

**TOWNSHIP OF MULLICA
EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION
NO. 1-2022**

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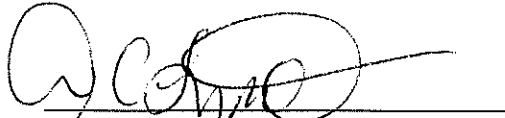
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Adopted: February 22, 2022


BRUCE CROWE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


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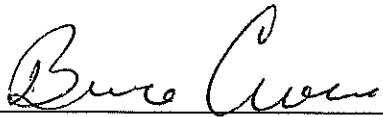
**TOWNSHIP OF MULLICA
EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION
NO. 2-2022**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULLICA THAT THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING PURSUANT TO RS 10:4-12 SHALL BE CLOSED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS WHICH ARE APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT.

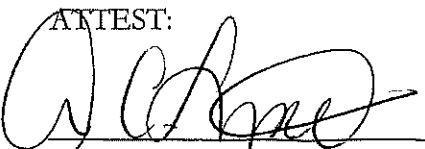
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TOWNSHIP OF MULLICA

**RESOLUTION
NO. ES 3 of 2022**

AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Subject: ADVICE OF COUNSEL PENDING GRC COMPLAINT ARISING OUT OF
MARCH 2022 OPRA RESPONSE**

WHEREAS, while the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) requires all meetings of the Township Committee to be held in public, and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine (9) types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in "Executive Session," i.e. without the public being permitted to attend, and

WHEREAS, the Mullica Township Committee has determined that there is one (1) topic which requires the advice and counsel and is a matter permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) as an exception to open public meeting requirements; and is necessary to be discussed without the public in attendance during an Executive Session to be held on July 26, 2022, during a public meeting to be held commencing at 7:00 P.M, and

WHEREAS there are nine (9) exceptions to public meetings set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b). Listed below, is the exception relied upon; and after the exception is a space within which the number of issues to be privately discussed that fall within that exception shall be written and within which additional information that will disclose as much information about the discussion as possible without undermining the purpose of the exception shall be written.

"(7) Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer."

The nature of the matters to be discussed, described as fully as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality:

Advice of Counsel and attorney client communication regarding a complaint filed with the Government Records Council.

WHEREAS the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be approximately 20-30 minutes after which the public meeting of the Township Committee shall reconvene;

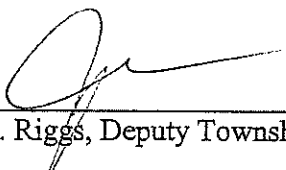
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee will go into Executive Session for **only** the above stated reason;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the blank spaces within this form of resolution are to be filled out in conformity with a Consent Judgment and Memorandum of Understanding dated

June 8, 2009, that arose that the Township Committee hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) will be made public at a time when the public's interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure. For each of the above items, the estimated date by which such disclosure can be made and/or the occurrence that needs to take place before disclosure can be made are listed below (attach separate sheet if necessary)

Subject of Discussion	Estimated Date	Necessary Occurrence
See Exception 7	Unknown at this time	Action by Township Committee and / or Government Records Council

I, Justin A. Riggs, Deputy Township Clerk of Mullica Township, New Jersey, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy, duly adopted by the Mullica Township Committee at a Regular meeting held on the 26th day of July 2022.


Justin A. Riggs, Deputy Township Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Crowe called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led in the flag salute. Mayor Crowe read the following statement:

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975 ANNUAL NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN BY NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE ATLANTIC CITY PRESS, ON JANUARY 8, 2022 AND THE HAMMONTON GAZETTE, ON JANUARY 12, 2022 POSTED ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE AND POSTED AT TOWN HALL.

Roll Call:

Committee Present: Larry Riffle, Christopher Silva and Mayor Crowe
Committee Absent: Kristi Hanselmann, DeAnna DeMarco
Deputy Clerk: Ann Lupinetti
CFO: Dawn Stollenwerk
Solicitor: James Franklin, Esq.
Labor Attorney: John Hegarty, Esq.

Approval of Committee Minutes: Mayor Crowe entertained a motion to approve minutes of December 10, 2021, so moved Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Mayor Crowe entertained a motion to approve minutes of December 28, 2021, so moved Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Mayor Crowe stated to hold off on the approval of the minutes of January 4, 2022 until March as Mr. Riffle would need to abstain.

Mr. Franklin mentioned we received a request by the New Jersey League of Municipalities regarding an Energy Tax which is the monies municipalities previously received from franchise taxes which previously had been taken away (he believed) by the Whitman administration so the State could use for their own purposes. Mr. Franklin stated now there is pending legislation requesting this money be restored to the municipalities. The NJLM is asking for the Township's support and requested the Committee to consider adding Resolution #76-2022 to the Agenda which urges the passage of S-330 which restores energy tax receipts to municipalities for use and to lessen the tax burden on the municipal taxpayers. Mr. Silva moved to make motion to add Resolution #76-2022, seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items:

Mayor Crowe Opened the meeting to items related to the Agenda.

Roseann Lugg, Darmstadt Avenue, stated she had a question regarding Resolution 72-2022 Amending the Resolution for the T.A.C.O./Zoning Official and the Resolution regarding the Planning Board Secretary positions. Ms. Lugg asked those position were advertised. Mayor Crowe stated they will be advertised tomorrow. Ms. Lugg pointed out it was on the Agenda for tonight's meeting. Mayor Crowe noted they will be pulling the Resolutions from the meeting and stated it is going to be advertised tomorrow and we will hold interviews. Ms. Lugg questioned the wording of the Resolution regarding the T.A.C.O./Zoning where it is removing the Zoning from the T.A.C.O. position and asked if the salary was going to change. Mayor Crowe stated they are going to restructure the office because it is not working out and the governing body would like to bring back the position to a Zoning Officer/Code Official as one position again. Mayor Crowe stated this will be advertised and anyone is welcome to apply. Ms. Lugg asked if we currently had a Code Official, Mayor Crowe stated yes, until tonight because they will be voting on eliminating the position. Once again Mayor Crowe said this will be advertised. Mr. Franklin stated regarding Ms. Lugg's

question on the Planning Board Secretary that the Planning Board has appointed this position and the Resolution is just memorializing the position. Ms. Lugg concurred; however, questioned it being a paid position and inquired if the position was advertised. Mr. Franklin responded the Planning Board handles their line items. Mayor Crowe stated it was advertised. Ms. Lugg stated she was asking because back when the Court Administrator needed help assistance it was required to be advertised and she was not allowed to assist due to not being advertised. Mayor Crowe stated, going back to the combined position of Zoning/Code Official was a better financially and makes more sense. Ms. Lugg and Mayor Crowe agreed that things must be done correctly. Mayor Crowe stated there has been disagreements between Mayor and Ex-Mayor and there was loss communication. Mayor Crowe stated everything was going to be back in order and the Zoning Officer will come back in and put in a resume too.

Gilberto Matos thanked Mayor Crowe for his work he has done. Mayor Crowe stated they have been through a lot over the years.

Mayor Crowe closed the meeting to the public.

First Reading Ordinance # 1-2022 / Salary Ordinance: Mayor Crowe entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Riffle, seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

An Ordinance Providing for and Establishing Salary Ranges of Officers and Employees of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey for the year 2022.

Mayor Crowe entertained a motion to approve and set a hearing date for March 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.; so moved by Mr. Silva with the exception of the Chief salary, seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

First Reading Ordinance # 2-2022 / Cap Waiver Ordinance: Mayor Crowe entertained a motion to read by title; so moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Calendar Year 2022 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14).

Mayor Crowe entertained a motion to approve and set a hearing date for March 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.; so moved by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Mr. Riffle questioned the agenda item of discussion of March 8th. Mr. Franklin explained were some things needed prior to the March 22nd meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Department of Public Works: None.

Department of Administration: Mr. Silva stated he did not; however, stated in light of the unfortunate fire recently happening in the municipality which was reported in the newspaper wherein citizens and pets had died, he encouraged everyone to be evangelist and make sure their fire detectors are working and also the importance of supporting our fire departments. Stated it is hard to talk of situations after the fact; however, encouraged people to become volunteer fire personnel to help in situations such as these. Mayor Crowe stated they deserve respect for risking their lives in the fires and stated it is difficult to get people to volunteer. Mayor Crowe noted Nesco Fire Company is down to approximately three to four members. Mr. Silva stated part of the problem is the commitment they have to give now due to the extensive training required. Mayor Crowe noted during these situations things come up we are not prepared he stated our Public Works has some equipment, but not all the necessary equipment needed in certain situations. In this

unfortunate instance resident Cody Capella was called to bring his excavating equipment to assist in removing the flooring. Mayor Crowe stated we need to designate a person or company to be directed to call if ever such events were to take place in the future. Mr. Silva stated the volunteer fire companies receive money from the municipality; however, they have to raise money on their own to purchase equipment. He noted, if we were to be like Ventor, Margate or Longport who have paid fire departments it would cost millions of dollars a year to have a paid fire department whereas, in Mullica these kind of volunteers volunteer their own time; therefore, he encouraged everyone to be kind and to them because they are saving this township a huge amount of money. Mr. Silva mentioned March 26, 2022 the Free Rabies Clinic will be held at the Municipal Garage from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. for both cats and dogs.

Department of Public Safety: Mayor Crowe reported the Police Department responded to 20,907 calls for the year 2021. This included 155 motor vehicle accidents, 71 burglar and thefts, 75 driving while intoxicated, 4,013 motor vehicle summonses issued and 274 criminal arrests. He noted Mullica Township Records Unit is open Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. police records are available 3-5 business days after incident. Contact records department by calling 605-561-7600 ext. 122. Mr. Silva noted 75 DUI for a department this size is quite remarkable. Cautioning everyone driving to be aware because that is an awful large number of people driving under the influence in an area this size and for everyone to be very careful while on the roadways. As a retired Police Captain Mr. Silva stated he would have thought 30 a year would be the average for our area. Mayor Crowe stated the Police Department has been doing a great job and the Police Department is back to where it belongs with positions, education and grants.

Old Business:

Mr. Franklin questioned the pulling of Resolution 60-2022 and Resolution 72-2022 and adding 76-2022. Mayor Crowe stated yes. Mr. Franklin suggested unless Committee needed to discuss any of the remaining Resolutions that the Deputy Clerk, Lupinetti could read them as a group to be moved and seconded as a group to be approved. Mr. Silva questioned Resolution #9-2022 / NIMS Coordinator if it was a paid position and if not could he vote on it. Mayor Crowe stated it was not a paid position. Mr. Franklin concurred he could vote.

