

Office of the Board of Commissioners
Borough of Monmouth Beach
January 26, 2016

The following statement was read by Mayor Howard:

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the open public meetings law. Notice of this meeting was transmitted to The Link News and the Asbury Park Press on February 10, 2015. In addition, a copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk on that date, where it has remained continuously posted as required under Statute.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present – Mayor Howard, Commissioner Cunniff, Commissioner McBride
Absent – None

Commissioner Cunniff moved, seconded by Commissioner McBride that the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings held on December 9 and December 22, 2015, be dispensed with and that they stand as recorded.

Upon the call of the roll the foregoing motion was carried by the following vote: Aye -3-
Nay -0-, Absent -0-.

Commissioner Cunniff moved, seconded by Commissioner McBride that bills totaling \$299,147.70 be approved for payment.

Upon the call of the roll the foregoing motion was carried by the following vote: Aye -3-
Nay -0-, Absent -0-.

Commissioner Cunniff moved, seconded by Commissioner McBride that the following Consent Agenda items be passed and adopted:

**RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING FEES, PENALTIES AND INTEREST FOR 2016**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendations of the Borough Tax Collector:

1. Taxes shall be collected quarterly on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1, 2016.
2. There shall be a ten (10) day grace period on the quarterly taxes, after which unpaid taxes will be charged interest back to the due date.
3. Interest shall be charged and calculated at the rate of eight (8) % per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency, and eighteen (18) % per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from the date the tax as payable until the date the actual payment is received.
4. There shall be a six (6) % penalty for a delinquency over \$10,000.00 if not paid prior to the end of the calendar year. Delinquency is defined to mean the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a given parcel of property covering any number of quarters.
5. Redemption fee for Tax Sale Certificates as follows:
Two (2) % on certificates \$200.00 to \$4,999.99.
Four (4) % on certificates \$5,000.00 to \$9,999.99.
Six (6) % on certificates over \$10,000.00.
6. A service charge of \$20.00 will be charged for each returned check, used to make any payment to the Borough of Monmouth Beach, for insufficient funds.
7. A fee of \$5.00 will be charged for the first duplicate copy of the tax bill requested by a mortgage servicing organization and a fee of \$25.00 will be charged to each subsequent duplicate copy of the same bill in the same tax year.
8. All tax sale certificate redemption amounts shall be obtained from the Tax Collector. In addition, a \$25.00 fee will be charged for each additional request after the second, for a redemption calculation.
9. A fee of \$100.00 will be charged for the issuance of a Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate.

RESOLUTION

Designation of Municipal Depositories

WHEREAS, R.E. 17:9-9 and N.J. 40:5-A5-14 provide for the designation of depositories for Municipal Funds by Resolution of the Governing Body;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Monmouth Beach Commissioners that the following banks be designated for deposit of Borough Funds:

Amboy Bank
The Bank of America
Central Jersey Bank, A Division of Kearny Federal Savings
Dean Witter Trust Company, State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
Investors Bank
Ocean First Savings Bank
PNC Bank
Santander Bank
Sun Bank
TD Bank
Valley National Bank
Wells Fargo Bank

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 3d of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 requires that certain notice of meetings be submitted to two (2) newspapers, one of which shall be the official newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the second newspaper designated by this body must be one which has the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the jurisdictional boundaries of this body of such meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Asbury Park Press, Neptune, New Jersey, is hereby designated to receive all notices of meetings as required under the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. It is the opinion of this body that The Link, Long Branch, New Jersey has the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the jurisdictional area of this body of such meetings.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 13 of the "Open Public Meetings Act," Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, requires that there be prepared, mailed, posted and distributed in accordance with the provisions thereof a schedule of the regular meetings to be held by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, in the calendar year 2016; and

WHEREAS, said schedule must state the location, time and date of each such meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach that the location, time and dates of the regular meetings of said Board of Commissioners be as follows:

1. As a result of the damage to the Borough Hall as a result of Hurricane Sandy, all of said regular meetings shall be held at the Monmouth Beach Cultural Center, 128 Ocean Avenue, Monmouth Beach, New Jersey, until further notice. Each such meeting shall commence at 6:00 p.m., prevailing time.

2. The dates of said regular meetings are as follows:

January	26, 2016	July	26, 2016
February	23, 2016	August	23, 2016
March	22, 2016	September	27, 2016
April	26, 2016	October	25, 2016
May	24, 2016	November	22, 2016
June	28, 2016	December	27, 2016
		January	24, 2017

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Borough of Monmouth Beach is hereby directed to forthwith:

1. Post a true copy of this Resolution in a prominent place reserved for that purpose in the Borough Hall.
2. Transmit true copies thereof to The Asbury Park Press, Neptune, New Jersey and The Link News, Long Branch, New Jersey.
3. Maintain a true copy thereof in the Municipal Clerk's office.
4. Transmit true copies of said Resolution to such persons as may request the same

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach must appoint a Community Development Representative and Alternate for calendar year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Representative and Alternate Representative shall serve as the liaison between the Borough and the office of Community Development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Judith Wilson, Borough Administrator, be appointed as the Community Development Representative for the Borough of Monmouth Beach for calendar year 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Susan Howard be appointed as Alternate Community Development Representative for the Borough of Monmouth Beach for calendar year 2016.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of a Borough Attorney for the Borough of Monmouth Beach for the year 2016; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, R.S. 40A:11-1 et.seq., requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bidding must be published no more than ten (10) days following the adoption thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach as follows:

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized on behalf of the Borough, to retain Dennis A. Collins, Esq., an Attorney-At-Law of the State of New Jersey, to perform the service of Borough Attorney for the year 2016 and do hereby appoint Dennis A. Collins to that office.

2. Said attorney is retained and appointed to the office of Borough Attorney without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service rendered or performed is to be done by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose profession and practice is required by law and bids are not required as per R.S. 40A:5-11.

3. The Contract has been awarded in compliance with State Law under a "Fair and Open" process as having been duly advertised as a request for proposal. This award shall be contingent upon the execution of a Business Entity Disclosure Certification as well as all other submissions as required by law.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of a Registered Municipal Accountant to prepare the annual audit for the year 2015 as required by R.S. 40A:5-4; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be provided for in the 2016 municipal budget; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, R.S. 40A:11-1 et. seq., requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bidding must be published no more than ten (10) days following the adoption thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach as follows:

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Robert S. Oliwa for that office.

2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service rendered or performed is to be done by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law and bids are not required per R.S. 40:5-11.

3. The Contract has been awarded in compliance with State Law under a "Fair and Open" process as having been duly advertised as a request for proposal. This award shall be contingent upon the execution of a Business Entity Disclosure Certification as well as all other submissions as required by law.

4. A copy of this Resolution shall be published within ten (10) days of its passage as required by law.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of a Bond Attorney for the Borough of Monmouth Beach for the year 2016; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, R.S. 40A:11-1 et.seq., requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bidding must be published no more than ten (10) days following the adoption thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach as follows:

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized on behalf of the Borough, to retain John M. Cantalupo, of Archer & Greiner P.C., 830 Broad Street, Suite B, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702, an Attorney-At-Law of the State of New Jersey, to perform the service of Bond Attorney for the year 2016 and do hereby appoint John M. Cantalupo to that office.

2. Said attorney is retained and appointed to the office of Bond Attorney without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service rendered or performed is to be done by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose profession and practice is required by law and bids are not required as per R.S. 40A:5-11.

3. The Contract has been awarded in compliance with State Law under a "Fair and Open" process as having been duly advertised as a request for proposal. This award shall be contingent upon the execution of a Business Entity Disclosure Certification as well as all other submissions as required by law.

4. A copy of this Resolution shall be published as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage. The Resolution and contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of a Borough Engineer for the Borough of Monmouth Beach for the year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, R.S. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bidding must be published no more than ten (10) days following the adoption thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach as follows:

1. The Mayor and the Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Bonnie Heard, of T&M Associates, professional engineers of the State of New Jersey, to perform the services of Borough Engineer for the year 2016 and do hereby appoint Bonnie Heard to that office.

2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service rendered or performed is to be done by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law and bids are not required as per R.S 40A:5-11.

3. The Contract has been awarded in compliance with State Law under a "Fair and Open" process as having been duly advertised as a request for proposal. This award shall be contingent upon the execution of a Business Entity Disclosure Certification as well as all other submissions as required by law.

4. A copy of this Resolution shall be published within ten (10) days of its passage as required by law. The Resolution and contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of a Borough Planner for the Borough of Monmouth Beach for the year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, R.S. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bidding must be published no more than ten (10) days following the adoption thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach as follows:

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Stanley Slachetka, PP, AICP, which is a licensed Planner and a Member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, to perform the services of Borough Planner for the year 2016 and do hereby appoint Stanley Slachetka to that office.

2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the service rendered or performed is to be done by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law and bids are not required as per R.S 40A:5-11.

3. The Contract has been awarded in compliance with State Law under a "Fair and Open" process as having been duly advertised as a request for proposal. This award shall be contingent upon the execution of a Business Entity Disclosure Certification as well as all other submissions as required by law.

4. A copy of this Resolution shall be published within ten (10) days of its passage as required by law. The Resolution and contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Operating Dates and Hours of the Monmouth Beach Bathing Pavilion for the 2016 Summer Season shall be as follows:

May 28 – 30	10:00 am – 5:30 pm
June 4 – 5	10:00 am – 5:30 pm
June 11 – 12	10:00 am – 5:30 pm
June 23 – Sept. 5	10:00 am – 7:00 pm (Monday thru Thursday) 10:00 am – 8:00 pm (Friday thru Sunday)
Sept. 10 – 11	10:00 am – 7:00 pm

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners reserve the right to modify this Resolution based upon circumstances which would require the closure of the bathing pavilion including weather conditions or a failure to meet staffing requirements.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNT OF MONMOUTH MOSQUITO CONTROL DIVISION TO CONDUCT AERIAL MOSQUITO CONTROL OPERATIONS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF MONMOUTH BEACH

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:9-27 et seq. has elected through its Mosquito Control Division to perform all acts necessary for the elimination of mosquito breeding areas and/or to exterminate mosquitoes within the county; and

WHEREAS, the County has instituted an Integrated Pest Management Program consisting of surveillance, water management, biological control, and chemical control to exterminate the mosquito population within the county of Monmouth; and

WHEREAS, prior to conducting aerial dispensing operations over a designated “congested area,” the County is required, pursuant to Federal Aviation Administration Regulation (FAR Part 137.51), to secure prior written approval from the governing body of the political subdivision over which the aircraft is to be operated; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Monmouth Beach is designated as a “congested area” by the Federal Aviation Administration and the County has requested that this governing body consent to its proposed aerial dispensing operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Governing Body hereby authorizes the County of Monmouth Mosquito Control Division or its agent to apply pesticides by aircraft for mosquito control in certain areas of the municipality designated by the County as being either larval mosquito habitat or areas harboring high populations of mosquitoes constituting either a nuisance, a health hazard, or both with the understanding that:
 - a. The County shall utilize pesticides, application equipment and aircraft that are approved for aerial applications by the applicable federal (USEPA) and State (NJDEP) agencies, and
 - b. Such operations will be performed in compliance with applicable Federal and State regulations, and
 - c. The County will notify the police department of each municipality over which aerial pesticide operations are planned prior to commencement of such operations.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, proposals were solicited by T&M Associates on behalf of the Borough of Monmouth Beach “To Provide Educational Outreach To Local Schools And Citizens In Association With The Borough’s National Fish And Wildlife Foundation Coastal Resiliency Grant Program;” and

WHEREAS, said Proposals were to be delivered to Bonnie Heard, Borough Engineer, T & M Associates, 11 Tindall Rd., Middletown, NJ 07748, no later than 4pm on Thursday, October 13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, two proposals were received as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Task 1 Bid</u>	<u>Task 2 Bid</u>	<u>Task 3 Bid</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium	\$3,185.00	\$2,335.00	\$1,200.00	\$6,720.00
American Littoral Society	\$13,275.00	\$14,650.00	\$12,075.00	\$40,000.00

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed said bids and has deemed the bid of the apparent low bidder to be in proper legal form; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have reviewed the recommendation of award as set forth in a letter from Bonnie Heard dated December 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available as is evidenced by the Certification of Funds attached hereto and made a part hereof,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the proposal "To Provide Educational Outreach To Local Schools And Citizens In Association With The Borough's National Fish And Wildlife Foundation Coastal Resiliency Grant Program" submitted by New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium in the total bid amount of \$6,720.00 be and is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award shall be contingent upon the execution of a Business Entity Disclosure Certification as well as all other submissions as required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the contract for same.

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING A VARIANCE TO LOT 24 BLOCK 2
(12 RIVERVIEW ROAD) FROM THE
STRICT APPLICATION OF FLOODPLAIN CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS
IN THE BOROUGH OF MONMOUTH BEACH
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Monmouth Beach participates in the National Flood Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Monmouth Beach has adopted and enforces a local floodplain ordinance which incorporates the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) floodplain standards and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the residence located on Lot 24 Block 2 and more commonly known as 12 Riverview Road seeks the following relief:

- 1. Relief from the requirement that ABFE standards be applied where the proposed structure is partially in the V-Zone and Partially in an A Zone (Elev 9 feet) where the best available flood data places the property in the AE Zone, Elevation 8 feet; and**

WHEREAS, the property owner has represented that he will comply with the standards applicable to AE Zones including the 3 foot separation requirement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recognizes that the use of V-Zone construction standards in an AE zone under the best available flood data is not a mandatory requirement under federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, although the Borough has adopted the maximum standards recommended by FEMA, the requested variance from the Borough standards should be permitted as the owner does not seek to deviate from a minimum standard promulgated by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recognizes that the grounds upon which variances can and should be granted are met because the federal government has modified the ABFE maps and allows construction to be based upon the best available flood data; and

WHEREAS, the Borough accepts the owner's representation that strict enforcement will result in undue hardship:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach that a variance be granted to Lot 24 Block 2 and more commonly known as 12 Riverview Road, from the strict application of Floodplain Construction Standards in particular as follows:

1. The owner shall not be required to construct in accordance with V-Zone standards for the proposal that will raise the structure as more fully outlined in the owner's submission; and
2. AE Zone construction techniques shall be utilized but shall maintain a 3 foot separation based upon Elevation 10; and
3. No variance from any other applicable standard shall be considered granted unless specifically noted herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Owner is hereby put on notice that this relief may result in increased expenses or diminution in property value which may include but not be limited to increased flood insurance premiums. The owner, by proceeding to construct in accordance with this variance approval, acknowledges that the Borough of Monmouth Beach has granted this approval based on the owner's voluntary request and any adverse conditions created by such deviation from ordinance standards are the sole and exclusive responsibility of the owner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true and accurate copy of this resolution be placed on file with the construction office of the Borough of Monmouth Beach

RESOLUTION

Authorizing Formal Transfer of Funds-2015 Budget

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 states: "Should it become necessary, during the last 2 months of the fiscal year, to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in any appropriations over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the governing body may, by resolution setting forth the facts, adopted by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient," and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has recommended that the following transfers, being in compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, be made.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach, County of Monmouth, (not less than 2/3 of the full membership concurring affirmatively) that the 2015 budget transfers be made a permanent part of this resolution, are hereby made and approved.

TRANSFERS TO (INSIDE "CAPS"):

Shade Tree Commission		
Other Expenses	\$	2,015.00 To cover additional expenses
Computerized Data Processing		
Other Expenses	\$	3,415.00 To cover additional expenses
Fire Department		
Other Expenses	\$	252.00 To cover additional expenses
Building & Grounds		
Other Expenses	\$	141.00 To cover additional expenses
Utilities		
Electric	\$	1,186.00 To cover additional expenses
Water		
Other Expenses	\$	5,700.00
Telephones		
Other Expenses		<u>558.00</u> To cover additional expenses
	\$	<u>13,267.00</u>

TRANSFERS FROM (INSIDE “CAPS”)

Admin Staff		
Other Expenses	\$	2,567.00
Fuel Oil		
Other Expenses	\$	5,000.00
Gasoline		
Other Expenses	\$	5,000.00
Landfill		
Other Expenses	\$	700.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS FROM	<u>\$</u>	<u>13,267.00</u>

**RESOLUTION
AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES REALTED TO THE
RENOVATIONS AND EXPANSION OF THE MONMOUTH BEACH
LIBRARY BUILDING**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach that the proposal submitted by Kelleny Johnson Wagner Architects in the amount of \$13,000.00 for the Library Fit-Out for Phase 3, as set forth in their proposal letter dated January 8, 2016, be and is hereby accepted, subject to the Chief Financial Officer certifying that funds are available; and

BE IT RESOLVED that Construction Administration Services will be provided and billed on an hourly basis as needed as set forth in said proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kelleny Johnson Wagner Architects be and are hereby authorized to proceed with the Project; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the contract for same.

Upon the call of the roll the foregoing motion was carried by the following vote: Aye -3-
Nay -0-, Absent -0-.

