WILLINGBORO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA

January 26, 2016

6:00 PM Call to order Flag Salute Statement Roll Call

RES. 2016—28

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR 2016

Public Comment Council Comment Adjournment

ALL BUSINESS ITEMS ARE TENTATIVE PENDING THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT

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Willingboro Township Council Special Meeting of January 26, 2016, held in Council's Chambers, One Rev. Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Drive, Willingboro, NJ 08046

The meeting was called to order at 6PM

Flag Salute Required Statement Roll Call:

The Required statement was read.

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, this is to announce that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner.

On January 1, 2016, advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex.

On January 1, 2016, advance written notice of this meeting was mailed to the Burlington County times, Willingboro, the Trenton Times, the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Courier Post.

On January 1, 2016, advance written notice of this meeting was filed with the Township Clerk. The Clerk is directed to enter into the minutes of this meeting this public announcement.

Also: Michael Armstrong, LLC, Township Solicitor

Roll Call:

Councilman Holley Present
Councilwoman Jennings Present
Councilman Nock Present
Deputy Mayor Walker Present
Mayor Anderson Present

Resolution

Res. 2016—28 EXECUTIVE SESSION-PURPOSE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR 2016

On motion by Deputy Mayor Walker Seconded by Councilman Holley

Roll Call:

Councilman Holley Yes
Councilwoman Jennings Yes
Councilman Nock Yes
Deputy Mayor Walker Yes
Mayor Anderson Yes

Motion carried. Resol. 2016—28 Approved.

Mayor Anderson said that since we only had the one resolution for Executive session that Council will move on to public comment and then go into executive session.

Public Comment:

Sarah Holley-9 Tioga La.

Ms. Holley said that she only had one question pertaining to the notification for individuals who are supposed to serve on the various committees. How are the individuals notified, because I thought that I served on a couple committees and I noticed that they have been reorganized and I did not receive notification, so I just would like to have an answer to that please, thank you.

Denny Reiter-76 Ember La.

Mr. Reiter stated that he was on WMUA (Willingboro Municipal Utilities Authority) for 32 years, and that he paid attention when the advertisements go out for the different commission and he noticed that the advertisement for the Boards and Commissions omitted the WMUA as an opening. He asked Council, why would they do that, especially since it was advertised for 3 (three) weeks. He asked why they excluded the WMUA, unless they (Council) have ulterior motives as to who they were going to put in there. He said, moreover, with that, the first alternate was by passed and this Green person that you put in, whom I know not of, this Green person was put in and Webster Evans was bypassed. He said that was a policy thing that had been done in the past. He said that now, the WMUA is breaking policy rules by doing that appointment. He said, last year when he was replaced, and that he did put his application in and he put it in based on the advertis4ement that was in the paper. He said there was no advertisement for WMUA this. And he wanted to know why.

Ruth Allie

Ms. Allie said that her question was, there ae several boards and committees here in Willingboro and she thought that most of them are always advertised for volunteers. So everybody that wants to volunteer can come and see Sarah to be on these different committees. I am on the Providence House Advisory Board and we did not meet this month because of it being tied up with you (Council) trying to make a decision. She said that she would like to know that if this is being advertised and resident can apply to these boards, what the hold is up. She asked if any boards or committees met.

Mayor Anderson answered yes; some boards and committees have met.

Harry Walker—Eastgate La.

Mr. Walker said that he was just coming to get a follow up and update on the search for a Township Manager. He asked Council what are they doing about it or is that part of their discussion tonight.

Denny Reiter-76 Ember La

Mr. Reiter apologized, saying that he forgot that with Council's idea of transparency it seems to me that when he was on the WMUA he had to file with the Department of Community

Affairs a notice of financial disclosure, and that it appears to him that an individual on Council has not filled one out for about 3 years.

Mayor Anderson asked if there were any more public comments at this time. There were none. He then said that Council comments are now on the floor.

Council Comments:

Councilman Nock: Okay, I have something first. At the last Council Meeting Mr. Anderson, we had talked about proposed changes to Council. The Township Clerk asked me to send them to her in appropriate time for it to be advertised for this which I did. I delayed it because Councilwoman Jennings had said that she had not seen them. So since this is Council Comment and this is the only time on this agenda that we can talk about this, so now I would like to bring up my eight (8) items of the 2016 Council.

Deputy Mayor Walker: Excuse me, one second. Can we if it is okay with Council respond to the questions that were posed? Because I know that you are taking notes and you respond. But I think that if we respond to what they said at first, I think some of Council Comment might come off of what their answers are. In Council Comment we give our own spiel and things like that about different things but I think that if we address them first and give them the answers.

Mayor Anderson: Changing the format of which we do it which I believe...

Deputy Mayor Walker: We really have no formal way. I mean, usually you take notes and you do a good job at responding to what they say. But there is not a formal way of responding and I know we talked about putting things in place to do it, but the questions that they asked today are simple things that we do not even need directors here to be able to respond to.

Mayor Anderson: If we can. We can discuss it to see what kind of format we want to go to. That is something that we can definitely do.

Councilwoman Jennings: I am not understanding the question because I think we probably were going to answer them after Martin finished whatever he is doing I guess.

Councilman Nock: Listen, at this rate, it does not matter as long as it gets addressed this evening, so I do not really care. I think that we should answer. I mean while it is fresh in everybody's mind. Because this is as I said last time, my policy changes, is really not Council Comment, but it is what it is so...

Deputy Mayor Walker: But that is what I was saying because even with some of the questions, Ms. Holley asked a question that I would like to know the answer. And again, maybe something in Council Comment might be generated from that response because I was not aware that committees were allowed to Reorg because we have not appointed committees.

Mayor Anderson: Well just for the simplification of this meeting, let us go through our normal process. Then we do need to discuss, I believe it was one of Councilman Nock's, on his policy list, changing the format. Once we can agree as a Council to change the format we can go to what you are suggesting as questions asked and then answering.

Deputy Mayor Walker: Alright, you give the answers to those questions there. Would we have an opportunity to ask questions and then respond based off of that?

Mayor Anderson: Based on the format that we decide to go to, that is something that we can look at.

Deputy Mayor Walker: No, I am talking about today.

Mayor Anderson: Well today hopefully we can answer them in Council Comments, and whatever we do not have answers to we can get answers back to them. As we normally do in the standard procedures.

Deputy Mayor Walker: You are missing my point. Let me set an example, she (Sarah Holley) asked a question about certain committees reorganizing and not making meetings since the 1st of January. Do you have any answer for her?

Mayor Anderson: Yes.

Deputy Mayor Walker: Okay you have an answer for her, but I myself, if you give a justification of how people or how different committees were able to meet to reorganize, I want to know who authorized that and how it happened so that I have a response to that. That is what I am saying will we be able to respond from there, because it is baffling to me?

Councilwoman Jennings: I think legal gave an answer to us for that last week. Because legal told us that most of the committees have a quorum to meet. It did not stop meetings just simply. Because there are only one or two in every committee that had to be reappointed, so if it was a 7 member board, 5 members were still available to meet so it simply meant that the alternates met, and I think that many of our residents are confused because at the last minute the change happened. Ms. Allie called me and said that some people had not been reappointed. What I said to her, nobody was reappointed. So there was some confusion about it, I think because it was a last minute change, and you know, that is the way things seem to be happening now, at the last minute. So I welcome the opportunity to answer because I would like a few of the answers to some of the other people that asked or I would like to make some statements.

(Crosstalk)

Mayor Anderson: Councilman Nock. Let us just bring some order to the meeting and do this in an orderly manner. So as we move forward, Council Comments as Councilman Walker said, if there is something that he does not understand and he wants to respond to it, I am fine with that. But we need to sit back and look at the procedures and the processes that you suggested. But we need to do it as a Council to see what format. I just...

Councilman Nock: My procedures and process do not address what has just happened. Again, I said clearly since after Thanksgiving, I have been asking for everybody to get together, let us talk about these commissions, let us talk about professionals. It kept getting delayed, delayed. I even said that I had planned a vacation towards the end of December. Let us talk about it, let us get together and so forth. We just could not seem to get together for whatever reason, and we have had plenty of time to get together. We had lots of time since after September to do this, October to do this, November, where I kept pushing to meet and after Thanksgiving pushing to meet and nobody wanted to meet. There was a problem here, problem there. So if you cannot meet in six weeks, this is what you get, chaos.

Councilwoman Jennings: With no disrespect, I would like to remind Councilman Nock that he was sworn in on January 1st 2016.

Councilman Nock:

You have met before. You have met for years. Prior to...

Mayor Anderson:

Can we please have an orderly meeting?

Councilman Nock:

We are orderly.

Mayor Anderson: No I am just saying respectful, not talking over each other. Please.

That is all I am asking. Please. Continue Councilwoman Jennings.

Councilwoman Jennings: I will give the floor to Councilman Nock.

Councilman Nock: So we are not answering the questions or we are answering the

questions?

Mayor Anderson: During Council Comments the practice is to answer the questions

that have been put on the floor.

Councilman Nock: Absolutely, no problem, moving right along. So I sent this out to everyone in reference to it, I do not see this as executive session materials. But I am certain that this is something that we can discuss here. So how do you want to proceed with it Mr.

Anderson?

Mayor Anderson: If you would like to speak to them now, please do.

Councilman Nock: Okay, well I have eight particular points that I felt that after reviewing it and looking at this Council years and years that I felt that I needed to put forth to the public the first item. I wanted to make a motion that additional public comment item four (4) minutes be added to the agenda before the resolutions for agenda items only; and that the other public comment remain for non-agenda items to be four (4) minutes also. So we would have two (2) public comments, one for things that are on the agenda and one for anything you want to talk about. So I would like to make that motion.

Deputy Mayor Walker: See that takes us to make a motion (inaudible) during Council Comment. But you can make a motion at any time right?

Councilman Nock:

Yes.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

I second.

Councilwoman Jennings:

Discussion?

Mayor Anderson:

Discussion.

Councilwoman Jennings: I hope that we could settle that in another way. It seems to me that you simply want people to comment on the items on the agenda prior to us voting and I would like to propose that we take a page from the school district's book and have public comments before we go through the agenda. That way, people can come in and read the agenda and they can then comment on it when they get up for public comment. I do not see any reason for them to come up two (2) times.

Councilman Holley: Discussion. I am definitely in favor of having two public comments, but I feel that if we are moving to that forum of our meeting procedures then that needs to be followed with a time limit as well of some sorts-- if we are having two sessions of public comment.

Deputy Mayor Walker: I agree with Councilman Holley.

Councilman Nock: My motion is for four (4) minutes each.

Deputy Mayor Walker: I guess we would have to add that to the motion?

Councilwoman Jennings: Can I simply ask what the difference would be?

Councilman Nock: Four (4) minutes each?

Councilwoman Jennings: I mean what would be the difference, I am just asking and maybe

someone in the audience would like to know too, what is the difference...

Councilman Nock: Because one comment is...

Councilwoman Jennings: Excuse me what would be the difference, (someone else is talking) I am talking and I am asking for you to answer me, but let me finish asking the question. What would be the difference in the person getting up, coming in, looking at the agenda, and discussing the agenda items during public comment? Why do we need two public comments when they can do exactly what you are saying, you want people to be able to comment on the agenda, so I am saying to you, why does it make a difference if they comment when they stand up the first time, why do we have to have two times?

Councilman Nock: One, it is best practice. This around as I have said before, I have been going to other Council meetings from Delran to Evesham, all around, even the Freeholders and that is the Best Practice when I asked someone why do you do it this way. Secondly, I think it would move the resolutions along very quickly by just commenting on what is on the agenda. So if somebody wants to get up a little bit later and talk about things that are non-agenda items they do not feel rushed in a timed format that we have. I think it would really put some protocol to public comment also. Because now we get people up and they are just from one thing, bouncing around. A lot of times, we find out about certain resolutions, at least when I use to sit in the audience-- after the fact. So that is what I am proposing, four (4) minutes each, two public comments, that is eight (8) minutes of maximum per person. When I was going over the bill process today I saw that a clock had already been purchased for this, so that is my motion.

Deputy Mayor Walker: That is through legal. I think what happens is if you do have two (2) times if one is before the agenda and one is after...

Councilman Nock: Not before the agenda, before the resolutions.

Deputy Mayor Walker: Before the resolutions and the other one is after, I do not think that legally we can limit individuals in what they can talk about, because they have free...

Councilman Nock: Sure. They can do it now. All of them do say...

Deputy Mayor Walker: Listen if we do not have any more discussion then we can vote. But I just feel like everybody made their point. The motion has been moved and seconded so...

Mayor Anderson: Madam Clerk...

Deputy Mayor Walker: Wait can you restate the motion first? Just so we are clear?

Councilman Nock: I make a motion that additional public comment, four (4) minutes, be added to the agenda before the resolutions and for agenda items only. That the other public comment be for non-agenda items.

Deputy Mayor Walker: You can say two Public Comments; you cannot state what they can

be for.

Michael Armstrong: Let me see if I can summarize.

Councilman Nock: Please do.

Michael Armstrong: You want to have two Public Comments; you want to limit public

comment to four (4) minutes per person, within each public comment period.

Councilman Nock: Yes.

Michael Armstrong: The first public comment is to occur before the resolutions are presented, and the second public comment is to occur after the resolutions are presented.

Councilman Nock. Yes. Now, I just want to remind you this is current all over the place, but if you limit it to whatever-- I am not the first. I got the idea from other townships.

Michael Armstrong: I am just restating the motion.

Councilman Nock: Okay.

Michael Armstrong: That is all I am doing. Is the motion clear?

Mayor Anderson: Roll Call, Madam Clerk?

Clerk: Roll Call:

Councilman Holley Yes

Councilwoman Jennings No

Councilman Nock

Yes

Deputy Mayor Walker

Yes

Mayor Anderson

Yes

Councilman Nock:

The second one is that I make a motion that a new business item be

added to our agenda before the second public comment.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

Second.

Councilman Holley:

Discussion? Now new business, what I guess I am inquiring, what

exactly discussion would take place during this time? Are there any parameters?

Councilman Nock: Stuff like this. I mean we do not have to have new business, but certainly what I am doing now is not Council Comment. So you need a place on the agenda to bring in anything you want to bring forward to the Township Manager or to here. I do not think that stuff should be... I think it should be out in the public and transparent. So new business, really Robert's Rules of Order call for new business and old business, but we do not have either or. So I have at least narrowed it down to new business.

Deputy Mayor Walker: Mr. Nock, can you...I would like for you to amend it to old business because old business would go to what we have been discussing. If there is a question that someone from the public has or even Council that cannot be answered at that particular meeting, when we come to the next meeting, then at that next meeting, that will fall under old business to answer those questions that were not answered at the prior meeting.

Councilman Nock:

So you would like for me to amend this just to drop new business

and say old business.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

No, I would say old business and new business.

Councilman Nock:

Alright. I am for that too.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

You would have to amend the motion.

Councilman Nock:

Yes I amend it to be old and new business, old and new business

on the agenda, which is consistent with Robert's Rules of Order.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

I second.

Mayor Anderson:

Roll Call, Madam Clerk?

Clerk:

Roll Call:

Councilman Holley

Yes

Councilwoman Jennings

Yes

Councilman Nock

Yes

Deputy Mayor Walker

Yes

Mayor Anderson

Yes

Councilman Nock:

Third one: I make a motion that all contracts must come before

Council for approval prior to being signed and executed.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

That is already a policy. Our Township Manager just needs to

implement that.

Michael Armstrong:

It is in an ordinance.

Councilman Nock:

Oh it is in an ordinance?

Michael Armstrong:

Yes.

Councilman Nock:

Okay good. Then will we start doing that?

Michael Armstrong:

We have been trying.

Councilman Nock:

You have been trying. Okay.

Clerk:

So are we striking out number 3?

Councilman Nock: Yes we are going to strike out number three (3). This is in an ordinance already; we just do not do it. Great. This one I need your guidance on Mr. Solicitor. Maybe you know what it is already, but I make a motion that Council receive some kind of documentation from all Zoning and Planning meetings within 30 days of their meeting. Because I have to ask several of you and you all say that you do not know what Planning and Zoning is doing. I have asked if you have received anything, so I do not know what the rules are.

Mayor Anderson:

Are you referencing the meeting minutes?

Councilman Nock: No it doesn't have to be. It could be a summary, an executive summary. I do not necessarily need meeting minutes. But at least what is being discussed. At least what is being discussed in the Zoning and in Planning so that the Council be fully aware what is going on.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

Discussion?

Michael Armstrong:

You need a second.

Deputy Mayor Walker: Oh we need a second for discussion? I will second the motion and discussion. When I was on the School Board, and we would have to go to the mandatory school board training every year, one of the things that was required of the chairs of each committee would be to give a report to the full board. In this case being that Council Members are not chairs of the committees we have liaisons. I think that the liaison who is assigned to zoning, planning, library, etcetera provide a summary to Council.

Councilwoman Jennings: Would that not be the minutes though? Would that not be the minutes, every group takes minutes. Would that not serve the purpose if we had a copy of everyone's minutes?

Deputy Mayor Walker:

I am for that.

Mayor Anderson:

It is the responsibility of the liaison to bring back the minutes?

Deputy Mayor Walker:

Mike just said that the clerk can collect it and bring it back to us.

Councilman Nock:

So we can kill the motion, I can amend the motion that the

Township Clerk will receive the minutes and distribute it to all Council members.

Michael Armstrong:

Of the Zoning and Planning board.

Councilman Nock:

Of the Zoning and Planning board.

Clerk:

So we are only talking about the Zoning and Planning board?

Councilman Holley:

I thought all committees.

Councilman Nock:

Well it could be all committees. I want all committees, I just

limited it there.

Clerk:

I need to know for sure.

Councilman Nock:

Okay all committees.

Clerk:

Okay so you are saying all the minutes from all the boards and

commissions?

Councilman Nock:

Yes.

Clerk:

So it needs to be amended then.

Michael Armstrong:

You need a second.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

Second.

Mayor Anderson:

Any discussions? Roll Call.

Councilman Holley

Yes

Councilwoman Jennings

Yes

Councilman Nock

Yes

Deputy Mayor Walker

Yes

Mayor Anderson

Yes

Councilman Nock: Okay. I make a motion that the Council issued cellphones be used for government use only, and not for personal or business use as per IT policy. That includes all Council Members signing the acknowledgment sheet in the IT Policy manual which includes a de Minimis clause in that document.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

I will second.

Councilwoman Jennings:

Discussion? I know our IT person is here. Are you looking for

him to say something because...

Mayor Anderson:

Yes, to speak to the policy.

Councilwoman Jennings:

Before we make a comment or after?

Mayor Anderson:

Actually, before if he can speak to the policy?

Michael Armstrong:

Do you have the policy with you.

Councilman Nock:

I have a copy if you need.

Walter Howard: I can get it in 30 seconds. This is the same policy that you guys approved a couple years back. The IT policy is basically a policy that was designed and written by myself using the State's policy and guidance from our insurance company. They basically gave us some guidance on what things we needed to make sure that we were protecting ourselves from. In that policy it does state that you are allowed to use the Township provided technology at minimal use for personal business. From an enforcement standpoint, it is up to Directors or Department Heads to determine what is considered minimal use for their employees. I do not personally enforce that policy as far as who uses their phone for what if a Director or a Department Head requests that I look and see what their employees are doing then I will. We have 200 phones and computers and laptops and IPADs and so, me keeping an eye on every last one of those things is to look through the phone bills every month to see what people are using would be a 24/7 job. So the policy itself, again, you guys voted on it so I am pretty sure that you guys had to go over it and read it a few times. Because I know it came before the Council in several meetings. But I know that the clause that Councilman Nock is referring to was taken

from not only the State, but it is also from our insurance company is that you can use it for personal use but at minimal usage. That is the di Minimis clause that he is referring to.

Mayor Anderson:

Question.

Walter Howard:

Sure.

Mayor Anderson: Regarding the policy, the cellphone plans that we are on. If you make on phone call or if you make 1,000 phone calls does it make a difference based on the plans we are on?

Walter Howard: Depending on your level in the government, because if you are a Director, then more than likely you have an unlimited plan and if you make one call or 1,000 calls it is the same calls.

Mayor Anderson:

What plans are Council Members on?

Walter Howard:

I believe most of Council, if not all of Council is on an unlimited

plan.

Councilman Nock:

No. I have the OPRA documents in front of me. They are not.

Walter Howard:

Okay. I mean, I have a clerk that does the billing. But I know

there are at least 2 phones on Council that are unlimited.

Councilman Nock:

And double the cost of the other ones.

Walter Howard:

I do not think that is correct.

Councilman Nock:

It's right here. This is an OPRA request.

Walter Howard:

What is the cost?

Councilman Nock:

One cost is \$1,247.00 and the other one is about \$500.00.

Walter Howard: That is for the year and that also includes equipment charges. So for those people who have gotten new phones or upgraded their phones that is included in that summary. So it is not actually...

Mayor Anderson:

So what is the average monthly unlimited plan? What is the dollar

amount?

Walter Howard: I believe it is either \$69.00 or \$89.00 a month. If you look at the plan it will tell you it is \$89.00 if you look at the actual bill after the government discount, it is \$69.00.

Councilman Nock: Now, when I asked you this Sir--when you had me to sign and we went over this, because you walked me through it, and you had me to sign the document at the end of it...

Walter Howard:

The IT Policy. You are talking about the IT Policy?

Councilman Nock:

Yes, I am talking about the IT Policy.

Walter Howard:

Okay.

Councilman Nock: And you told me that there are some plans that are unlimited, no tax, blah, blah, but there was a general pool, and that everyone is in a pool so when you use it and you go over if one person is using the minutes about, like Mr. Campbell did not have a phone last year.

Walter Howard:

That is correct; Mr. Campbell did not have a phone.

Councilman Nock: And then you have another Councilperson that is using 78,000 minutes a year, which is like 5 hours a day, seven days a week. You are saying that they eventually would hit that pool. Please pass that around to the solicitor. So the question is, and that plan is double the other plans...

Walter Howard:

If that person has an unlimited plan, then unlimited is unlimited.

Councilman Nock:

So you are saying that it is not going to impact the general pool of

all the employees.

Walter Howard: No, in general, let's just say if you are a maintenance worker and you have a phone, which a lot of them do because no one is tied to a desk if you are doing Parks and Recreation or security you are not tied to a desk, so they all have phones. So in general, their plans are pooled. If you look at, I do not want to call out any particular Director, but if you look at certain Directors, because of the nature of what they do and the fact that they are 24/7 and they are very, very infrequently tied to a desk, they are moving around doing inspections or they are doing police work or they are doing whatever, their phones are not bound by that same stipulation. They have an unlimited plan.

Deputy Mayor Walker: Here is my question to that. As it pertains to the phones, I do not think a member of this community would be okay with paying for someone who sits on Council, to use a phone for their own personal use. If when I worked for the State, and everything that we had, every piece of electronic was restricted to business. You could not do anything outside of business. I am looking at this motion and the way that it is written here. Councilman Nock is specifically addressing Council issued cellphones. Not Directors, not maintenance, Council issued. Now, I understand that you probably do not have a separate policy for Council and for employees. But again, I do not think it is anybody out there or I bet you that if you polled the

members of the community that are here now, the majority of them would say "I am not paying for you to call your friends or your family". That is not what they are used for. As I read that policy, it also speaks about communication. Which I do not understand this, but it says you cannot do instant messaging and things like that. Electronic messaging, which I would think that would be social media and things like that, you are prohibited from using it for campaign use and things like that. So that is in the policy.

Walter Howard: That is in the policy because it is not smart for you to allow employees to use their Township issued, paid for devices to do campaign work for whomever. I mean whether it is at the Council level, at the State level, whether it is at the Federal level. As far as the policy, the policy was written for employees of the Township. You guys voted on it and signed it. Because you guys have Township provided equipment-- again, the policing policy is not for me as the IT Supervisor to do. The policing policy is for the directors of whatever department you guys work for, so the policing for your phones and your devices has to be done up there, not out here. So again, Councilman Nock is putting a proposal to police what you guys are doing. That is not my responsibility, and so that is basically what he is putting out there. At a certain level, it is counterproductive for me to sit and read through a phone bill to determine what calls you made, and then how do I know if the call was personal or not personal or... I do not know. Unless I call every number on the phone which I do not have time to do, so that has to be selfpolicing. If he puts that proposal out there and you vote for it, then you guys have got to all say: The proposal has been out there, we all approved it, in Council, in front of all these people, so then you have to self-police. You have to say: okay I am going to follow the rules.

Councilman Walker: Mr. Howard, somebody made a decision to move a couple of people to a different plan because there were two (2) Council people that have a tremendous number, a tremendous amount of usage in their minutes. So somebody did police it at one time. Because the two other Council people that have it have a very, very, very, very minimum plan.

Walter Howard: In all actuality it was done in reverse. That you are all on unlimited and when no one was using it we started based on usage trends. We do not look at phone calls. We look at cost, and that is what we look at. We look at cost.

Councilman Nock: Sure.

Walter Howard: I work with our purchasing agent, well, my clerk works with my purchasing agent, and they go over phone bills and determine whose phone...and they cut phones during certain times of the year because they know there are seasonal employees, so we do not keep those phones on all year long. There are people who only work in the summertime to do grass inspections, so we do not keep those phones on all year long. So, yes there are people who look at the cost, but no one is sitting there looking at phone calls trying to determine who is calling who.

Councilman Nock: That is not what I am...no.

Walter Howard: So, again, my point is if you put the proposal out there and you vote it, then it has to be self-policing. I cannot police the fact that you called whoever you called and Councilman Walker called whoever he called and Mayor Anderson called whoever he called. I'm sorry, Deputy Mayor Walker.

Deputy Mayor Walker: You can call me Chris it does not make a difference.

Walter Howard: Called whoever he called. So, you asked me to speak to the IT policy, I spoke to the IT policy. I told you what the IT policy says and why it says it. Yes, we do have certain people who are on unlimited plans. Yes, we do look at the cost that people's phones on a quarterly basis, we look at the cost of people's phones. However, we do not look at phone calls to determine who is being called or who they are calling. I do not know that his phone use or your phone use or Ms. Jennings phone use is for personal use, business use, or any other use. All I know is when I look at the bill I am trying to make sure that the Township is not paying any more than we have to. The cost of paying bills or paying for minutes after the fact is a lot greater than paying for them ahead of the fact. So again, I am not going to police who calls especially not people who are above of my paygrade. Directors, Council, it is not for me to do.

Councilwoman Jennings: I think the other part of that is, and I certainly do not think that you should waste your time policing phone calls and calling everybody on let's say my phone bill, because even if I have a phone number and I have called somebody, you do not know whether I talked about Township stuff or not.

Walter Howard:

I surely do not.

Councilwoman Jennings: So what are we talking about? I also worked for the State and I had a phone and I was allowed to use the phone because I was on plan. So, it would have cost more if I did not have a phone and they were paying my bill. So, in this situation when you are on a plan it is counterproductive to me for us to have this argument. Because if we are on a plan, and we are going to pay one sum a month period.

Walter Howard: I do want to make this comment. The Office of Information Technology in the State of New Jersey wrote their IT policy. Their policy for the State, every employee in the state says that they can use their phone for personal use at a minimal, di Minimis. However, each department has the right to override that, and your department may have overridden it. I have the document and it says the Office of Information Technology writes the policy for the State. It is for all State employees and that is what the policy says. So while I am not arguing that you could not use it I am just saying that the policy that I used to model ours after was the Office of Information Technology's policy which is for all State employees.

Deputy Mayor Walker: You know, as I we are talking and I am looking out at everybody and when I made the statement, everyone in here now is a resident of Willingboro, most everybody. I recognize most of you. When I said, I do not think that there is anyone out there

that would be in favor of paying for us to use a phone for our personal use. And I am looking that everybody you know do like this. Again, we have a responsibility, an obligation to listen to the people who put us here.

Walter Howard: Okay I agree with you 100%. But you asked me to speak about the policy so I am speaking about the policy.

Councilwoman Jennings: They are still paying the plan, Chris.

Councilman Nock: The plan really doubled what the other plans are.

Deputy Mayor Walker: Let me just say this. I have been here two (2) years. My plan in my phone, my Council issued cellphone, has the only person who has less usage than me is Councilman Holley because he has been here less than I have. I do not use that phone. I do not answer; well I answer it because people in my family and my friends do not have that number. So I absolutely do not use that phone text messaging, or phone calls to have any discussion outside of anything connected to Township.

Councilwoman Jennings: And who is to qualify that? So I can make a thousand phone calls and I can talk Township stuff for...

Deputy Mayor Walker: Okay, can you say what I just said?

Councilwoman Jennings: No I am not saying what you said. But I do remember and I hope this is relevant for you; I do remember that when I gave your phone number to someone, your personal phone number, you jumped all over me. Because you said, why are you giving my phone number out? So either...

Deputy Mayor Walker: What number was it that you gave it?

Councilwoman Jennings: Whatever number I had.

Deputy Mayor Walker: It was my personal number.

Councilwoman Jennings: Okay. So you are saying use the Township phone or we need a Township phone so people will not call us on our personal lines.

Deputy Mayor Walker: I separate, because it was a Township issue, you gave...let us not...

Councilman Holley: I have a question just before we move forward. To get some clarity, what would be the difference per month on the unlimited plan and let us say the person who is using the least amount of minutes, a dollar amount per month?

Walter Howard: Dollar amount per month, roughly \$20.00 per month.

Councilman Holley:

About \$20.00 dollars a month. Okay.

Councilman Nock:

It is a little bit more but okay.

Walter Howard:

Roughly \$20.00 dollars a month.

Councilman Nock:

Actually it is more.

Walter Howard:

I'm sorry?

Councilman Nock: Well based on my OPRA request in the fall when all this stuff hit the fan about the phones, the personal use of the phones, using your government phone for your business. I OPRA requested this because I sat out there in the audience where there was a big brahoo up here in reference to one Council person using their government issued phone for personal and business, listed on their business cards that they put out. I went and I pulled the documents which I have a right to do.

Walter Howard:

You do have a right to do.

Councilman Nock: And during the course of looking at this, I am just going to put it out there for transparency. Mr. Walker used during the course 282 minutes, Mr. Holley used 92 minutes, Ms. Jennings used 28,000 minutes and Mr. Anderson used 78,000 minutes. When you do that that is like 4 to 5 hours a day for 7 days a week. Now I used to manage this stuff with my company and staffing and we looked at all costs related to phone bills. I would order my VP's to make sure that this stuff is in order because to me those are fixed costs that you control. That you can control. Especially when the cost of using so many minutes is double what everybody else is. So, it is the will of the Council here, I am bringing it up, but I just think that the phones should be used for government use for your constituents and everything else. Not for your personal use and not for your personal business use. Regardless, even if it was free.

Walter Howard:

Mr. Nock, it...

Councilman Nock:

So, and you made me sign a document for that.

Walter Howard:

You are correct. You did.

Councilman Nock:

Okay then.

Walter Howard:

And to this extent, I agree with you. However, it is not my job...

Councilman Nock:

True.

Walter Howard: That is my only thing; it is not my job to police it is you guys' job to police it. So I agree with you, I do not disagree with you. The policy says what the policy

says, it says di Minimis. But it is not my job to police it.

Councilman Nock:

But we are not asking you to. What I am saying is...

Walter Howard:

But you keep directing your comments directly at me, so I am just

responding.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

That is what I am saying, can we do this? We appreciate your

comments and everything but I do not think that he should be put on the hot seat.

Councilman Nock:

And I am not.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

Because it seems like...

(Applause)

Deputy Mayor Walker:

I am not saying it for applause. Ms. Mack pleases. He is not being

taken to task.

Councilman Nock:

He is not.

Deputy Mayor Walker: He should not be taken to task for this. The Mayor asked him to respond to the policy that was in place that he said a few members of Council approved. I was not on Council.

Walter Howard:

You were not on Council.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

I was on Council then?

Walter Howard:

No you were not. Once you said how long you had been on

Council I knew that you were not because I know the date when it passed.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

So there are 3 members on Council that were not here. So I do not

think that it is fair. You made your statement. We appreciate it.

Mayor Anderson:

Thank you Mr. Howard.

Deputy Mayor Walker: Now it is just a matter of what we do. Because to his point, if someone is going to police it, then we should have a designee which is not, I am not saying it; he is a few levels below responsibility wise. If anything, I think it would be the Township Manager. That if something came up, because I know you guys look over the stuff. But if something rises to a level to just take it to that individual and say, here. So can we call the question?

Mayor Anderson: Based on the conversations that were presented by Mr. Howard, looking at the unlimited plan against the plan that is a little bit lower, it is a \$20.00 difference. Based on what Mr. Howard said, being the IT Director, it is roughly \$20.00 difference.

Councilman Nock:

More.

Mayor Anderson: Okay. Based on that, for us to have someone police the bills, how much are we paying that person? Because understanding, when you do OPRA requests and you lean on departments to put manpower together, you are a penny wise but a pound foolish. Just to find information because the dollar we spent Mr. Nock...

Councilman Nock: That is your opinion.

Mayor Anderson: Mr. Nock, I have the floor and it is my opinion. But what I am saying to you, to have someone police it, to take them away from their job to do this additional job for something that is a \$20.00 difference on a plan.

Councilman Nock: I keep saying it is more.

Mayor Anderson: I am just asking does it make sense from that standpoint. The IT Director, we asked him. What is the difference in plans? There is no double, he said there is a \$20.00 difference. So when you look at a \$20.00 a month difference based on one call or 1,000 calls, to pull an employee especially a Township Manager who makes more than that, how much time is that going to take? Because now you have got to determine what a personal call is, what is a business call, you have to fish through these records. So does it make sense for something that is a \$20.00 difference? That is my question.

Deputy Mayor Walker: Can I...?

Councilman Holley: Based on the motion that is here, stating to follow the policy. This is policy that all Council Members have already signed.

Mayor Anderson: Correct.

Councilman Nock: I do not think that.

Councilman Holley: You did not sign? He signed. When I got my phone I believe I signed the policy as well.

Mayor Anderson:

Mr. Howard, have all IT policies been signed based on issuance of

equipment?

Walter Howard: I would have to ask the (inaudible) was. If they are not I can make sure that they are made available for you guys to sign. Once the policy was approved, we asked all employees to sign them. They were all returned back to HR, which the Human Resources person is different now.

Mayor Anderson: Right, but at the time that the phones are issued to new Council members, are they given a policy to sign?

Walter Howard: Yes. The new Council members should have signed it. Because they joined Council after...

Mayor Anderson: The policy was in place, yes, but upon issuance of equipment you sign off and then you get your equipment am I correct.

Walter Howard:

That is correct. That is the way it should be.

Mayor Anderson:

Thank you.

Walter Howard:

If it is not then I have some changes that I have to make in my

office.

Deputy Mayor Anderson: Mr. Mayor, first of all, I thought the sheet that I signed was a document that listed what phone I had, what number was on it and that I was responsible for that. I do not recall signing a full policy like this. But even if that was signed by everyone, then there are certain members that have violated the policy. If you state in your argument saying everyone signed it, the way the policy reads...

Councilman Holley: Oh I am not arguing in favor, I am just stating the obvious.

Deputy Mayor Anderson: I am saying that if that is your argument, and you are saying everyone signed it, then if you signed it then certain members sitting here are in violation.

Councilwoman Jennings: I w

I will say that I signed the policy.

Mayor Anderson:

I signed it as well.

Councilwoman Jennings: I checked with legal and we were allowed to use our phones for personal use. So that is what we were told and it is not costing any more, and if you want to take \$20.00 out of my paycheck every week please feel free to do that because this does not make sense to me. This is like big brother or something. It is just ridiculous. So why don't we just call for the vote and call it a day.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

Can I ask a question?

Councilman Holley:

That is what I am asking. What is there to vote on? It is the policy

that we signed. Is there a need for a vote on this is the question that I am calling.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

It would be a matter of who is looking over to see what the phone

minutes are.

Councilman Holley: My personal opinion is that everybody should be following the policy that we signed, but in the meantime, I just think there are other issues and this is taking up way too much time and that is just my opinion. As professionals we signed a policy and that means we are obligated to follow it and that is what we should all be doing.

Mayor Anderson:

Alright, so there was a motion on the floor. Was there a second to

that motion? Okay?

Michael Armstrong: Can I clarify something? The motion as stated as I read it is not consistent with the policy for two reasons. It states, make a motion that the Council issued cellphones be used for government use only and not for personal or business use as per the IT policy. That is not what I read in the IT policy. So I am not sure if the motion is to amend the IT policy or adopt the IT policy and make sure that Council signs the IT policy. So we need clarification with respect to the motion.

Councilman Nock: Okay. This whole exercise is really to get at and make sure that the Council follows the policy. We get free phones, we get a free IPAD, and to make sure that the Council follows what everyone else has to do. When I look and see that certain Council Members' cost is almost double the other Council members' cost I get concerned. I am also concerned because we have the issues of next year's budget to deal with. Every little bit counts. Every little bit counts for everything. If you constantly are violating what we call IT policy, when I asked about signing it, did everybody sign it, the answer was I do not know or this and that. I just think that everybody should sign it so it is aware that one person is not using 1,000 minutes and another person is using 78,000 minutes because it is an understanding that it is a government pool plan. I understand the pool plans. Once you get through because some people use it some do not. Then I also saw that there was a \$0.25 a minute once you go outside of that pool amount and you cannot determine who has caused this unless you look at it. As I said, Mr. Campbell no phone, and another person tremendous amount of it. So at the end of the day, we should be following whatever the state and the government IT policy is. So if you want me to amend this and say - what would you like for me, Mr. Solicitor, to say?

Michael Armstrong:

I will try to restate it for you.

Councilman Nock:

Good, because you know this is my second meeting.

Michael Armstrong:

There will be a motion by Council to reaffirm, adopt, and sign the

IT Policy as stated.

Councilman Nock:

I can live with that.

Councilman Holley:

Second.

Michael Armstrong:

That is a clarification. Is that what you intended?

Councilman Nock:

Yes. I can live with that.

Michael Armstrong:

It has already been seconded.

Mayor Anderson:

Roll Call Sarah, please?

Sarah Wooding:

I am sorry I just needed to get a better...

Deputy Mayor Walker:

But who is going to police it?

Councilwoman Jennings:

Can we possibly have a roll call?

Mayor Anderson:

Can we do a roll call please?

Deputy Mayor Walker:

Hold on, I can say whatever I want to say.

Mayor Anderson:

Absolutely, Deputy Mayor Walker, you can say but when it is your

turn. I run this meeting, respectfully, I am running this meeting.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

My bag. My bag.

Mayor Anderson:

You may not like me, but you will respect me.

(Applause from the public)

Mayor Anderson:

Now I have allowed conversations back and forth, but at some

point we have to move on, with all due respect, Deputy Mayor. Roll Call please?

Clerk:

Roll Call:

Councilman Holley Yes
Councilwoman Jennings No
Councilman Nock Yes
Deputy Mayor Walker Yes
Mayor Anderson Yes

Councilman Nock: Okay, I would like to make a motion for Council to appoint a special committee of residents to seek fundraising support for the JFK Center Auditorium renovation as a community indoor performance center. We have an auditorium over there at JFK that is just sitting there. I think that we have a lot of young artists in the town that may help us. We are finding dollars to make a performance center. I thought of this as I sat there and said we just used the banquet facility for a banquet, but it would be nice to have a play or something and to use the building as you can. I was hoping that Councilman Holley would maybe take a lead on that since he is the youngest member of Council and probably more in tune with this generation that would probably use this. From either spoken word or anything else that we could use, so that was my motion.

Councilman Holley:

Second.

Mayor Anderson:

Roll Call.

Councilman Holley Yes
Councilwoman Jennings No
Councilman Nock Yes
Deputy Mayor Walker Yes
Mayor Anderson Yes

Councilman Nock: Next one, two more. I make a motion for Council to appoint a finance committee to meet with the Township Manager and Finance Director quarterly to review the approved budget year to date and I would like to be part of that since my background is finance and business.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

Second.

Michael Armstrong:

So the motion is to form a committee?

Councilman Nock:

Yes.

Councilwoman Jennings:

So can we get a second yet?

Deputy Mayor Walker:

I seconded.

Councilwoman Jennings:

I would like some discussion on exactly what the finance

committee would be doing?

Councilman Nock: Well, it is part of the Best Practices document that Ms. Diggs gave us. We are supposed to be having Council sessions of Council people to meet with the Finance and Manager to look at the Finances throughout the year. I did not bring that particular item with me but she gave it to me. I know when I spoke to her she said that that was not being adhered to. That was a document you guys got in either November or October when with a list of amount of points that you get -- if you call it, you get a certain amount of points and I noticed that it was not checked off. When I asked her about it she said that Council was not doing that particular function. So we did not get credit to the state for that. So I did have a meeting with Ms. Diggs before she left about a lot of different things that were going on and she expressed to me that certain things Council was doing and certain things that we were not doing. I do not know, maybe Mr. Solicitor, you know the name of it. But it has to do with the how much money you get from the State. You will get less if you do not meet certain points. For instance, if you got 78 points then you only get a certain dollar amount that you are down. You get over 90-- we do not have a finance person here, I see you are shaking your head, do you know what I am talking about. It is the 50 Best Practices. This is where some of this stuff was at.

Councilwoman Jennings: It sounded to me like you were saying that Council does not meet to discuss the budget and we do.

Councilman Nock: That is not what I am saying. I am saying that we are supposed to quarterly meet. Somebody as a liaison or a couple Council members to look and review the budget as it is going to date. So, your first quarter, your second quarter, your third quarter so you would know whether or not you are meeting the approved budget that the Council has approved for the Township. That is in the 50 Best Practices document. I was clearly told we were not doing that.

Councilwoman Jennings: So you are asking for two (2) Council Members to meet because it sounded like you said...

Councilman Nock: Well, you cannot have any more than two (2) anyway, but you would meet with the Finance Director.

Deputy Mayor Walker: You cannot have more than two (2). Can we have legal write that up? Can we have input in writing it up what the duties and responsibilities are and then present it to vote on. So we could at least have it tight instead of saying just go ahead and do it?

Councilman Nock: My goal was to make sure that we check off as many boxes on this 50 Best Practices document as possible to make sure that we maximized the dollars that we get from the State. That was my goal when I reviewed it, to make sure that we get as much of the points as possible. Okay? So, yes, I do not have a problem with that, but I think that it is something that Council really should do. Especially in a climate that we have been told we are approaching, we clearly need to look at the budget as we are spending.

Sarah Wooding:

So are we saying to hold number 7 until legal pulls together the

policy for it.

Deputy Mayor Walker: We will move to table and allow legal to put it together.

Councilman Nock: I am willing to accept that.

Councilwoman Jennings: Put what together? Are we not simply saying that two (2) people

will meet quarterly?

Michael Armstrong: I think that you should actually have the Best Practices before you so that you can see specifically what it is that Mr. Nock is referring to. Because you are kind of creating a committee pursuant to a rule that is not before you, so you are creating it in a bind. Also the Finance Director is not here. So I think that you need the input from the Finance Director as well as having the structure of this committee so that maybe we can present something in the form of a resolution that outlines, and you can look at it, and you can make a determination and that resolution would also be available to the public at that time.

Councilman Nock: I am willing to postpone it until the next Council meeting which I will make sure I bring the document with me or ask the Township Clerk to get the document and distribute it to all of the Council Members again.

Michael Armstrong:

We have a motion to table.

Councilman Holley:

Second.

Mayor Anderson:

Roll Call?

Councilwoman Jennings:

Is this a second to table it, because I did not know we had a first to

table it, did we.

Councilman Holley:

Yes. He (Deputy Mayor Walker) made a motion to table it. I

seconded to table Mr. Nock's motion.

Clerk:

Roll Call: Motion to table.

Councilman Holley Yes
Councilwoman Jennings Yes
Councilman Nock Yes
Deputy Mayor Walker Yes
Mayor Anderson Yes

Councilman Nock: And then finally, I did not quite understand why this was done with a previous Council, but in talking with our solicitor, actually his associate, it came to my attention that at some point in time Council had an ordinance moving the hiring of the Township Engineer to the Township Manager. The State, in both documents that were sent to me, the State said that it was the responsibility of Council to hire the Township Engineer; and at some point Council passed an ordinance 3-53 to move that responsibility to the Township Manager. I think that Township Engineer is an extremely important spot for us. We have had with the public several going back and forth with the engineering, so I make a motion to rescind ordinance 3-53.

Michael Armstrong:

Mr. Nock. You cannot make a motion to rescind an ordinance.

Councilman Nock:

So you adopt a new one?

Michael Armstrong:

You would have to introduce an amended ordinance.

Councilman Holley:

It would be read twice right?

Michael Armstrong:

Yes it would have to be via introduction. That is right.

Councilman Nock:

So you will put that together for me?

Michael Armstrong:

If council agrees.

Councilman Nock:

Okay.

Michael Armstrong:

If Council would agree.

Councilman Nock:

So what is on the floor then?

Michael Armstrong: You would now have a motion to suggest to Council that there be a motion to amend that particular ordinance, and that that ordinance be introduced at a particular time.

Councilman Nock: (inaudible) because my motion is to rescind, change or adapt. Neither of those so put it together, you are the attorney, I am not.

Councilman Holley:

It has to be approved.

Michael Armstrong: Your motion would be to introduce an amendment to the ordinance to take the authority from the Township Manager to appoint a Township engineer and place that authority with the Township Council.

Councilman Nock:

Okay, I agree with that.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

Second.

Mayor Anderson:

Discussion? Roll Call.

Clerk:

Roll Call:

Councilman Holley Yes
Councilwoman Jennings No
Councilman Nock Yes
Deputy Mayor Walker Yes
Mayor Anderson No

Michael Armstrong: I would just state one condition that we have not had an opportunity to review this. This was discussed by us, but there was no legal research was done to verify the statute. I am subject to whatever legal comes back with to determine whether or not this is in fact as stated, and if so we will present the resolution as voted on.

Councilman Nock: Mr. Armstrong, I appreciate that but you guys sent me the State statute and you guys sent me the ordinance.

Michael Armstrong: We sent you the statute, but we did not do the research. You asked for a specific statute related to it and we did not do any research with respect to those claims. She simply copied it and sent it to you. You made the request.

Councilman Nock:

Okay.

Mayor Anderson:

Council Comments Councilwoman Jennings?

Councilwoman Jennings:

Councilman Nock is finished?

Councilman Nock:

Yes. But that was not my Council Comments. I will reserve and

come back to it. So you can go ahead.

Councilwoman Jennings:

I am reserving mine to come back after Councilman Nock. I am

not doing that game.

Councilman Holley: Alright so that leaves me. I would like to thank everybody for coming out tonight. I am glad to see some of the positive changes that are being made. No, it was not a pretty meeting, but I am just happy to get some work done tonight. I look forward to continuing working on behalf of the community. Thank you.

Mayor Anderson:

Deputy Mayor Walker.

Deputy Mayor Walker: It is nice to see everybody come out and I just hope that we can be consistent with coming out and seeing what is going on. We have three members of the Council that are under five years here, so I think changes are needed and expected to come into play. So that is it.

Mayor Anderson: Alright, good evening everyone. Glad to see the attendance levels have risen and we appreciate that as Council. To get to some of the questions that came to the microphone starting with Ms. Sarah Holley. In regards to notifications for the various boards and committees, the only board and committee that had been approved was the Economic Development. That committee was established in November was set to launch. It was stated by the solicitor and Council that we would wait until January 1st, because no other boards and commissions had been appointed, we did not call them for appointments on that day. But, they were the only board and commission that were able to move forward. At which time, the secretary in the Township Clerk's Office did send out notification.

Sarah Holley:

I did not get it.

Mayor Anderson:

Ms. Holley I sent you a copy of the notification that had your email

attached to it.

Sarah Holley:

You did not.

Mayor Anderson:

I will resend it. I double checked with the Township Clerk and the

email...

Sarah Holley:

I double checked it with the Township Clerk.

Gary Johnson:

I did not get one either.

Mayor Anderson: I did see you name on the communication. I do not know about Mr. Johnson. I will show you the email. But what happens is the Township offices send out the notifications. That is where they go. The only board and commission that was able to move forward was Economic Development, and there was a notification that was also stated that for those guys who did not get sworn-in, because we did not swear the boards and commission in, that they could come into the office and receive notifications. Now I do see a couple of the members of the Economic Development board. Did you guys receive that notification? You did not? I will check your name Billy.

Sarah Holley:

We did not, and Mr. Holley did not either.

Councilman Holley:

I did not receive notification either.

Mayor Anderson: So that was the only board and commission that had been approved by Council to move forward. To Mr. Denny Reiter question as to why was the MUA excluded from the advertisements? Madam Clerk, did the advertisements go out for the MUA just as it did for the other boards and commissions?

Clerk: No sir, and in all the times that I have sent out ads for boards and commissions the MUA was never a part of that in research and looking back.

Mayor Anderson: Okay so as far as the issue with the boards and commissions we sent it out for the boards and commissions, and we sent it out for the professionals. Correct?

Clerk:

Yes.

Mayor Anderson:

But MUA was not advertised to the public such as the others.

Clerk:

No sir it was not.

Mayor Anderson: Alright, well if that is the case, in all fairness we need to give the community an opportunity to participate to see what is available. So I would like to see that position for MUA advertised for the same amount of time as the other boards and commissions. Because, I am pretty sure we have residents in the audience who may never know what the MUA is, and if they want to be a part of it. So we talk about, as Council, we want transparency, so I would like to see that advertised just as well as the other boards and commissions. So this is something we will discuss, coming to the findings that it had never been advertised.

In regards to Ms. Ruth Allie's question. I do know there is a current advertisement running with the boards and commissions. When it is due?

Clerk: February 12th is the deadline for all information to be sent to my office. The cutoff date for that is February 12th.

Mayor Anderson: Okay, so once those come back in we will review it as a Council and then we will make the selections to those boards and commissions. Those who are selected will be notified by the Township Clerk's Office.

Mr. Harry Walker's question, on the Township Manager search, Council has discussed that we would do an RFQ for the search. This way it will be opened up to anyone and everybody.

Michael Armstrong: Search firm.

Mayor Anderson: Search firm. This way it would be opened up, so we will need to schedule for that to go out if it has not already been scheduled.

Clerk: No, that has not been scheduled as of yet.

Mayor Anderson: Okay, so that will be scheduled to be advertised. Alright, from what I am hearing now it is Michael's office, the young lady has been out ill, so that is the delay for the information on the RFQ for the Search firm, but, other than that it would have gone out already. So that is just to keep you updated on that. Once again, thank you guys for coming out.

Deputy Mayor Walker: Mr. Mayor, this is what I was saying earlier about the questions that they had and what the response would be. The Economic Development Committee, we did not appoint. There was discussion, we had a few names in 2015 we came to an agreement on names. For 2016, we did not agree on who would be on there. There was actually discussion. Is the Economic Development Committee a part of the advertisement that went out?

Clerk: No sir.

Mayor Anderson: It was prior to.

Deputy Mayor Walker: We approved it already?

Mayor Anderson: You left the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Walker: We approved for 2016?

Mayor Anderson: Yes, because they are all new members.

Councilman Holley: I did not know that it was approved to be reorganized, but the members were approved because they never even served a term yet.

Mayor Anderson: When we completed the review we were supposed to start it in November and then we said since the end of the year is coming and the holidays, It would be better to start in January of 2016.

Councilman Holley: I was under the impression that we were going to start all boards at the same time. That is where the miscommunication came in at.

Deputy Mayor Walker: And that is what I was under the impression from the last meeting. Because when Councilwoman Jennings stated that our solicitor said we can go forward, that is not what I understood, what I understood is that he does not have oversight over those committees as our solicitor. The solicitors for each board or committee have oversight in their legalities.

Michael Armstrong: With respect to the planning and zoning, correct.

Deputy Mayor Walker: Okay, but now that is what we are referring to. But if they reorganize and choosing officers, they should be sworn in for 2016 even if they were agreed on in 2015 that it would be, they should be sworn in in 2016 by Council, in front of Council.

Mayor Anderson: Well, not necessarily in front of Council. The Township Clerk can swear individuals in. As the email that went out from the Township Clerk's office. It asked, if you were part of the Economic Development Committee, and you had not been sworn in, come into the office, the clerk has the power to swear them in. Those members who are apart came in; those who did not come in but showed up for the first meeting were sworn in by myself. They had the oath I read them in.

Deputy Mayor Walker: I get that. But at least 3 people, I could be wrong, we can only move and do when there is a majority. So was there at least 3 people here that said move forward, meet in 2016, and swear these individuals in. That is a simple question.

Mayor Anderson: The answer is yes. Because in November, we were ready to do it and we said let us hold off. We agreed, we said let us hold off until January. Because the boards and commissions had to go out for advertisement, what we said was Economic Development was already set to go. So we did agree to move forward.

Deputy Mayor Walker: Okay, but my concern with that is that we have a new Council Member. If you said that we did this in November, we have three (3) people that were just sworn in. I do not think it would be right that we make a decision before the people were sworn in on something that moves forward in 2016. But, I mean, listen if there are 3 people here who said, and Councilman Holley, is that your understanding that for 2016?

Councilman Holley: It was my understanding that the list for the roster was chosen; however I did not believe that the committee was going to be reorganized until the rest of the committees were up and running as well.

Deputy Mayor Walker: There it is.

Michael Armstrong: I think this is a little confusing in some ways because we are talking about a few different things. We are talking about vacancies and think for those of you who may not be following this, one questions is whether or not a particular board and commission can meet on January 1st if they have not been sworn in. There is a little confusion about that because if there are enough members to constitute a majority on January 1st, and they want to reorganize they can do that. That is what my legal opinion was about last week. The question that arose that was presented to me a few weeks ago was a particular board that wanted to meet and it was a question as to whether or not they had a majority. I said if they do not have a majority, they cannot meet and they had their own solicitor. So I said that particular board because it was a board that was autonomous, independent of this public body, could only meet at the direction of their solicitor, but there was a question as to whether or not that solicitor would be available. So we asked another solicitor from a similar board to step in and he agreed with the opinion that they could meet because they constituted a majority. But that one particular person who had not been appointed could not sit on that board. That is the difference we are talking about vacancies and whether or not a board can meet. If there are people who are appointed to these boards and they can constitute a majority, they certainly can meet and reorganize and do business as usual. The committees work a little different. The committees' question is whether or not the committees are appointed by the Mayor, appointed by the Council. The ordinance provides when then the committees are appointed by the Mayor. The ordinance provides when the committees are appointed by Council. So without knowing which committees are appointed by the Mayor, appointed by the Council, the ordinance provides when they are appointed by Council, for the most part those appointments occur on January 1st. When those appointments occur, typically you would advise those particular members that they were either reappointed or their term was extended, whatever the case may be. Those members may also have terms that have not expired and still constitute a majority and could possibly be able meet. But without having that information before us I am unable to tell which committees had enough members to constitute a majority and meet and reorganize, despite not having vacancies filled. So, I hope that clears it up to some extent and helps you to understand what this discussion is about. Some committees can meet and will be able to meet as long as they have a majority. If they do not have a majority, then it calls into question their ability to meet.

Deputy Mayor Walker: If you have a majority of individuals whose terms have carried over. If you have 5 people sitting in a voting position, three of those individuals term carried over, that is a majority.

Michael Armstrong: It depends on how many are on the board.

Deputy Mayor Walker: Now here is the thing. If you have someone whose term is expired, there at a reorg, their voting and their term expired, they have not been reappointed, and not only voting, but being voted into a position of Chair, Vice Chair or secretary—they should

not be. And I am going to go back to my point of 2016 which, and I am in agreement with Mr. Holley, I am not under the understanding that they could move, specifically the Economic Development Committee, because again, Councilman Nock was sworn in January 1st. I do not recall what part of November that meeting was, I do not know if it was before the election. It had to be after the election. But again, how can we make a decision in 2015 with committees and boards that carry through to 2016. I am going to take you back to something Mr. Mayor, when you got on, what year did you come on Council?

Mayor Anderson:

2010.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

You and formal Councilman Gordon actually filed an injunction to

stop or rescind...

Mayor Anderson: Councilman Gordon, not myself. We are two different individuals.

Deputy Mayor Walker: Okay, I thought it was you. Councilman Gordon filed an injunction or something that stopped the appointment of committees before reorganization, and was actually successful if I can recall. So here is my point, for everyone out here, there is no individual Council person that has the authority to move anything. To authorize any group to meet, to be sworn-in-- you have a responsibility as the Mayor or the Clerk to swear someone in. But that is when you get approval from the majority of Council. What is happening, there are things that are going on that we do not know about. This Economic Development Committee as an example. We do not know about it, and that is my issue.

Mayor Anderson: Okay, to speak to your point Councilman Walker, if you had not stormed out of the executive session in November, you would have heard about it. Okay, because that is when all we needed were 3 agreements. We all said this was the issue: on the ordinance it stated that we can have up to 16 members. We said: how do me go about selecting? So, I said okay, everyone who submitted a resume we can do it that way. I presented them. The Township Clerk presented the resumes. We looked through it; we said, oh, it is 12 to 14. It falls within the ordinance requirements. So, we said okay, everyone said: are we good to let these folks serve? They said yes. We asked Mike to put a resolution together. He says instead of starting it now let us wait until the other board and commissions are done. When prior to, that Saturday, prior to, the conversation was: the only board that is good to go is the Economic Development Board, but, we will not swear them in since the other boards are not getting sworn in. They had the green light. So what happened at that point was, I had asked the Clerk to call them in, send them an email, let them know that on the 18th we will meet, continue the Monday meetings, and if they could be sworn in prior to. That is what we did. You know, we sit here and talk about the fact that Economic Development is one of the things that we need to change. How long are you going to put a hold on Economic Development over something so minimal? Based on you not having enough information, because you left the executive session, you left. So all I am saying is this is about the community. This is not about any one individual. Council

saw the selection of the candidates. So, for people to want to volunteer in this community, I do not see why we stop them; make them jump through hoops and hurdles. We talk about Economic Development; there is a great team of Economic Development volunteers who are ready to move this town forward. Why are we putting a hold on Economic Development? There are opportunities for job creation and everything else. Why are we putting a hold on it?

Deputy Mayor Walker: It is not about putting a hold on it. I am all for it and I feel like we need to move it. You know, and I agree. It is about our process. It is something that we need to clean up-- our process. If you have at least three (3) Council Members here who are not clear in what happened, if three (3) people are not clear in what happened how do we move?

Councilwoman Jennings: We do not have three (3) people here who are not clear. We have two (2) people who were in the room that are very clear.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

Okay. I heard Councilman Holley say that was not his

understanding.

Councilwoman Jennings:

We have one person that is not clear and one person who

was not there.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

We get to this because we are pushing agendas.

Councilwoman Jennings:

Nobody is pushing an agenda.

Deputy Mayor Walker: All I am saying is let us be clear in our process. If there is a process, if they are sworn in on the 1st or after the 1st let them be sworn in and then move. I think that is a very important committee that should move forward. Because, even the issue here, you have several members who are on it that were not even notified.

Michael Armstrong: Can I make a suggestion, because I do not believe I was here either. Is there a motion, resolution that exists that shows who was appointed to this committee?

Clerk: No, you mean for 2016?

Michael Armstrong: Then this committee, we would need to have a record of a motion or a resolution that shows who was appointed to this committee in 2015.

Deputy Mayor Walker: Fo

For 2016.

Michael Armstrong:

No, 2015 for 2016, and that would clear this up.

Clerk:

We did put an ad out for 2015 for Economic Development and people did

respond.

Michael Armstrong: But what I am looking for is a motion where there was a vote with respect to certain individuals related to the Economic Development Committee that occurred in 2015 or a resolution. And that would resolve.

Mayor Anderson: In executive session, I am not sure. All I am saying is there was a resolution that was supposed to have been put in place.

Michael Armstrong: No, but see what I am saying is a resolution cannot be put into place based on discussion in executive session. The resolution will only follow a motion that occurs in public session. So what I am looking for is a motion that would authorize either a resolution to follow that specifically names the individuals who will be appointed to the Economic Development Committee, and that motion and that resolution would resolve the issue. If the motion or resolution does not exist, then the vacancies on the Economic Development Committee would have to be filled.

Clerk: Ok

Okay, I need a motion on that please?

Councilwoman Jennings:

So moved.

Councilman Holley:

Second.

Sarah Wooding:

Oh, I am sorry. The motion needs to be stated.

Michael Armstrong:

Well what I am saying to you when you go back and check in the

records is that we either need a motion or resolution occurring in 2015 (inaudible).

Councilman Holley:

So there needs to be a resolution approving the members of the

Economic Development Committee? No, I do not think that it was formally voted on.

Mayor Anderson:

So that resolution has to be put...

Michael Armstrong:

No. The vote still has to be taken.

Councilman Holley:

So that is the motion right?

Michael Armstrong: No, no motion at this time because if you are confident right now that that did not occur, then there exists vacancies. Then the next motion would be to advertise or to do whatever you would do to start to fill those vacancies.

Councilman Holley: But that is the discussion, I do not think that there needed to be advertisement, it was they never served a term from previously. That is kind of where the miscommunication lies. We had advertised previously, but the never were able to fill out a term, so there is not any vacancies. But, I do not think that we formally, we never selected the members and that is what we were discussing. So there was never a formal resolution including the members that are appointed to the committee.

Michael Armstrong:

If someone can make motion now to appoint those members if you

have those names.

Clerk:

And you do have the names.

Councilman Holley:

That is what I thought that the motion we were making was, to

appoint the people that were already selected. Those names should be on record.

Clerk:

So Ms. Jennings motioned.

Michael Armstrong:

I think that you need to read the list of names as part of the motion.

Clerk:

Oh, that I did not bring with me because I had no idea. I brought the ad, but I did

not bring the list of names because I ...

Councilman Nock:

I have it.

Councilman Holley:

I make a motion to approve the following list of names to the

Economic Development Committee as stated by Clerk Wooding.

Clerk:

Thank you. The names are:

Jamar E. Purnsley

Aaron Rowlett

George Phillips

Clayton Seals

Cheryl Manly-Wood

Johnson Kolawole

Susan Hacker

Patricia Lindsey-Harvey

James Hall, Jr.

Daniel Shaw

William Carter, Jr.

Sarah Holley

Webster Evans

Councilman Nock: Hold on one second. The meeting that we had last week or the week before, there was an additional name on this list, Ms. Wooding, it was...

Clerk:

For Economic Development?

Councilman Nock:

Yes.

Clerk:

May I see your list please?

Councilman Nock:

Mr. Jerome Fields. This is the one that you gave out when you

gave the additional reassignment.

Clerk:

Added to that list is Mr. Jerome Fields. It is the only one that is

added to the list. Okay? And I believe each one will have to come in and be sworn in.

Councilman Holley:

Was that official?

Clerk:

I did add Mr. Jerome Fields and that is my handwriting. Do you

want to check the paper?

Michael Armstrong:

You need a second.

Sarah Wooding:

We did get a second.

Michael Armstrong:

No, you did not.

Sarah Wooding:

Ms. Jennings.

Councilwoman Jennings:

I will second.

Councilman Holley:

I made the motion and she seconded.

Sarah Wooding:

Okay.

Councilman Holley

Yes

Councilwoman Jennings

Yes

Councilman Nock

Yes

Deputy Mayor Walker

Yes

Mayor Anderson

Yes

Mayor Anderson And what I would like to say is those individuals who just had their names called off; we are going to go through the same exercise. Come into the Township Clerk's Office to get sworn in. Alright, Township Clerk, I would like to also make sure that we

have everybody's email so that we can also send them an email for those who are not here. Thank you.

Deputy Mayor Walker: To make it easier so they can move forward, can they go to the Clerk's Office and the Clerk can sign them in or if you are there also instead of...

Mayor Anderson:

Yes. That is what I just said is they can go to the Clerk's Office.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

To be sworn in?

Mayor Anderson:

To be sworn in.

Denny Reiter:

Mr. Mayor, you did not respond to that other question. The question was: Why does this Council not have to turn in a financial disclosure statement to

Community Affairs?

Mayor Anderson: Well, right now I am not sure who the individual is. I do not know. That might be a clarification you might want to get from the Township Clerk, on who turned it in, who did not turn it in. But, right now, I am not aware of who did and who did not.

Denny Reiter:

Oh, well the same person is on the MUA.

Councilwoman Jennings:

I turned mine in.

Councilman Holley:

I turn mine in every year as well.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

The Clerk just notified me that it is me. She will have it tomorrow.

Councilwoman Jennings:

Deputy Mayor, two years old?

Mayor Anderson:

Councilman Nock, you had Council Comments?

Councilman Nock: I have just really got three. First of all, I look out in the audience and I have been attending these Council meetings for some time. The many years, I have been here 30 years, but I have not always been at every Council meeting. It is good to see new faces here attending because that means that the Township is beginning to really pay attention to what is going on. As the leadership of at least the Township side of Willingboro, it is good to have different people and different ideas. As I have been going around, suddenly people walking up and saying things that I guess they were afraid to say before. Even say things that have been going on in departments and I have to say that I have no authority in the departments. The authority rests within the Township Manager that no person up here is greater or more equal than the others. Nobody gets superpowers because they are the Deputy Mayor or Mayor because on our Faulkner form of government, everybody is equal up here. But again, there are some things that just have been happening and it just really, you know, once you get in this, you know, you begin to realize. Hey you get what you ask for, and you get involved. Now let us just say this

and I am going to play this out. Before I took office, I think it was that week; I went around in the Township and so forth. I was told that there was space, an office that the Mayor and the Council Members have. This is where your mailbox is. This is where you would meet with people that may want to meet with you, because, I do not plan on bringing them to my house brings all other kinds of liability. Then a week later, the mailbox is moved out. It has now become only the Mayor's office. See, I do not play those games, because I do not want to have later on to say that I did not make myself available to meet constituents, I did not make myself available to meet people. So I'm suggesting to ask for a consensus of Council here, that since we all have been sort of locked out of that particular office and Mr. Anderson had said that he meets with people on Friday, then there is 5 days in a week, that every Council Member has access to that office until the Township Manager decides that there is some other place that we can go an meet and have and so forth. There is nobody that should be thrown out of an office that has been for years that I have been attending, that is the Council and the Mayor's office is one office in this building. To walk into it-- I said at first that I was not going to say anything about it because, hey, you know, I have been head of a company for 20 years, I have come to realize that it is not your office, it is not none of this what you do and what you try to do. But then I said no, I am not setting this precedence, you know, if this is an office for Council and the Mayor quote, unquote, then everybody has access to the office until there is some other space identified for us to meet with people (inaudible). So I asked for a consensus of Council since there is nobody up here that does not have; and I do not see this as an executive session item because it is not. So, I am asking for a consensus as we sit here that we all have space in the office until there is other space identified somewhere in this township for us to meet with our constituents.

Mayor Anderson: Councilman Nock, if you do not mind me answering, the office is...

Councilwoman Jennings: Can I answer, because, I am the first one that had the Mayor's office. Can I answer please?

Mayor Anderson: Go ahead.

Councilwoman Jennings: It has always been that has always been the Mayor's office. At one point, we had...Mr. Reiter, could you please sit down because I am going to address some of the things that you said too. We have always had a Mayor's Office. At one point, when those offices were renovated, there was a Mayor's office and there was an office next door for everyone else. No one ever used the other offices, no one. We have a conference room in the building. There is no reason... I feel like it is a matter of protocol and, you know, I am just so sick of this petty personality, you know, B.S. it is just ridiculous. You know it is the Mayor's office.

(Applause from the public)

Councilwoman Jennings: There is a giant conference room and the Mayor, when I was Mayor, when I had the office, the Mayor and the same thing for-- I will speak for Mr. Campbell, he is not here, but when it was his office, it did not preclude anybody from going into that office and having a meeting. If anybody wanted to meet in there, I have gone to the Clerk to say: I would like to have a meeting in that office on Thursday at 10:00 A.M. in the morning, and it has never been a problem. So I do not know why we are making it a problem now. It is like you are coming in and-- I am sorry, I am glad I supported you, I am glad you are here but, I mean, you cannot come in and change everything in the first thirty days. You know, learn some things. You are coming in here and you saying...

Councilman Nock:

Excuse me that is out of line.

Councilwoman Jennings:

Excuse me. I am saying learn...

Councilman Nock:

That is out of line...

Mayor Anderson:

Please, Councilwoman Jennings has the floor. Please.

Councilman Nock:

If you guy did not do anything, you did not do anything.

Mayor Anderson:

Please! Please!

Councilwoman Jennings:

All I am saying is do your homework because that has always been

the Mayor's Office. It is not the Mayor and Council's office and it never has been.

Councilman Nock:

So you are speaking for everybody?

Councilwoman Jennings:

I am speaking for what the office was used for and whose office it

was.

(Crosstalk between Councilman Nock and Councilwoman Jennings)

Mayor Anderson:

Councilman Nock, Councilman Nock, Councilman Nock. That

office is open.

Councilman Nock:

It is not.

Mayor Anderson:

It is...

Councilman Nock:

First of all it is "Nock".

Mayor Anderson: Nock. Okay Councilman? The Township Clerk called me this week. She says Mayor; there are folks that want to meet. I said fine-- open the office up. It is open to anyone. Several people have had meetings in that office. Several people this week, several people met in that office.

Councilman Nock:

Excuse me. I asked about that it...

Mayor Anderson:

Okay, when I am finished talking. When I am finished talking.

You will respect me in this seat right now. Please, Mr. Nock.

Councilman Nock:

Yes.

Mayor Anderson: The office is open. Just because it is the Mayor's Office, it is open to anyone. The Township Clerk will tell you. Auditors were in there, the Township Manager, anyone who wants to meet in there. They can meet in the office. So I am not sure where the understanding came that it is just my office and I am not allowing. That is false. That is a straight out lie. It is not the case.

Councilman Nock:

I can only respond to what I am told.

Mayor Anderson: Well, sometimes, Mr. Nock, you need to get all of the information and stop taking the surface. I have noticed that since your time here-- stop taking the surface, get all the information. But, it is open to anyone who wants to use the office.

Councilwoman Jennings: And it is also a conference room. So do not make a statement that there is no place for people to meet because there is a place.

Councilman Nock: I have sat out here in that audience for a long time and watched the processes that are up here and to tell you that I have been unhappy with them is a major understatement. Now again, again, the other night, the 21^{st} , my house and my wife got 6 robocalls, 6 robocalls. When I inquired about how you get to make a robocall, I was told that the robocalls are paid out of emergency management funds, 1/3 by the school district, 1/3 by the Township and 1/3 by the MUA. So that tells me, that that should only be used for emergencies. Not for a Mayor to say in the robocall, because my wife woke me up to hear when they started coming at 8:00 P.M. I did not know when it was going to stop.

Mayor Anderson:

Okay...

Councilman Nock: Now hold on, let me finish. So, if they are supposed to be only for emergency kind of basis, then it should not be used for like--I said, there is no superpowers up here that is granted because you are the chair. Then it should be used for those things that are critical to the town and an emergency basis only. I sat on the School Board for 5 years, and I am sure School Board member would not be happy to know that their funds coming over here to support school closings or whatever is supposed to be put out on the robo-call to do it. I am saying to you, that because that seemed like a self-advertisement, it seems like you are directing people to your private website which has not been sanctioned by this town, that you should reimburse this town for their use of their robo-call.

Mayor Anderson: Okay, Mr. Nock, as Mayor of this community, it is my obligation to let the residents know who the Mayor is, if there is a situation, they can reach me or my office. Okay, now Ms. Wooding, what happened the next day? What calls did you get into the office?

Sarah Wooding: I have to say, it was overwhelmingly positive.

Councilman Nock: Oh great.

Mayor Anderson: It was just the appreciation that someone reached out to them to say where they can go, how they can contact. That is all that was. It was letting the community know who the Mayor is, how to contact him and how to make office hours. When we talk about communication and there are not enough vehicles, the website that I established is another vehicle to get communication out. If we always cry about: What are we going to do? What are going to do? I do something and they still complain. You still complain.

Councilman Nock: You have a website that says donate money. We have not talked about this, we have not done...where is the money going?

Mayor Anderson: Okay, first of all, that is a personal website that I manage. The Township does not pay for it nor do they manage it; and if you look at other political websites, there is a donation page. At some point in time I have to run another election.

Councilman Nock: Ugh.

Mayor Anderson: Okay, so rather than you going door to door knocking on doors, whatever. I am not sure what your technology or your method is. But just ask the questions. But it was for the betterment of the Township, letting them know who their Mayor was. Because when people say: Who is the Mayor? Who are the Council Members? They do not know. So, it was a public service announcement.

Councilman Nock: Since you mention that, as I went door to door through my campaign people were very upset about a lot of different things happening in this township; and I made it clear that I was going to sit up here, because I do not have another agenda, I plan to be here and I plan to stay here. I said that I would make sure that we are good stewards of the taxpayers' money and do things and make sure they are not as hurting. As I said several times, our seniors are hurting, are really, really, hurting. We have got what 1,100 or 1,200 homes foreclosed on. Things like that. So every dollar I am going to look at. So, when I get 6 robocalls, I want to know who is paying for the robo-calls because to me it was not an emergency.

Mayor Anderson: Well, the robo calls did not go out six times. They were scheduled to go out twice, 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Now the other robo-calls were from the Township regarding the night before when we had to switch the Council meeting. My call went out twice. It is recorded. It went out at 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. The reason why we send them out twice, even if you look at the police calls that go out, some people do not have answering

machines and do not get it. A lot of folks used to say to us: Oh I did not know that you called. I do not have a machine. So we give them an opportunity. It was a public service call. That is all it was.

Councilman Nock:

In your opinion.

Mayor Anderson: In my opinion, and if you want to talk about tax dollars and budgets, all the OPRA requests that you put in that we have to take the manpower of this Township to go search, takes down time in departments to do this, it is tons of dollars being spent.

Councilman Nock:

It is my right.

Mayor Anderson: It is your right. It is your right as a citizen. But, look at it on the other end, how much is it costing the taxpayers. You always want to involve the taxpayers. Look at the taxpayers in that instance on what we are paying for to answer a bunch of questions.

Councilman Nock:

It is my right to...

Mayor Anderson:

It is your right. But within your right, look at what your right is

costing the taxpayers.

Councilman Nock:

Okay.

Mayor Anderson:

Thank you.

Councilman Nock:

So where are we with the cost of the robo-calls?

(Laughter from the public)

Councilman Nock:

I am asking.

Deputy Mayor Walker: Mr. Nock, can I say this? I think that at the next meeting, our next regular meeting, our interim Township Manager is going to address the robo-call issue, who authorizes it, how much it costs, and who is responsible. Because in speaking with him, he said it was not, it was only for information only. For me, whether it is a public service announcement to say I am your Mayor, I think is a wonderful thing. To say I am your Mayor. To get out there and say, here is where the office is, here is our meeting times, and all of that. I think that is great. I think where the discrepancy comes into play, with all due respect, is when you direct someone, like you said-- you have a right to have your own website, you have a right. There are certain things you can and cannot put on it, but when you take that public service announcement to let people know who you are as the Mayor and then add to it to drive them to your own personal affairs...I do not want to argue about it. Everyone has an opinion. But the Manager will address it because when I asked him what is the purpose of the robo-calls and it is for emergency information, township information. So to say, Nat Anderson your Mayor, great. Sign

up on my website. The discrepancy with that is when you do have a donate page which every politician who has something in place campaigns and solicits campaign funds. But, for that, that is not what that is for. So let us just...

Mayor Anderson:

And that is fine...

Deputy Mayor Walker:

Let us just wait for the...

Mayor Anderson:

You had your chance to speak. I do not have to wait for anything;

I want to address it now.

Deputy Mayor Walker:

I know you are...

Mayor Anderson:

I do not have to and I will not. I am running this meeting, so...

Deputy Mayor Walker:

You are the almighty. The bottom line with running a meeting...

Mayor Anderson:

If you want to ask a question and make a statement, allow me to

respond. Just as you requested...

Deputy Mayor Walker: I am not finished then. Because, as I stated earlier, and see, the thing about it is there are new people here and I am seeing and I am hearing where it is like this is petty, this is frustrating and the handclaps after certain individuals say something. But to understand our form of government, please research it. Because what it states is not one individual has the authority to do anything on their own. The responsibility of the Mayor separate and outside of Council is to preside over a meeting. That is it. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor or no Council Member can make a decision to have a meeting, have a committee, to do anything on their own. Even a robo-call; again the Interim Manager is going to address it, even a robo-call from Council has to be approved by Council. Any message has to be a majority approval. If he were to have come before Council and said I want to send a robo-call announcing who the Mayor is, I would have been the first one to vote for it.

Councilman Holley:

We have other business to take care of at this point, we need to

move forward.

Mayor Anderson:

Are we complete with Council Comments?

Councilwoman Jennings: No. Are you finished? Okay, so I am taking my turn. There is just so much going on, I do not even know where to start. I am going to start with the latest little fray we had up here. I actually had breakfast with Mayor Campbell the day after the robo-calls and he thought that it was the best thing since sliced bread. Now, I am not saying that that makes it sanctioned or anything because does not. But it is time. I mean, people ask us to do something different and years past you can ask ten people in the town and only half of them will know who the Mayor is or who a Councilperson is so I absolutely think that it is a good thing. I think that having said to people you can call this number if you have a problem, you can come in if you

have a problem, you can visit the web page if you have a problem, and I think that is wonderful. I had so many people to tell me that the way they found out that the meeting had been transferred from here to Kennedy was because of a call. The robo-call. So you cannot have it both ways and Deputy Mayor Walker, with all due respect, you know my favorite word. It is so disingenuous for you to sit here and talk about people who do things on their own when the first two Citizens' Awards you did those on your own. The Council did not even know anything about it. You had three (3) candidates in here the first time. I think you had two (2) or three (3) in the second time. Nobody even knew about it let alone we had any input. Again, I can say the same thing that you said. I think it was a wonderful idea. But you cannot criticize somebody for doing what you do. That goes for all of us. I am glad you remembered about the injunction that ex Deputy Mayor Ken Gordon brought in because at the end of that the result was that we started doing the Citizen Forms, so anyone who was on any committee or any commission or any board had to file a Citizen Form. It also had to be advertised. Now last week when we had the MUA vote, first of all, I did not even know that was on the agenda until all of a sudden everybody was trying to rush that vote through. I made a point of saying that has not been advertised. You held the copy of the newspaper, you looked at the article because Ms. Wooding gave you the paper that had all boards and commissions that were advertised and you saw that it had not been advertised, but you said go ahead we are going to vote on this anyhow. So that is one problem that I have with that. Then we did not even have all of the citizen forms in front of us because, first of all nobody knew that we were going to vote that night. So we had just the newer ones, am I right Ms. Wooding?

Clerk: Yes.

Councilwoman Jennings: We did not even have all of the names of people who even applied let alone the fact that was not advertised. So here we go, we ask for transparency when it is everybody else, but when it is us everything is clouded and opaque. I believe quite frankly that was illegal, I think that we can vote again, it needs to be advertised. I will join you and vote for the same people that you picked. But I think that it needs to be advertised because that is what we do and it is sanctioned by a statute and it needs to be advertised just like every other board and commission. You are asking our audience to have us to do things in a consistent way. That is consistent. It has been that all of us turn in those forms year after year after year. Your name can easily go on the paper. You brought your name up, nobody said it was you (regarding the Financial Disclosure Statements). Bu, I have seen people have their names in the newspaper because they did not file that form. You think it is funny and it is not because you can be fined and we can be in the newspaper for that. So, I am just saying that I am going to make a motion that that board be advertised just like the other boards and I hope that the Council who wants to be transparent and who wants do things above board will support that.

Michael Armstrong: Councilwoman Jennings, if I could suggest something else. I think what you would want to do first is to determine the legality of the appointment first. The reason

why I say that is, because the statute says that if a person is appointed to the MUA they can only be removed for cause and to re-advertise would be (inaudible) to rescinding that appointment.

Councilwoman Jennings: Well, you know, Attorney Armstrong I find that very funny because, if anybody was in the audience at Reorganization, you saw that we re-advertised bids and for no valid reason whatsoever.

Michael Armstrong: We are talking about a statutory appointment for an...

Councilwoman Jennings: I am just saying we did not have all the names when we voted.

Michael Armstrong: I understand what you are saying, but it is a different statute is what I am saying. I am saying the statute that appoints an MUA member specifically says that if there is a valid appointment you can only remove them unless it is for cause.

Councilwoman Jennings: I am saying it was not a valid appointment because it was not advertised number one, and because we did not have all of the names number two.

Michael Armstrong: That may be the case, but all I am saying is that I would recommend that be researched to be sure that before you rescind the appointment or you readvertise the appointment that it you have just and legal grounds to do so.

Councilwoman Jennings: Well I hope you will do that.

Deputy Mayor Walker: But just so we are clear, before we made the appointment, and everybody in here can attest, and we can even go to the minutes. When there was a discrepancy as to what positions were open and I turned to the attorney and I said: Are we within our right to make the appointment? Our attorney said yes.

Councilwoman Jennings: I am just saying that if everything was legal and above board, why did we not advertise and why did we not have all of the names? Why did you just want to go ahead when I said we did not advertise this? You looked at the newspaper ad and saw that it was not advertised and just rushed it right through. So, to me it sounds like a personal agenda.

Deputy Mayor Walker: It is easy to put it there like that.

Councilwoman Jennings: Yes it is, because you want to do things right for some things and you want to do things wrong for right things. There was no explanation as to why, Mr. Reiter, in answer to your question, that alternate one did not move up. The answer was that Council can do whatever they want to and Councilman Nock had researched that and he is the one that gave us that answer. So there was no...

Councilman Nock: I said the Council makes the appointments. I said to you that it is very clear from attending. I also attend the MUA meetings, for the last 18 months, and I attend others and you find out what really is that you are supposed to do. The Council makes the

decisions on all appointments to the MUA. So an alternate does not have to move up, and alternate second does not have to move to first. It is all determined by the Council. I do not want to get personal, but I know a bunch of personal stuff that has happened over there, and I do not want to get personal about it. But relatives and all that other stuff should not be done either. So let us not go there. I have been here 30 years.

Clerk:

Okay, so am I under the understanding that this will be looked into by the

Solicitor?

Councilwoman Jennings: (inaudible) you do not talk about cars bought and paid for by MUA members. I guess that is not important to you.

Councilman Nock:

It has nothing to do with the MUA.

Clerk:

I just want to be clear. Am I under the understanding that this

statute will be further researched by out solicitor?

Deputy Mayor Walker:

If three people agree to it, I guess, right?

Michael Armstrong: That is right. It is up to you, but the decision that was made at that time was based on information that was given to me that evening. Some new information has been presented that I did not hear that night. So it is up to you as to whether or not you would like for me to research that.

Mayor Anderson: What I would like to see happen here is, you know, we talk about transparency, we talk about being above board, I would like to see it put back out to the public giving them the opportunity. I am saying what I would like to see happen; however, we have to formulate this or make it right; because we talk about transparency, being above board, being 100 percent with the residents. If all of the other boards and commissions were out there so that residents can fill out forms, I think that should have been one of the boards as well. So, I know there were decisions made, but we identified it. How do we make it right? I just do not want to roll over it and let things happen as we have done in the past. If there is a problem we catch it and let us correct it. This is what everybody preaches up here from one microphone to the other, so, it is in front of us, let us deal with it. We have got to be fair to the residents because, understand, they are government. We do what they want us to do. When you have residents saying to me "oh I did not know" or residents saying to another Council Member "when was this advertised" or "is this advertised" it is just from a standpoint of let us be fair across the board with the other boards and commissions. Because when you have other boards and commissions members who are sitting idle saying "how come this board was not advertised", "why were we not informed" whatever we need to do to make it right I think that this is the time to make it right. This is why we sit here. We represent these people the individuals. If you do not advertise it, we do not give some of these individuals the opportunity to want to be a part of something. I just say we make it right. Whatever needs to be done, I, this is me, I personally would like to see it made right. Whatever we need to send put out to re-advertise. The way the vote went down can still go down the same way. But at least, let us give the residents an opportunity to be a part.

Councilman Holley: So I believe I made that motion, so...

Michael Armstrong: I just want to be clear. My recommendation is to determine the legality first. My recommendation first is to determine whether or not anything, people keep saying legally, no legal determination has been made. Like I said, this is a different statute. This statute, once the person is appointed statutorily; they cannot be removed unless it is for cause. So you want to proceed cautiously. As long as they are approved for that position for the five (5) year term, the statute says that they cannot be removed unless it is for cause.

Councilman Nock: Only for cause.

Michael Armstrong: Only for cause. So moving to rescind is essentially terminating that person's appointment, and at this point my recommendation to you is to allow me to research it and to make a determination as to first, whether or not the process was flawed and would permit you to rescind your appointment.

Councilman Holley: So in the meantime, how is that commissioner to proceed?

Michael Armstrong: He is appointed until you tell him otherwise.

Councilman Holley: Okay.

Michael Armstrong: And he should proceed as such.

Councilman Holley: I make a motion right now that you will look further into the matter and see what we can do from a legal standpoint.

Michael Armstrong: Okay, and I will also ask that the Clerk provide me with all the additional information that I am hearing for the first time today because I think that is going to matter. She indicated that there were some additional forms that were not available at the time. Citizen forms.

Councilman Nock: Michael, the Clerk sent 32 forms through email for the board. Now if you did not pull up the email, did not...

Michael Armstrong: No, I did not say that, what I said was that she said that there were additional forms that were not available to us. That is what I said.

Councilman Nock: Well, she gave us forms.

Michael Armstrong: I know, but I am just saying if they do not exist that is fine. But all I am saying is that she said tonight that there were some additional forms.

Councilwoman Jennings: And I am not saying, for clarity and understanding, I am not saying that other forms did not exist. What I am saying is that nobody knew ahead of time that we were voting on that, so nobody brought 32 other forms. We were handed 5 forms that night and so that is what we looked at.

Councilman Nock:

I brought them.

Deputy Mayor Walker: It becomes petty because when someone does not get their way then they take the shots and make inaccurate information. I had no meeting to determine anything with Mr. Nock. It is just unfortunate because individuals do not get their way and then it is the shots. I am sitting there because really it does not matter, because this is what happens. But it is unfortunate because we are all grown. Every vote is not going to go our way. We were provided with all of the forms. There was not closure date for that MUA. Again, I turned to the attorney and asked the attorney, both of them that were there, and they both said okay and that is why we went with it. If we were not within our right to do so, we had two of our solicitors right there that would have said you cannot do that.

Councilwoman Jennings: And our solicitor said he did not have all of the information when he said that. He just said it. You are sitting next to him.

Michael Armstrong: I just want to clarify, I do not make the decision, and I do not have any information before me. The question is just whether or not the information was not before the board and whether or not legally that matters in terms of reversing or rescinding a decision. I do not want to give the public the impression that I needed anything. As Mr. Walker stated, it takes three members of Council to make a decision. If they want to make a motion, somebody moved, somebody seconded, and it was three votes. That was the only legal question that was presented to me that night: Can that motion be made that night so that someone could be appointed because the MUA appointment was coming up for the first. I am hearing for the first time tonight that there may have been a legal question as to, or some information that may not have been available to the board that makes the decision. I am willing to research that to determine whether or not that information could have affected their ability to provide a decision with all the information that was necessary and what was provided to the Clerk.

Clerk: So are we asking for a motion to be made for Mr. Armstrong to research this matter? I am not making the motion I am stating...

Michael Armstrong:

She is trying to clarify a motion.

Clerk:

I am just clarifying a motion. I am asking if is to be moved.

Councilman Holley:

I made the motion.

Michael Armstrong:

That was it.

Sarah Wooding:

Okay, Mr. Holley made the motion for the solicitor to research the

statute on that. I need a second.

Councilwoman Jennings:

Second.

Clerk:

Okay, roll call on that.

Councilman Holley:

Yes

Councilwoman Jennings:

Yes

Councilman Nock

Yes

Deputy Mayor Walker

Yes

Mayor Anderson

Yes

Mayor Anderson:

We will be going into executive session. I am not sure how long we are going to be in there. If there is anything, we will be voting on it when we come out. You are welcome to stay.

Councilwoman Jennings:

I just wanted to say happy birthday to our Mayor Nat Anderson.

We do have some cake that you all can enjoy I suppose while we are in executive session.

Mayor Anderson:

Thank you.

Councilman Holley:

I move that we now resume to executive session at this time.

Councilman Nock:

So moved.

Mayor Anderson:

Second.

Councilman Holley:

Contract negotiations are the reason for executive session.

Sarah Wooding:

Roll Call:

Councilman Holley:

Yes

Councilwoman Jennings:

Yes

Councilman Nock

Yes

Deputy Mayor Walker

Yes

Mayor Anderson

Yes

Councilwoman Jennings: We are not discussing the professionals because we should be doing that out here. That is not an executive session matter. That is what we are doing?

Mayor Anderson:

Are we doing the interview process?

Councilman Holley:

I would like to.

Councilwoman Jennings:

I want to see some interviews.

Executive Session began at 8:20PM

Executive session returned to open public session at 9:35PM

Motion to re-advertise for certain Professional Service positions for: Municipal Auditor

Real Estate Agent

Conflict/Substitute Prosecutor Conflict/Substitute Public Defender

was done by Councilman Holley and Seconded by Deputy Mayor Walker.

Roll Call:

Councilman Holley

Yes

Councilwoman Jennings

Yes

Councilman Nock

Yes

Deputy Mayor Walker

Yes

Mayor Anderson

Yes

Motion to extend additional 15 days to current Professional Service positons was done by Councilman Holley and seconded by Councilman Nock.

Roll Call:

Councilman Holley

Yes

Councilwoman Jennings

Yes

Councilman Nock Deputy Mayor Walker Yes

Mayor Anderson

Yes Yes

Motion to have Clerk send out letters for Professional Service interviews was done by Councilman Holley and seconded by Councilman Nock.

Roll Call:

Councilman Holley

Yes

Councilwoman Jennings

Yes

Councilman Nock

Deputy Mayor Walker

Yes

Yes

Mayor Anderson

Yes

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 9:37PM. Motioned by Deputy Mayor Walker and seconded by Councilman Nock. All in agreement, none opposed.

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Nathaniel Anderson, Mayor