Mayor Crowe entertained a motion to vote on the remaining Resolutions as a group so moved Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Deputy Clerk Lupinetti read the following: Resolution # 9-2022 / Appointment of NIMS Coordinator / Chief Brian Zeck.

Mayor Crowe noted there is an Agreement with Atlanticare to have them located in Mullica Township for a quicker response time and they will be housed in the former CFO Office. He stated this should not cost the taxpayers anything and said that this was a great idea from Dawn Stollenwerk. Mayor Crowe said this is great for the township because they were having to come from Galloway and Hammonton to respond. Mayor Crowe entertained a motion to approve the agreement with Atlanticare so moved Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

New Business:

Mayor Crowe entertained a motion to accept resignation for Patrolman Hardik Patel so moved Mr. Riffle, seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Resolution # 49-2022 / Thank You Patrolman Patel

Resolution # 50-2022 / Confirm Appoint Planning Board Secretary – Christy Clauss / Set Annual Salary

Resolution # 51-2022 / Appointing Rent Control Members

Resolution # 52-2022 / Appoint Public Agency Compliance Officer – Dawn Stollenwerk

Resolution # 53-2022 / Approve Tax Overpayments – Apply Payments to 2022 Taxes
Resolution # 54-2022 / Renew 2022 Junkyard License – John R. Caruso, LLC
Resolution # 55-2022 / Renew 2022 Junkyard License – SJ Truck, Auto Salvage, LLC
Resolution # 56-2022 / Renew 2022 Junkyard License – Vasilakis Junkyard
Resolution # 57-2022 / Refund Tax Overpayments – Corelogic
Resolution # 58-2022 / Authorizing Sale of Tax Sale Certificate by Assignment – Pamela Costa
Resolution # 59-2022 / Authorizing Sale of Tax Sale Certificate by Assignment – Ashley & Christopher House
Resolution # 61-2022 / Approve Erroneous Assessment of Taxes – Block 3034, Lot 19
Resolution # 62-2022 / Cancel Taxes – Donated Property / Block 10817, Lot 14
Resolution # 63-2022 / Confirm Property Sale – Block 11102, Lots 2 & 3 – Jiapello
Resolution # 64-2022 / Approve Sale of Municipal Property / Block 2401, Lot 7
Resolution # 65-2022 / Appoint SRO Christopher Clements
Resolution #66-2022 / Approve Fire Department Membership / Nesco Vol. Fire Co. - Eric Christopher Tharp
Resolution # 67-2022 / Authorize CPWM to provide Salt to Egg Harbor City
Resolution # 68-2022 / Approve Dedication by Rider Fire Code Penalty Moneys
Resolution # 69-2022 / 2022 Trailer/Mobile Home Park Renewal – Mullica Mobile
Resolution # 70-2022 / 2022 Trailer/Mobile Home Park Renewal –East Gate Mobile, LLC
Resolution # 71-2022 / 2022 Trailer/Mobile Home Park Renewal – Mullica Woods
Resolution # 73-2022 / Extending Terms of Agreement with County for Installation of Flashing Signal Installation and Maintenance
Resolution # 74-2022 / Approve Mosquito Control Agreement
Resolution # 75-2022 / Authorize CFO to execute agreement with D2 Cybersecurity
Resolution # 76-2022 / Energy Tax Relief Restoration

Mayor Crowe entertained a motion to approve Resolutions so moved Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Mayor entertained to approve a March 8th Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. so moved Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Payment of Bills: Mayor entertained to approve the bill list so moved Mr. Silva with the exception of Galloway Township, seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Public Discussion: Mayor opened to the public.

Anthony DeBronzo, Moss Mill Road, spoke in regards to recently having his car impounded. He was incarcerated for six months and his vehicle was towed to Gary's Used Car. When he went to retrieve his vehicle and have it released, Mr. DeBronzo stated Gary's Used Cars was trying to overcharge him. He stated the Ordinance says a maximum of \$400.00 regardless of time for storage. Mayor Crowe stated the Ordinance is between the Township and the Towers wherein if the Township utilized the tower they would only be responsible for \$400.00. Mayor Crowe noted that the towers can charge what they want and he would have to pay that towing fee.

An audience member with Mr. DeBronzo stated there is State statute as well. Mayor Crowe noted Mullica is one of the lowest in the area for towing. Mr. Hegarty stated we will take it under advisement and get back to Mr. DeBronzo. The audience member stated they are threatening to sell the vehicle and also that he is not being allowed on the property to get his possessions. Mayor Crowe questioned who had the title to the vehicle and Mr. DeBronzo replied he did. Mayor Crowe stated they cannot sell vehicle. Audience member noted they keep changing price and were told by Gary's to get a lawyer.

Mr. Silva advised Mr. DeBronzo to leave his contact information with Deputy Clerk and they will get back to him.

Ms. Roseanne Lugg questioned if the Governing Body were tabling the two Resolutions. Mayor Crowe stated yes they were being removed for tonight and be back on at a later date. Ms. Lugg stated there is technical terms used in order to bring items back and wanted clarity. She questioned consent agendas. Ms. Lugg noted the entire packet was moved through like that, Mayor Crowe stated yes. Roseanne Lugg asked about the payment of bills and when there are not enough Governing Body members present and one abstains, how are they being paid (particularly Galloway Township). Mr. Franklin questioned Ms. Stollenwerk if she had the authority to make payments when they would be missing deadlines. Ms. Stollenwerk stated yes. Ms. Lugg also questioned how the process worked with motions and seconding, mainly due to the low number of Governing Body Members being present at meetings. Mayor Crowe stated they needed at least three members present in order to carry on with a vote. Mr. Silva stated this brings up a good point and requested the solicitor to look into having one or two physical members present and one via remotely instead. He noted there have been some missed meetings with COVID and other issues wherein there have been times where he could not physically be present, but could call in remotely to make quorum. Mr. Franklin stated the Governing Body would have to change their rules since they currently require three members to be physically present. He stated he would look into this to see if it was discretionary and could be modified by Ordinance and if so if the Committee wanted to do so, he would report back to the Governing Body at the next meeting. Ms. Lugg stated with all due respect there are citizens that would like to come out to meetings; however, are unable and they should be given the same right to attend the meetings virtually by Zoom. She stated they should be participating in government and they are being shut out. Ms. Lugg said if the Governing Body is allowed to appear by phone then all tax payers should be permitted as well. She mentioned that Mr. Silva had also stated last year he liked having the involvement of the community. Ms. Lugg also mentioned there are Senior Citizens that just cannot get to the meetings not only for health purposes, but also do not like to drive at night.

Executive Session:
Resolution ES #1-2022 was out for public review.

Mayor Crowe stated Mr. Richard Fetske wanted to have his Executive Session heard in public and called him to speak. Mr. Fetske stated he was interviewed for the position of Code Enforcement in December 2021. His first day in that capacity was January 18th which was to be a part-time position working 28 hours a week. Mr. Fetske stated on his first day he opened up two investigations and answered a question from a citizen regarding how many dogs were allowed on a property. He noted he reviewed the Code Book and noted there was nothing in the code regarding the amount of dogs permitted, with that he spoke with Committeewoman Hanselmann regarding this and she requested him to research the statute to see if it could be reworded. He also mentioned on the same day he received a call from someone interested in purchasing the Rubber Plant building down the street who was interested into making this a kennel. Mr. Fetske stated this also is not covered in the Code Book which Ms. Hanselmann suggested adding this to the ordinance in review for dogs. Ms. Hanselmann also assisted him with the 13 district and explained how the Code Book worked. He noted when he was interviewed for the position he asked for training as he formerly served 32 years with the NJ State Police and was a Lieutenant he stated with this background he was familiar with criminal and motor vehicle statutes, but was not as familiar with code. Mr. Fetske stated he was assured he would receive the necessary training to succeed. Upon entering the Code Enforcement Office which was a mess. Stated there was paperwork from the previous four Code Enforcement Officers which was in piles and not filed away correctly. Mr. Fetske noted during the week (working every other day) he went through the documents and got the office in order and situated. He mentioned there were maps from 1995 as well as outdated information which with the assistance of the CFO he placed them in the basement for storage. He reported the office is clean and secured and ready to process necessary paperwork which comes through. On January 22nd Mr. Fetske received credentials from the MTPD, with that he went out and investigated complaints he had received. Mr. Fetske stated he waited for the credentials for the ability to identify himself as the Code Enforcement Officer of Mullica Township. On January 28th, Mr. Fetske's fourth day Committeeman Crowe requested him to accompany him to four properties. Mr. Fetske declined riding together as he did not want the appearance of a conflict; therefore, he drove his own vehicle. He stated all four properties visited had histories of ordinance violations with the Township, County, DEP and Pinelands prior to Mr. Fetske's employment. Mr. Fetske stated the first location they were approached by a gentleman who wanted to approach the Township to becoming a Tow Operator. Mr. Fetske stated this gentleman had been approached by a man named Gary who told the gentleman he could not do that because it was taken care of. Mr. Fetske told him in the presence of the Mayor, that Gary was not in charge of the Township and the Committee was. He advised the gentleman to come into the Municipal Building and he would give him the Ordinances involved with obtaining a Tow License which the gentleman did come in to get the information. Mr. Fetske stated in fact that three of the owners followed up. Mr. Fetske stated he advised the gentleman he may have to go to Pinelands Commission, Planning Board and file for a variance, but he definitely could approach the township and apply for anything within the Ordinances. Mr. Fetske said on February 2nd Mayor Crowe requested he send letters to the four properties regarding dual purpose usage. Mr. Fetske questioned Mayor Crowe where to find this information and he referred him to the Code Book. Mr. Fetske stated a short while later Mayor Crowe inquired if he had sent the letters wherein he had stated he could not locate anything in the Code about dual user ship, which Mayor Crowe stated he had something at home he would bring in. On February 4th Mr. Fetske stated he received his first training on the Enforcer Program to issue violations. He noted he started work on January 18th and not until February 9th did he get full access to the computer system to write violations, letters and access to shared data. Mr. Fetske stated, to-date he has had 14 code investigations from various entities, i.e., phone calls, Police Department, etc. He stated he spoke with Kim Johnson in regards to the parameters of his position wherein she was helpful in steering him and he also noted he has only met the supervisor in person once due to medical purposes. Mr. Fetske said Ms. Hanselmann stated he could report to her in Ms. DeMarco's absence. Mr. Fetske stated on that day Ms. Hanselmann they reviewed how the Code Book worked and 13 district and the parameters compare them with Ordinances to see how they apply, he stated she was very helpful. Mr. Fetske spoke again about the request for the Kennel request he had received and noted he reached out the Atlantic County Board of Health with regards to this matter. Mr. Fetske continued that he had 14 files with pending/open and some pending. He stated he met with the Mullica Township Police Department regarding two complaints and has gone out with John Holroyd for CO training which he was

asked to assist the Zoning Official with. Mr. Fetske state he signed for his first temporary CO today. He stated the three Mobile Home Parks on the Agenda were investigated and approved by him. Mr. Fetske said on February 14th he met with Mayor Crowe regarding the letters he wanted him to send out, he stated there was a misunderstanding as to what he exactly wanted especially pertaining to the properties Mayor Crowe wanted dual usage. He stated Mayor Crowe wanted verification in writing that they had visited the properties. Once clarified, Mr. Fetske sent those letters out that day. Mr. Fetske stated Sgt. Lupinetti trained him how to download the photos from the township issued phone which he had taken at the property locations to the computer so that he could put them into the case jackets. Mr. Fetske noted he has observed violations throughout the Township and turned them over to the Zoning Department. Mr. Fetske stated on February 16th Mayor Crowe met with him in his office and said "it's not working" and furthered that he stated they have separated the Code Officer and Zoning Officer positions and tried it out and they are going to bring the last guy back meaning Lou DeStefano. Mayor Crowe stated Mr. Fetske could finish out the week. Mr. Fetske was shocked and said he did not see this coming. He felt he was doing a good job and learning as he progressed and was awaiting training which he never received. Mr. Fetske said at that point he had worked five days in January and eight days in February a total of 13 days (28 hours a week). After receiving this immediate termination Mr. Fetske e-mailed Mr. Riffle (since Ms. DeMarco is currently unavailable) and Ms. Hanselmann and inquired what was not working with no response. He stated at no time did anyone approach him about his job performance during his short time here. He noted he had taken on additional duties requested by Zoning and Construction office. Mr. Fetske has granted two COs and initiated 14 code investigations he then provided copies of Zoning/Code training information from Rutgers to the Governing Body which he has not received a response regarding it. Again, after being terminated he stated that he had not received a response from his e-mail and noted he received a RICE Notice on Friday to come to the meeting. Mr. Fetske was advised Executive Session in private and not recorded or public; therefore, he chose to be heard in public. Mr. Fetske presented the Governing Body with the four letters which was requested from the Mayor regarding the properties they visited. He also presented a listing which he invented pertaining to complaints (because there was no other way from previous Code Officials) from 2021 – 2022 which included the 14 investigations he initiated, he noted one is closed and the others are still pending. He noted everything he has handled since day one has been documented in a ledger. Mr. Fetske said he feels he has done a good job and was chagrin to learn at the beginning of the meeting when it was discussed that his position was done before he even had the time to present his case. Mr. Fetske stated finally that in the Mullica Township Policy and Procedures Manual on page 129 it is indicated that an employee has three months during employment where they would be trained and evaluations performed and if the evaluations were good (as anyone would expect) that he would be maintained and if the evaluation was poor or he was not doing the would be let go. Mr. Fetske stated he felt this would be a waste of time, but wanted to follow through and asked if the Governing Body members had any questions. Mayor Crowe stated he did not fire him and that he stated they wanted to go in a different direction and he was interested in the new position he was welcomed to do so. Mr. Fetske replied with an exact quote from Mayor Crowe, this is not working out we are going with Lou we are going to bring him back, thanks a lot and finish out the week. Mayor Crowe said or someone like him, but that they were terminating that job and creating a new one. Mr. Fetske advised Mayor Crowe that it means he was fired. Mayor Crowe stated they are done with the current position. Mr. Fetske stated they have not even voted on the matter and the other two members may not vote that way. Mayor Crowe said they would be voting, but advised Mr. Fetske he could put an application in if it goes that way. Mr. Fetske said he felt there would be no way he would be taken back or that he would even want to be back. Mayor Crowe stated they have the right to do this. Mr. Fetske stated there are still open cases which he would be willing to meet with whomever gets the position and advise them of what he has done and assist this person towards being successful so he is not just walking and being blindsided. Mayor Crowe stated maybe people with Zoning experience would know this part. Mr. Fetske thank the governing body for their time. Mayor Crowe was advised by Mr. Hegarty to discuss. Mayor Crowe stated they had already been discussing going back to the Zoning/Code Official position and was the way to go. He noted it was this way before. Mr. Fetske requested point of order wherein Mayor Crowe allowed him to speak. Mr. Fetske questioned when they had this open meeting discussing going back to how the position was he wanted to know if it was in Executive Session or at an

open meeting. Mayor Crowe responded that they discuss things all the time, but never at the same time. Mr. Fetske questioned Mr. Hegarty if he sits down does that end his ability to speak. Mr. Hegarty replied that the Committee was going to discuss whether they want to go forward with restructuring or how they would like to handle it and that is why he received the Rice Notice because they were discussing his position. Mr. Fetske reiterated at the beginning of the meeting it was discussed that it was terminated. Mr. Hegarty said if that is how you understood it that is inaccurate, they have to follow procedure. Mr. Hegarty then questioned Mr. Fetske because he was unclear with what Mr. Fetske had said and asked if he was not interested in the position or if he was resigning from the position depending on how they voted. Mr. Fetske stated he is not resigning and that he has never been fired in his life and it is all a new experience to him; however, after seeing how things operate it will be a dead end. He was coming to fight for his position because he felt he was doing an acceptable job, but after listening to how things go during the meeting, he did not feel he would get a fair shake and they would not want him as he does not live in the Township he is from North Jersey and he goes by the rules which he did for 32 years in the State Police. He said you cannot make rules up as you go that you must go by the Code Book. Mr. Fetske asked Mr. Hegarty if that questioned his query Mr. Hegarty responded partially and said he would not want the job if it was offered to him. Mr. Fetske responded he would, but felt the anxiety he envisioned would be there, but yes he would take the job in a second and that is why he was here tonight to fight for the position he was hired to do. Mr. Hegarty thanked Mr. Fetske and advised committee they needed to discuss. Mr. Silva stated he did not want to get involved in the building department as all other Committee members have always handled it. However, he felt that out of all the past Committee members who have been in charge of the Building Department, Mayor Crowe has been the most hands-on and knowledgeable of them all. He commended Mayor Crowe for his furor and passion is beyond compare and noted even when it was not Mayor Crowe's department and there was an issue he would figure out what needed to be done. With that being said, Mr. Silva stated he had to support Mayor Crowe with his decision to restructure the department. He continued to Mr. Fetske that he would like to commend him on the esemblance of order he brought to the department as Mr. Fetske had described it was in shambles when he entered the position and he would welcome Mr. Fetske to reapply and he would be completely behind him because as a former police officer he knows there are certain skills necessary in this position which Mr. Fetske has shown. Mr. Silva said if it is the opinion to still restructure the position back to Zoning/Code Enforcement office, he suggested exploring looking into neighboring police departments which he has been advocating for previously and it would not increase the cost to the taxpayers. He stated he did not know how well it would work, but thought it is something that should be investigated. Mr. Silva also brought up shared services and said it would be prudent on their part if they explored looking into them with other towns or provide other towns to do anything which will allow lower costs and provide better services is what we are obligated to do. Mayor Crowe asked Mr. Riffle for his opinion and he agreed with everything Mr. Silva stated. Mr. Riffle questioned Mayor Crowe if he felt this was the right direction to take with this position and Mayor Crowe responded yes. Mr. Riffle stated he then agrees with Mayor Crowe's recommendation. Mr. Riffle stated Mayor Crowe has done more in the few months that he has been Mayor than has been experienced in a while. He commended Mayor Crowe for all knowledge and zeal. Mayor Crowe thanked Mr. Riffle and stated they will go ahead with the restructure of the department and an advertisement was placed in the newspaper. He questioned Mr. Franklin in regards to knowing people in the County Mr. Franklin replied if they were going to advertise what he said they should do is to explore shared services as Mr. Silva had mentioned. He noted there is a County Shared Service guru that is supposed to be coordinating and searching out to see what is available; therefore, he recommended reaching out to this person. Mayor Crowe stated this will be the direction they will go with. Mr. Fetske thanked the members and stated he really enjoyed the job he had a passion for helping people out. He mentioned the MTRA program which Ms. Lupinetti sent him to provide the application and investigate the emergency purpose and he felt good helping the resident. Also, he stated a resident had come to him because a neighbor had a mountain of garbage next to her home on the property line wherein he substantiated the problem and was in the process of writing up the violations. Mr. Fetske respectfully requested working until the end of the week to send the violations out. Mr. Franklin stated there was no replacement yet. Mayor Crowe said no, they were going to combine the position. Mr. Franklin stated this will not be in place tomorrow; therefore, suggested letting Mr. Fetske stay on until the

end of the week. Mayor Crowe questioned until Friday, Mr. Fetske responded whatever you need. Mayor Crowe said until Friday then and advised Mr. Fetske is welcome to put an application in for the new position. Mr. Fetske said if they changed their mind and want him to stay until the position is filled, he would gladly do so. Mr. Silva caveat to finish out the week to the end of the end of the pay period finish what he has and can; however, not to start anything new and strongly encouraged him to apply. Mayor Crowe concurred. Mr. Fetske stated there are 14 investigations still open, but would like to help the people out that came before him. Governing Body agreed until the end of the week. An audience member wanted to ask a question. Mr. Silva said no it was Executive Session. Mr. Franklin stated it is not Executive Session. Mayor Crowe stated the public comment had passed. Mr. Silva made a motion to place the ad in the newspaper for the position and also that Mayor Crowe is instructed to look for shared services where applicable and pursue everything that would be in the best interest of this town including the consolidation of the Zoning/Code Official department. Mayor Crowe entertained a motion; so moved Mr. Riffle, seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Adjourn: Mayor Crowe entertained a motion to adjourn; so moved Mr. Riffle seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann C. Lupinetti
Deputy Township Clerk

BILL LIST

ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	105.82	JULY/DECEMBER SVCS.
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES, LCC	656.55	JUNE/DECEMBER SVCS
DEER CARCASS REMOVAL SERVICES	90.00	NOVEMBER CARCASS REMOVAL
GARDEN STATE HIGHWAY PRODUCTS	239.75	DECEMBER SIGNS DECEMBER U-CHANNEL POSTS
G & P FLOOR MAINTENANCE	425.00	JUNE/DECEMBER SVCS.
THE HAMMONTON GAZETTE	42.16	DECEMBER PUBLICATIONS
VERIZON	30.52	JULY/DECEMBER SVCS.
VERIZON WIRELESS	585.15	DECEMBER SVCS.
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	424.32	OCTOBER/JANUARY LEASE INSTALLMENT
QUANTUM, INC.	176.40	NOVEMBER SVCS.
RESERVE ACCOUNT	1,000.00	DECEMBER POSTAGE
SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY	667.35	AUGUST/DECEMBER SVCS.
STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL	336.61	DECEMBER OFFICE SUPPLIES/FILE BOXES
CERTIFIED SPEEDOMETER SERVICE	770.00	DECEMBER RADAR CALIBRATION
GUARDIAN TRACKING, LLC	989.00	DECEMBER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 2022
MAJESTIC OIL COMPANY, INC.	3,091.68	JULY/DECEMBER PURCHASES

TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	215.00	DECEMBER WATER USE ASSESSMENT
TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	1,221.00	DECEMBER 4 TH QUARTER DCA FEES
POWERS, SCOTT	175.00	DECEMBER WORKBOOK REIMBURSEMENT
PETTY CASH	50.04	DECEMBER REIMBURSE PETTY CASH

CURRENT FUND	1-01	11,291.35
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:		11,291.35

BILL LIST

ATLANTIC COAST ALARM, INC.	37 5.00	JANUARY FIRE ALARM TEST
ATL COUNTY MAYOR'S ASSOCIATION	35 0.00	JANUARY DUES
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	3,44 3.31	JULY/DECEMBER SVCS
BUTTERHOF'S FARM & HOME SUPPLY	9.69	DECEMBER HOSE SPRAYER
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES, LCC	2 03.95	JANUARY QUARTER BLANKET
DIMEGIO SEPTIC, INC.	77.00	SEPTEMBER/DECEMBER SVCS.
DOCUMENT CONCEPTS, INC.	271.58	SEPTEMBER DAILY NOTICES
EDMUNDS GOVTECH	7,6 14.84	EDMUNDS 2022 MAINTENANCE
GARDEN STATE HIGHWAY PRODUCTS	1 60.00	DECEMBER SIGNS
GFOA OF NJ	90.00	JANUARY 2022 DUES
CRYSTAL SPRINGS	87.56	MAY/DECEMBER SVCS.
LOWE'S	1 19.79	JANUARY DWP SUPPLIES
LAUREL LAWNMOVER SERVICE, INC.	7,0 23.20	DECEMBER SNOWPLOW & INSTALL
NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOC.	1 75.00	JANUARY MEMBERSHIP DUES
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	46.00	DECEMBER PD5 FORMS
TOWNSHIP OF GALLOWAY	112,71 9.00	JAUNARY 1 ST QUARTER DISPATCH
MAGUIRE & MAGUIRE, P.C.	3 83.50	DECEMBER RETAINER
MOBILE DREDGING & VIDEO PIPE	3,4 97.50	NOVEMBER STORM DRAIN CLEANING
THE HAMMONTON GAZETTE	84.32	JANUARY PUBLICATIONS

VERIZON	30.52	JULY/DECEMBER SVCS.
VERIZON WIRELESS	418.15	JANUARY SVCS.
NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	629.00	2022 MEMEBERSHIPS
ACMJIF	22,5 49.00	1 ST QUARTER INSTALLMENT
RELX INC.	2,6 76.00	RENEWAL 2022
NJ REGISTRAR'S ASSOCIATION	50.00	2022 DUES
PENN POWER SYSTEMS	515.00	GENERATOR MAINT. CONTRACT
UNITEDHEALTHCARE INSURANCE CO	918.40	JANUARY PREMIUM
STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL	1,4 18.99	OCTOBER POLICE DESK
TATICAL PUBLIC SAFETY LLC	1,7 40.13	OCTOBER POLICE CAR REPAIRS
THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY	172.13	JANUARY POLICE CAR REPAIRS
VAL-U AUTO PARTS	784.73	OCT/DECEMBER PUBLICATIONS
VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	420.00	JAN/FEB SVCS.
W.B. MASON CO., INC.	462.99	DEC. OFFICE SUPPLIES
CERTIFIED SPEEDOMETER SERVICE	300.00	JANUARY RADAR CALIBRATION
LAWROW ELECTRIC & PLUMBING SUP	110. 94	NOVEMBER DPW SUPPLIES
A-ACADEMY ANIMAL CONTROL	500. 00	JANUARY ANIMAL CONTROL SVCS.
AMAZON	3,174. 32	NOVEMBER/DECEMBER PURCHASES
ATLANTIC COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE	23 8.00	RECORD ST. VACATION- WASHINGTON DEC./2021 RECORD LAND SALE DEED DRUMMOND DEC./2021 RECORD COLUMBIA ROAD ST. VAC JAN/2022
ATLANTIC COUNT UTILITIES AUTH.	37,426.7 5	MAY/DECEMBER RECYCLING DECEMBER SVCS.
ATLANTIC COUNTY TREASURER	16,378.80	2021 ADDED/OMITTED
COMCAST	17.0 2	AUG/DECEMBER SVCS.
COMCAST BUSINESS	390.7 6	JANUARY SVCS
DEMAIO'S INCORPORATED	1,150.00	WATER TESTING MUNICIPAL BLDG.

DEMARCO'S LANDSCAPE	600.00	WINTERIZE IRRIGATION
GENTILINI FORD	1,638.72	DECEMBER PURCHASES
GOODYEAR AUTO SERVICE CENTER	540.08	DECEMBER TIRE PD
HICKS COMMUNICIATIONS	1,800.00	DECEMBER 2022 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
HY-WAY MOTORS, INC.	2,791.93	DECEMBER SVCS.-DPW DECEMBER SVCS.-PD
INSTITUTE FOR FORENSIC PSYCHOL	250.00	OCTOBER PSYCHOLOGICAL EVAL DUDO
MAJESTIC OIL COMPANY, INC.	1,538.34	JULY/DECEMBER PURCHASES 1 ST QUARTER PURCHASES
MUNICIPAL CAPITAL FINANCE	88.08	JANUARY LEASE INSTALLMENT
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES FUND	220.00	JANUARY TUNING FORK MAINTENANCE
TREASURER, STATE OF NJ/ML	75.00	4 TH QUARTER 2021 STATE FEES
NJ STATE HEALTH BENEFITS FUND	69,605.79	JANUARY PERMIUMS
TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	547.00	2022 BFCE REGISTRATION
R.W. BROWN LANDSCAPING CO. LLC	10,500.00	OCTOBER/DECEMBER SVCS. RENOVATION
TITHERINGTON, JERRY	390.00	SNOW PLOWING 1/3 & 1/7/22
GREATER EGG HARBOR REGIONAL	462,178.90	JANUARY LEVY INSTALLMENT
MULLICA TWP. BOARD OF EDUCATION	407,305.08	JANUARY LEVY INSTALLMENT
WATCHGUARD VIDEO	42,174.00	BODY WORN CAMERA EQUIPMENT
YOUNGBLOOD	4,705.00	MAY/DECEMBER SVCS.

CURRENT FUND	1-01	78,238.24
CURRENT FUND	2-01	1,110,039.94
GRANT FUND	G-02	47638.48
TRUST FUND	T-03	234.00

1,236,150.66

BILL LIST

Atlantic City Electric	2,109.03	January Services
Business Cards Tomorrow	198.00	Municipal Letterhead
Casa Payroll Services	152.65	1 st Quarter Blanket
G&P Flooring Maintenance	425.00	January Services
Laurel Lawnmower Services, Inc.	376.74	Disc Shoe Assy

The Hammonton Gazette	291.70	Januar Publications / Special Mtg/Ord.
Verizon	60.71	January Services
Verizon Wireless	584.74	January Services
South Jersey Gas Company	795.59	January Services
Staples Contract & Commercial	107.98	Office Supplies
Atlanticare Physicans Group	600.00	New Employment Physicals
Atlantic Sale Inc.	6,743.88	De-Icing Salt
Atlantic County Clerk's Office	8.00	Record Donated Land Deed
Atlantic County Treasurer	650,871.09	1 st Quarter Tax Levy
Comcast	438.95	February Services
Majestic Oil Company	1,314.82	1 st Quarter Purchase
MC Systems Solutions LLC	1,400.00	2022 Maintenance Agreement
NJ State Health Benefits Fund	67,892.93	February Premium
Rich Fire Protection	300.00	Fire Extinguishers – PD

Current Fund 1-01 7,485.84

Current Fund 2-01 727,182.16

Trust Fund T-03 5.89

Total of All Funds 734,673.89

Calibrate Towing Forks	260.00	Maintenance of Equipment
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Current Fund \$260.00

Total of All Funds \$260.00

Atlantic Coast Alarm	237.00	Alarm Code Changes
Arawak Paving Company, Inc.	47,427.75	Application for Pmt #1
Atlantic City Electric	3,815.14	January Services
Business Cards Tomorrow	39.75	Business Cards - Fetske
Casa Payroll Services, LCC	149.65	1 ST Quarter Blanket
Dimeglio Septic, Inc.	77.00	January Services
Doran Engineering	5,000.00	Darmstadt #2 Services
IACP	190.00	2022 Dues
Lowe's	398.40	DPW Supplies – Asphalt
Les Templeton Plumbing & Heat	568.98	Replace Urinal
Maguire & Maguire	250.00	January Retainer
Staples Contract & Commercial	615.74	Copy Paper / Office Supplies – Toner
Tax Coll. & Treas. Assoc of Atl. City	200.00	2022 Dues
The Press of Atlantic City	98.00	January Publications
Drager Inc.	85.00	Breathalyzer Mouthpiece
Val-U Auto Parts	1,762.25	January Purchases
Vital Communications, Inc.	460.00	Configuraton of new computer / March 2022 Services
A-Academy Animal Control	500.00	February Animal Control Svc.
Animal Tactical	988.88	Weapons
Atlantic County Utilities Auth.	33,353.02	January Services / Recycling Fee
Comcast	17.02	February Services
Comcast Business	383.15	February Services
Hanselmann, James & Kristi	135.77	Alliance Tree Lighting Reimb.

Stollenwerk, Dawn	104.86	Zoom Storage Jan/Feb
Gentilini Ford	171.58	DPW Truck Parts
Hy-Way Motors	2,228.65	January Police Services / January Svc.
Jasinski	7,560.00	March-December Services
Municipal Capital Finance	88.08	February Lease Installment
Treasurer State of NJ	54.00	2022 Permit
NJ Dept of Health & Sr. Svc.	68.40	January Dog Fees
Sciullo Engineering	240.00	River Road Project
State One Landscape Supply	162.00	Top Soil
Thitherington, Jerry	375.00	Snow Plowing
Greater Egg Harbor Regional	299,280.40	2022 Levy Installment
Mullica Twp. Board of Education	407,305.08	Levy Installment February
Youngblood Franklin Sampoli	6,100.00	January Services

Current Fund 1-01 10,040.64

Current Fund 2-01 757,819.98

Capital Fund C-04 5,000.00

Grant Fund G-02 67,561.53

Trust Fund T-03 68.40

Total of All Funds 840,490.55