End of Consent Agenda

Mayor Howard thanked the Public Works Department for the very fine job they did in clearing the roads during and after the blizzard that hit over the weekend. She said the men had worked under very difficult conditions. She said she received a few calls from concerned residents but that most spoke favorably about the town’s response to the storm. Mayor Howard also thanked the Police Department and the OEM staff.

Administrator’s Report:

Ms. Wilson said that she seconded everything the Mayor said regarding the Borough’s response to the blizzard. She also reported that the budget process was underway for 2016.

Attorney’s Report:

Mr. Collins had no report other than to thank the Commissioners for their re-appointment.

Commissioner McBride stated that the Public Works Department does an outstanding job and it is a pleasure to have that team. He said that he has traveled all over Monmouth County and that our Public Works Department is second to none.

Commissioner McBride moved, seconded by Commissioner Cunniff that the meeting be opened to the public.

Upon the call of the roll the foregoing motion was carried by the following vote: Aye -3- Nay -0-, Absent -0-.

Kevin Keeshen, First Aid Squad Captain, addressed the Commissioners and provided a hand out to them. Mr. Keeshen gave a brief overview of the First Aid Squad's annual report for 2015 as well as the Squad's plan for the future.

Mr. Keeshen reported that the First Aid Squad's building would be put back the way it was prior to Sandy since the plan to add a second story and join it to the Firehouse turned out to be way too costly for both organizations. He said the bid to restore the building had been awarded to Shorelands Construction and they were awaiting the building permits.

Mr. Keeshen also noted that the Squad would be moving into the electronic age by purchasing toughbooks.

Mr. Keeshen said the Squad was lucky to have some members who were local and able to answer calls.

Commissioner McBride asked Mr. Keeshen how many members were on the First Aid Squad.

Mr. Keeshen replied that there were approximately 26-27 members and of that number there were 10-15 who answered most of the calls. He said that since the Borough was 3-4 minutes from a hospital their main concern was to transport as quickly as possible.

Tom Walsh, Chief of Police, said that even having one First Aid volunteer show up at a call was a great help to the police officers on site and he thanked Mr. Keeshen for the cooperation of the First Aid Squad.

Sue MacDonald, Squad President, and Mr. Keeshen, both agreed that our police department was the greatest and that they were always willing to help out on a call. Ms. MacDonald said that was not the case with all police departments.

Teja Anderson, Monmouth Parkway, passed out Share the Ride signs to the Commissioners. She said it was to promote the County's program of establishing bike lanes in communities.

Mayor Howard said that the Borough had looked into creating bike lanes but there was not enough room on the streets since you were required to have the bike lanes on both sides of the road.

There being no further comments or questions from the public,

Commissioner Cunniff moved, seconded by Commissioner McBride that the meeting be closed.

Upon the call of the roll the foregoing motion was carried by the following vote: Aye -3- Nay -0-, Absent -0-.

Commissioner McBride announced that the water company would be undertaking a major project on Griffin Street between Tocci and Riverdale Avenues. He said the entire water main would be removed and replaced. Commissioner McBride said the water company would coordinate with the police department to develop a traffic pattern for the area once the project was underway. Mr. McBride said the work was scheduled to begin in about a week and a half and should take about three weeks to complete.

Commissioner McBride said that there would be a 3'-4' trench on the South side of Griffin Street. He said that the water company had agreed to repair the trench with infrared technology and also to re-pave that side of the road.

Dennis Collins noted that it was Commissioner McBride who got them to agree to pave half of the road, even though the Borough's ordinance does not require them to do it.

Mr. Collins suggested that the Borough consider upgrading its present street opening ordinance. He said a new ordinance would not apply to this project but would apply to the next large project.

Chief Walsh asked Commissioner McBride if the water company had taken the tides into consideration since Griffin Street can experiences flooding when the tide is high.

Commissioner McBride said they had talked about dewatering pits but he said he would talk to them further about this issue.

There being no further business,

Commissioner Cunniff moved, seconded by Commissioner McBride that the meeting be closed.

Upon the call of the roll the foregoing motion was carried by the following vote: Aye -3- Nay -0-, Absent -0-.

Commissioner Cunniff moved, seconded by Commissioner McBride that the meeting be adjourned.

Upon the call of the roll the foregoing motion was carried by the following vote: Aye -3- Nay -0-, Absent -0-.

Mayor Howard

Commissioner Cunniff

Commissioner McBride

ATTEST:

Joyce L. Escalante, RMC
Municipal Clerk
January 26, 2015