments to the ordinance he maintains his support of it.

Mayor Gillespie stated that in regards to the municipal tax, there is nothing else that can be sold in town we can get. 2% on retail gross sales in addition to property taxes. We are not giving out licenses, the State gives them out and we do not know who will get them. We can revisit this. She doesn't think that there will be 6 licenses in town.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Law
SECONDED BY: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Mammarella
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING: None.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: The Township Manager read the consent agenda resolutions by title.

1. **112-2022** APPOINTING BROWN & BROWN BENEFITS ADVISORS, LLC AS CONSULTANT/INSURANCE BROKER OF RECORD FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN'S HEALTH BENEFITS INSURANCE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT
2. **113-2022** AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL AND REFUND 1ST (PARTIAL) QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES AND CANCEL 2ND, 3RD, AND 4TH QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES (416 PARK BOULEVARD-TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN)
3. **114-2022** AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF WATER & SEWER CHARGES
4. **115-2022** AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND TAXES
5. **116-2022** AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO ALLOW RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS WITH DELINQUENT WATER AND/OR SEWER CHARGES TO ENTER INTO AN INSTALLMENT PLAN IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW
6. **117-2022** AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC AUCTION FOR THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT
7. **118-2022** APPROVING A COMMUNITY EVENT AND SPECIAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR SEVEN FOOD TRUCK EVENTS ON THE GROUNDS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING(S), 111 WEST SECOND STREET SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF MOORESTOWN

8. **119-2022** A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET
9. **120-2022** AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR SERVICES RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A HOUSING PLAN FOR MOORESTOWN TOWNSHIP, BURLINGTON COUNTY (HEINOLD, SURENIAN, CLARKE CANTON HINTZ, CGP&H)
10. **121-2022** APPOINTING M. JAMES MALEY, JR. ESQUIRE OF THE LAW FIRM, MALEY GIVENS AS REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL AND AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF BLOCK 1400 LOTS 13, 14 AND 15 AND BLOCK 900 LOTS 3, 7, 8 AND 9, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE PULVERIZING SERVICES PROPERTY
11. **122-2022** AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CNS ACQUISITION CORP D/B/A CNS CLEANING COMPANY FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR PARK BATHROOMS IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$23,400

Mayor Gillespie opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments.

Mayor Gillespie asked for discussion by Council.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Van Dyken
SECONDED BY: Mr. Law
ABSENT: Deputy Mammarella
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

MINUTES: None.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES: Mayor Gillespie asked for comment or a motion to approve the bill list.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Zipin
SECONDED BY: Mr. Van Dyken
ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Mammarella
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

CONTINUED DISCUSSION:

Cannabis Licensing Procedures

Mr. Aberant stated that staff is looking for guidance on how you want to handle the Cannabis applications for letter of support. After much discussion, Council stated that they will

consider doing resolutions of support for microbusinesses but will not award any resolutions for non-microbusinesses at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Items listed on and/or off the Agenda):

Danielle Miller, 233 Laurence Drive, stated that she read that money received from marijuana was not allowed to be put in FDIC banks. Mr. Heinold said the he is not sure tax obligations are the same. The state will handle the regulations.

Doug Maute 141 Pleasant Valley Avenue, made comments on Ordinance 4-2022. He is very frustrated with transparency in Town Hall. He feels that the additional cannabis license applications that were received starting March 18th were responsive to his OPRA request. Mr. Maute stated that on the February 28th Township Council Meeting Agenda, there was nothing stated that there would be a discussion on Cannabis licenses. He feels this lacks transparency. He believes that the town should be more transparent to the public. Mr. Maute continued to discuss his displeasure.

Mayor Gillespie asked Mr. Aberant to explain the OPRA response. Mr. Aberant stated that his request was file on March 15th and the Clerk processes the request for the documents up to the date it was received. Mr. Aberant suggested that Mr. Maute complete a new request to ask for the additional applications that were received after March 15th. Mr. Maute asked if he could just continue his previous request. Mr. Heinold said no that a new request must be submitted.

Kevin Zepp, 1 Silverwood Road, stated that he checked the Asbury Park Press regarding the number of towns who have opted in with a Cannabis Ordinance and it says that 29% have opted in. Mr. Zepp asked Mr. Law to him send reports from Colorado. Mr. Law asked Mr. Zepp to shoot him an email.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL:

Mr. Zipin thanked everyone who attended and wished everyone a good evening.

Mr. Van Dyken applauded Doug Maute and Mr. Villanueva for their questions on cannabis. He appreciates the residents' concerns and welcomes people who want to be heard.

Mr. Law thanked you everyone who joined tonight, the public comment and his goal has been to raise attendance. He does not think he is smarter than anyone and is open to having a conversation with anyone. He thanked everyone.

Mayor Gillespie thanked everyone for coming out and the residents from McElwee Road and everyone is always welcome to comment.

CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY) (RESOLUTION NO. CS 03 28 2022): None.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:28 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Zipin
SECONDED BY: Mr. Law
ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Mammarella
VOTE: All in favor

VICKI M. GOUGH, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk